

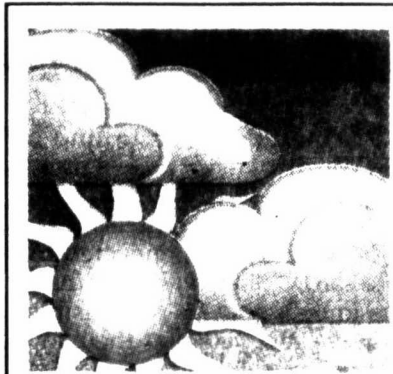
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No tickets matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 11-13-19-20-48-49. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

FORT WORTH (AP) — They say the woman thought she was helping the animals.

Instead, the North Texas Humane Society says most of the more than 80 animals taken from a south Fort Worth home yesterday will have to be put down.

The animals' owner gave them up in exchange for not being identified. Many of the dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, ducks, doves and a parrot were in poor condition.

All the animals were in cages in a house next door to the owner's home. Some cages were lined with waste to three inches deep.

- Dot Allen, 76, medical secretary.
- Tyland Wayne Ford-Brown, infant great-grandson of Pampa resident.
- Francis "Frank" Christian, 68, retired city employee.
- Dorothy Adler Genett, 85, homemaker, Sunday School teacher.
- Elna Ramey Clark McCray, 94, retired registered nurse.
- Marguerite Robinson, 84, former assistant at Robinson Photography.
- C.C. "Pops" Sanford, 85, former employee of Western Equipment and Allred Construction.
- L. Sue Smith, 60, homemaker.
- Nina Spoonmore, 88, services pending.

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New exhibit



John Chaney (left) works with Mike Porter to open up the boxes holding pieces of the Norden bombsight.

Bombs away! Freedom Museum exhibit once a top-secret device

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

World War II veteran Mike Porter began opening the boxes of Freedom Museum's latest exhibit shipment last week like an excited school boy.

Porter, also the curator of the museum, said he has waited many years to get his hands on the Norden Bombsight, a military secret device used during WW II to drop bombs from aircraft.

"This isn't half as exciting to most people as it is to me ... this was top secret in those days," said Porter as he unwrapped the pieces of the bombsight.

The Norden bombsight was so advanced that crew members had to take an oath to protect its secrecy with their lives. Porter, a war pilot, said he remembers training both himself and his crew to use the weapon.

While most air crews trained six members on

their flight teams, Porter said he trained 8 people including himself to work the bombsight.

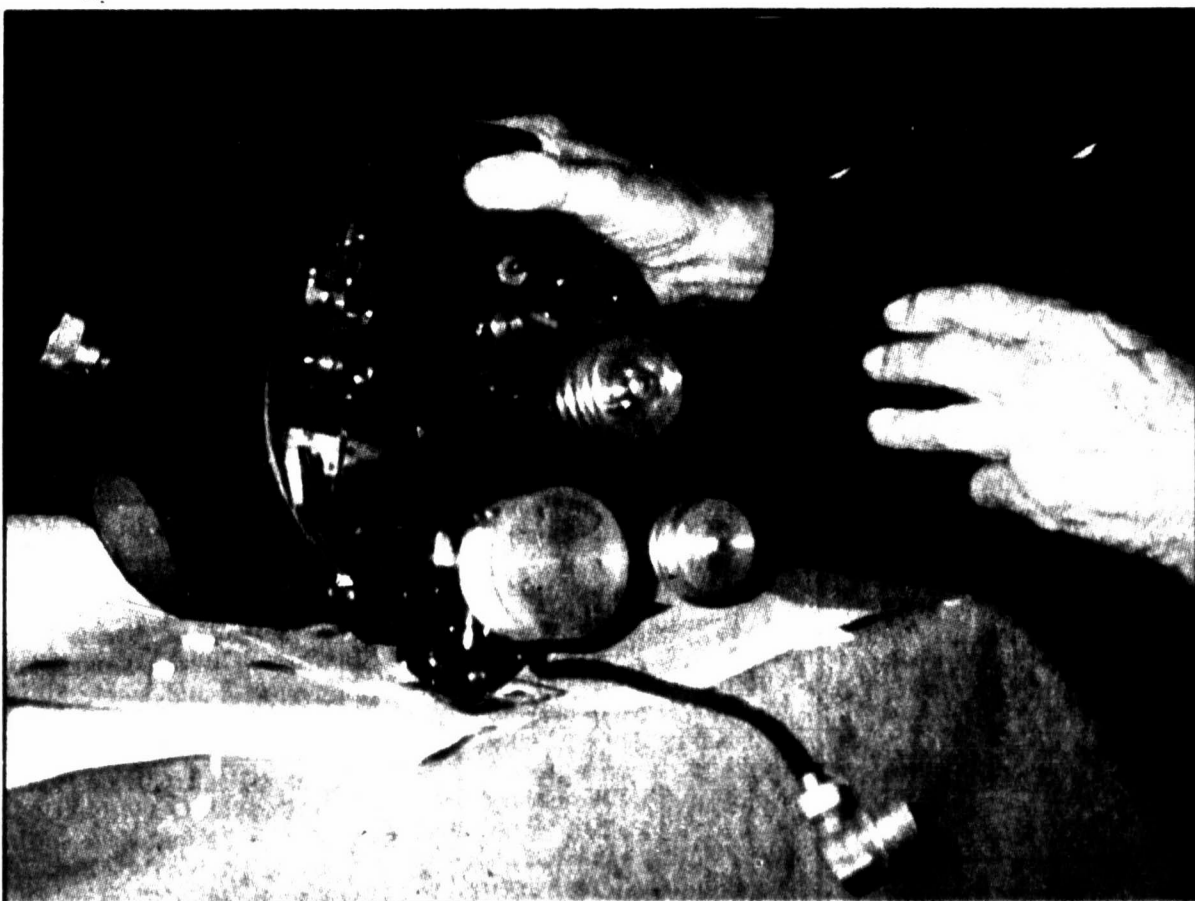
"The more people you trained to use it, the better chance you had of hitting the target," he said. "Every bomber in WW II ended up carrying this bombsight."

The Norden Bombsight that arrived at the museum last week was a donation from WW II veteran Joe Mirabella of California. Mirabella and Porter got in contact through a mutual friend, Danny Cornelius.

Cornelius stationed in Pampa at the airfield, trained alongside Porter. In a recent Freedom Museum newsletter, Porter expressed his interest in obtaining a Norden bombsight for the museum.

Cornelius called a former bomber group member he knew had a bombsight — Joe Mirabella. "He decided to call me and tell me he had this bombsight. It's in mint condition, never been

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Mike Porter points to one of the many pieces of the Freedom Museum's newest exhibit, the Norden bombsight, a device used during WW II to drop bombs from aircraft.

Shots fired at city officer; clues sought

Police are releasing few details today in a weekend incident at 3:45 a.m. Saturday in which shots were fired at a Pampa police officer.

The investigation continued today into the shooting in which several shots were fired at Officer Anthony Wooley while he was on patrol in the 600 block of West Crawford.

Wooley was not injured in the incident but at least one round struck his vehicle, police said.

According to reports, evidence related to the shooting was found in the garage of a vacant house, and police have several leads they are following up on.

Police have not released any further information while the investigation continues and ask that anyone with information about the incident should contact the Pampa Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222.

Calls to Crime Stoppers are anonymous and could be eligible for cash rewards.

Five youths charged in Super Playground, other vandal crimes

The case of who vandalized the Super Playground has been solved, police said today, when announcing the arrests of five juveniles.

Additionally, other vandalism incidents have been cleared after several weeks of investigation into a rash of such cases.

According to Sgt. Terry Young of the Pampa Police, it was "good investigative work and cooperation" from the police and Gray County Juvenile Probation Office that led to the arrests.

"It was a good investigative effort," Young said.

Among the cases that were solved was the spray painting at the Super Playground in mid December which damaged some of the newly-installed murals as well as some of the equipment. The damage at that site was listed as approximately \$1,700.

The total damage for all the cases was approximately \$15,000. Young said between 10 and 15 incidents of criminal mischief will be cleared by the arrests.

The juveniles, who were all 15 or 16-years-old, according to Young, were turned over to the Gray County Juvenile Probation Office for disposition of the cases.

Multiple killings may be linked to convicted murderer

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — More than a decade ago, women in this North Texas city were afraid to walk home alone after four victims had been raped, stabbed and suffocated in an 18-month period.

Investigators for 13 years believed they were looking for four different murderers. But that theory changed Saturday when Wichita and Archer county authorities charged convicted killer Farvion Edward Wardrip with capital murder in the 1984 slaying of Terry Lee Sims.

Ms. Sims' nude body was found Dec. 20, 1984, in her friend's bathroom, hands tied behind her back with an electrical cord. The 20-year-old college student had been stabbed 11 times and raped.

Authorities told the Wichita Falls Times Record News that modern DNA testing techniques resulted in new evidence connecting Wardrip to Ms. Sims' murder — and possibly the 1985 slaying of 23-year-old Toni Gibbs.

"We are extremely confident that we have the same man in Toni's case," Archer County District Attorney Tim Cole said. "We believe he killed multiple numbers of young women."

Authorities did not elaborate on the new evidence, but said they also want to question Wardrip in the 1985 death of Ellen Blau. The 21-year-old college student's body was found in a field outside Wichita Falls three weeks after she had disappeared.

Wardrip, a 39-year-old Sunday school teacher from Olney, is being held in the Wichita County Jail.

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Churches share weekly Lenten meditations, lunches

First Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church join together for the fifth year to share Wednesday Lenten Meditations.

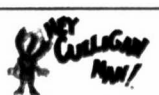
The two churches take turns sponsoring this annual event which consists of a time of meditation and prayer together, followed by a soup or sandwich luncheon.

This year the two churches will meet at First Presbyterian Church at noon on each of the six Wednesdays of Lent. Pastors, Father Jake Clemmens and Dr. Ed Cooley will share the leadership of the services which will start this Wednesday at noon in the Kelley Chapel of First Presbyterian Church.

Members of the two churches take turns serving the luncheons to those who attend the meditations. The public is encouraged to attend these times of meditation and prayer during the preparation time of Lent.

Lent is the 40-day period of preparation that spans from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The Christian Church has been observing this time of meditation and preparation for the joy of Easter for over 1,000 years.

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Obituaries

DOT ALLEN

Dot Allen, 76, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at Castle Rock, Colo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Allen was born Jan. 22, 1922, at Henryetta, Okla. She married Denver Allen; he died in 1984. She had been a Pampa resident since 1939. She was a medical secretary for Dr. Falkenstein and Dr. Elder for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Business and Professional Women's Sunday School Class, Pampa Senior Citizens Center, El Progresso Study Club and several bridge clubs.

She was a member of the Knife and Fork Club Board of Directors and was a former president of Ladies Golf Association at Pampa Country Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Huff of Castle Rock, Colo.; a son, Dee Allen of Bakersfield, Calif.; three sisters, Mary Newcomb of Hardin, Ky., Joy Hoffman of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Reba Carroll of Bakersfield, Calif.; a brother, Bob Hunter of Broken Arrow, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Lupus Foundation of America, West Texas Chapter, 1717 Ave. K, Suite 127, Lubbock, TX 79401.

TYLAND WAYNE FORD-BROWN

AMARILLO — Tyland Wayne Ford-Brown, infant great-grandson of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in South Amarillo Church of Christ with Brad Small, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Survivors include his mother, Lisa Ford of Amarillo; his father, Darren Brown of Borger; two sisters, Twilla Brown and Kendra Brown, both of Borger; three brothers, Mason Bray, Trevon Bates and Desmond Ford, all of Amarillo; a grandmother, Ann Suddeth of Amarillo; and two great-grandmothers, Ruth Brown of Pampa and Janice Autry of Canyon.

The family requests memorials be to South Amarillo Church of Christ, 6901 Bell, Amarillo, TX 79110.

FRANCIS 'FRANK' CHRISTIAN

Francis "Frank" Christian, 68, of Pampa, passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Forsyth, pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Borger, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Christian was born Dec. 23, 1930, at Woodward, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1935. He married Gearlean Dardy on Jan. 1, 1950. He worked for the City of Pampa for 38 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of Church of God in Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Gearlean, of the home; two daughters, Linda Vick of Fritch and Theresa Wells of Skellytown; two sons, David Christian of Fritch and Bobby Christian of Borger; a sister, Freda Whitson of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795; or Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo.

DOROTHY ADLER GENETT

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Dorothy Adler Genett, 85, died Friday, Feb. 12, 1999, at Southwestern Memorial Hospital at Weatherford. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Lockstone Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dave Blackmore officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Weatherford.

Mrs. Genett was born Oct. 21, 1913, south of Weatherford, to Henry and Rena Adler. She attended school at Enterprise rural school and at Weatherford High School. She grew up on a farm and what was then known as Zion German Congregational Church near Weatherford. The church eventually moved to town and became Zion Evangelical Free Church.

Mrs. Genett moved to Pampa during the Great Depression in 1933. She was a housekeeper for a local family. She married Frank Vernon Genett on Aug. 28, 1935, at Clinton, Okla. The couple lived in Skellytown until moving to Pampa in December of 1959. She had lived in Weatherford since 1994 and was a resident of Littlebird Health Care Center.

She was a homemaker and taught Sunday school, Bible class and vacation Bible school for many years. She belonged to Women's Christian Endeavor group and prayer circles, an evangelism group and the church choir. She was still a member of First United Methodist Church and Winsome Sunday School Class of Pampa at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her father in 1967; her mother in 1969; two sisters, Rachel Kaiser, in 1991, and Esther Adler who died in childhood, and an infant brother.

Survivors include two sisters, Ethel Dalton of Levelland and Adelia Yost of Alexander, Kan.; and a brother, Eldon Adler of Weatherford.

ELNA RAMEY CLARK McCRAY

ELNA RAMEY CLARK McCRAY, 94, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999. Services were to be at 1 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Darrell Evans, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be Tuesday in Little Gardens of Memory at Stephenville under the direction of Carmichael-

Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McCray was born Nov. 4, 1904, at Simpsonville, Texas. She graduated from Gilmer High School and East Texas State University at Commerce. She married Harold E. "Hal" McCray in 1930 at Chicago, Ill.; he died in 1967. She received her registered nurse certification from St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth. She had been a Pampa resident since 1937. She was a RN for Dr. Marvin Overton, Worley Hospital and Highland General Hospital.

She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Harold C. "Mickey" McCray of Bel Air, Calif., and Charles D. McCray of Coronado, Calif.; a sister, Lorene Davis of Pampa; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

MARGUERITE ROBINSON

WHEELER — Marguerite Robinson, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery at Houston with the Rev. Dale Talbert, pastor of First Baptist Church in Conroe, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Robinson was born May 23, 1914, at Crosby. She married Lee E. Robinson, Jr., in 1937 at Dallas; he died in 1980. She lived in Midland from 1966 until moving to Wheeler in 1991. She assisted her husband with Robinson Photography Studio until the time of his death. She was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church of Midland.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Walser of Wheeler; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Wheeler.

C.C. 'POPS' SANFORD

PERRYTON — C.C. "Pops" Sanford, 85, brother of an Allison resident, died Friday, Feb. 12, 1999. Services were to be at 1 p.m. today in Full Gospel Church with the Rev. David Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Whitewash Cemetery at Raydon, Okla., under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Inc., of Perryton.

Mr. Sanford was born at Shattuck, Okla. He married Daphna Butler in 1933 at Cheyenne, Okla. He had been a Perryton area resident since 1966, moving from Raydon. He had worked at Western Equipment and Allied Construction. He was a member of United Pentecostal Church of Perryton.

He was preceded in death by two sons and by two daughters.

Survivors include his wife, Daphna, of Perryton; two daughters, Glathea Allen of Clayton, N.M., and Teresa Hodge of Perryton; a son, Wilbur Sanford of Clayton; four sisters, Lucille Males of Cheyenne, Okla., Grace Henson of Amarillo, Pearl Harrison of Allison and Jessie Smith of Winslow, Ariz.; two brothers, David Hershel Sanford of Higgins and Elmer L. Sanford of Stinnett; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

L. SUE SMITH

MIAMI — L. Sue Smith, 60, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 23, 1938, at Sulphur Springs. She graduated from Lefors High School. She married Guy Smith at Hopkins and had been a Miami resident since 1955. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Guy, of the home; three sons, Danny Guy Smith and Monty Joe Smith, both of Miami, and Randy Lee Smith of Pampa; two sisters, Mary Ellen Preston of Pampa and Carol Diane Chase of Denver, Colo.; three brothers, Ervin Chase of Pampa, Frank Chase of Comanche and Gerald Jo Chase of Bakersfield, Calif.; her mother, Susie Marie Chase of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

NINA SPOONEMORE

Nina Spoonemore, 88, of Pampa, died Monday, Feb. 15, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 13

Joann Bell, 65, 1209 Mary Ellen, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Mark Grogan Watkins, 46, 110 E. 27th, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and warrants.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of S. Christy.

Sunday, February 14

Michael R. Bybee, 36, 811 Walnut St., was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license was suspended.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, February 14

Jefferson Wayne Sober, 20, Miami, was arrested on warrants.

Antonio Campos, 41, no known address, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Shawn L. Weatherford, 27, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 13

No charges were listed when a 1989 Dodge pickup driven by Scena Marie Snider, 48, Hughs Springs Texas, drove over a gas meter in the alley of 800 W. Brown. No injuries were reported.

BOMBS

used. I told him not to make a decision until I mailed him more information on the museum," said Porter.

"I mailed him everything I could find and he called me back and said, 'The bombsight is yours.'"

Porter said Mirabella felt like this was the place it could be displayed and honored despite 15 to 20 other requests for the bombsight. The Woodland, Calif. resident acquired the Norden bombsight at an auction years ago.

Designed and developed for U.S. naval aircraft by engineer Carl L. Norden, the bombsight is a complicated 50-pound piece of machinery made up of gyros, motors, gears, mirrors, levers and a telescope.

John Triplehorn and John Chaney joined Porter to open the boxes and go through the pieces of the

historical weapon.

During the war, the bombardier's job was to feed the computer the information the bombsight needed — air speed, wind speed, wind direction, altitude and angle of drift.

"As the aircraft approached the target, the pilot turned the aircraft over to the bombardier and his bombsight. The bombsight was also an automatic pilot, and it flew the aircraft and released the bombs over the target. It would even compensate for the random pitch and roll of an aircraft during a bomb run," according to information from the American Airpower Heritage Museum in Midland.

"I want to bring high school classes in and have them look at this," said Porter.

On August 6, 1945, a Norden bombsight was used to drop the uranium bomb, "Little Boy" from the B-29 Enola Gay, 31,000 feet above Hiroshima.

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MURDERS

He was first arrested in 1986 for the murder of Tina Elizabeth Kimbrow. The 21-year-old waitress and bartender was suffocated to death in her apartment. Wardrip pleaded guilty to her murder and served 11 years of a 35-year sentence before being released on parole in 1997.

Charles Trainham, a former Wichita Falls investigator who worked on Ms. Gibbs' case, said he did not suspect any of the four slayings were connected.

"We worked some connections and did some investigating between Sims and Gibbs, but I don't recall any connection with the Blau case,"

Trainham said. Authorities said it would be tough to find any evidence connecting Wardrip to Ms. Blau's murder since her body was decomposed.

"There has been no arrest warrant issued for Ellen Blau's case, but we think it connected for a lot of reasons," Cole said. "The totality of the circumstances leads us to believe he is responsible."

Family members were relieved that their loved ones' deaths might finally be solved.

"It feels good to know that someone was still looking into this case," said Catherine Reid, Ms. Sims' sister. "My sister deserves it. My sister deserves justice, even though it's been a long time."

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 13

11:01 a.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to a grass fire in the 800 block of N. Christy.

2:13 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a gas leak in the 800 block of W. Brown.

6:16 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a CO check in the 600 block of Lefors.

Sunday, February 14

1:29 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a gas odor in the 400 block of Hazel.

5:04 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical in the 300 block of N. Roberta.

9:40 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a fluid leak at Frederic and Barnes.

3:31 p.m. — Three personnel responded to a walk-in medical at the fire station 203 W. Foster.

4:16 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire south of Lefors.

4:45 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a good intent call on Highway 70.

4:50 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a good intent call at Highway 60 and Loop 171.

5:20 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a good intent call on five miles west on Highway 60.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, February 13

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of E. Frederic and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of N. Sumner. No one was transported.

Sunday, February 14

8:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

9:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local

nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

3:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Foster and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Monday, February 15

1:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy today with a high in the mid 60s with southwesterly winds at 10-15 mph. Tonight, clear with a low in the low 30s and northeast winds at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, sunny and cooler with north winds at 15-20.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, clearing with a low in the upper 20s. Northeast to north winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, sunny and cooler with a high in the mid 50s. North winds 10-20 mph, diminishing late. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy and becoming windy. Lows in the 30s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 60s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, partly cloudy. Becoming windy late. Lows 35 to 40. Tuesday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid to

upper 30s. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. **Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area** — Tonight, partly cloudy. Becoming windy late. Lows in the 30s to lower 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs mid 50s mountains to upper 60s along the Rio Grande. **NORTH TEXAS** — Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Windy west and central. Lows 42 north-west to 57 south. Tuesday, partly cloudy west. Mostly cloudy central and east. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms central, and a chance of showers or thunderstorms east. Highs in the 60s. **SOUTH TEXAS** — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with low clouds and patchy fog developing late. Lows in the lower 50s, near 40 Hill Country. Tuesday, cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers south central. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s inland, lower 60s at the coast. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Breezy at the coast.

Highs in the lower 70s inland, upper 60s at the coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 50s inland, 60s coast. Tuesday, partly to mostly cloudy. A slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms coastal bend and crossroads. Highs in the 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, partly cloudy with a few evening showers northeast. Fair skies elsewhere. Colder with lows 5 to 20 mountains and northwest with 20s to mid 30s east and south. Tuesday, fair to partly cloudy skies. Not as warm Tuesday. Highs in the 40 to low 50s mountains and northwest with 50s to mid 60s east and south. Lows single digits to low 20s mountains and northwest with 20s to low 30s elsewhere.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, a slight chance of showers early, then windy. Thunderstorms possible southeast Oklahoma. Lows from the low to mid 30s in north-west Oklahoma to the low to mid 40s southeast Oklahoma. Tuesday, clear to partly cloudy and cooler. Highs from the lower 50s to around 60.

Peanut allegries pit parents, school

ELLINGTON, Conn. (AP) — For 8-year-old Tim Larew, a sudden and horrible death lurks in one of the most all-American of snacks: a peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich.

"It's devastating to know that what the average child eats on a daily basis can kill your child," said Kathy Larew, Tim's mother. The second-grader at Windermere Elementary School is allergic to all nut products, as well as milk, eggs and soy. School systems around the nation are grappling with ways to balance the dietary needs of allergic kids like Tim with the rights of others who cherish PB&Js.

For those with an allergic child, it's a matter of life and death. A touch, a taste, sometimes even a whiff of the stuff can cause a child to stop breathing and go into shock — even die.

City briefs

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ING for basketball & softball is scheduled for Feb. 21st, 2 p.m. at Optimist Park. For parents, managers, coaches & others interested in participating. Adv.

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AUDITIONS FOR "Twelve

Angry Men/Jurors" to be held Tues. 16th, Wed. 17th, Thurs. 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Act I Theatre in the Pampa Mall (west entrance). Cast call: 12 men or women. Adv.

Community Camera

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Early Pampans celebrated Washington's birthday in 1919

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



The First Christian Church Ladies George Washington Birthday Tea of 1919 occurred at the home of Henry J. and Alice (Ayres) Lippold who lived then at the corner of E. Francis and N. Starkweather Streets.

Henry J. Lippold was a former manager of the Home Lands and Cattle Company when it operated the N-N Ranch on part of the White Deer Lands. In the early years of the First Christian Church, the buggy of Alice Lippold was a familiar sight on the streets of Pampa as she called on "her children," the members of her Sunday School class.

The Rev. Paul J. Merrill served as minister of the First Christian Church from January 1919 until 1923. The church building then was a white frame structure at the corner of E. Kingsmill and N. Ballard. The parsonage was at 309 N. Ballard.

Leta (Farrington) Lewis was the wife of Joe Lewis, a son of Matthew A. Lewis who was a noted lobo wolf hunter. Leta's parents were J.C. "Pap" and Margaret Farrington who farmed east of Pampa. "Pap" Farrington had a country school named in

his honor, grew wheat successfully and was proud of his yard with beautiful flowers and shrubs.

Eliza Ann Gragg and her husband, Leander Smith Gragg, were passengers on the first "local" that ran from Wichita Falls to Fort Worth over the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad constructed in 1887. L.S. Gragg with Tobe Odom (Eliza's brother) operated the Z-Z Ranch in the neighborhood of Cantonment Creek before it was eventually sold to George Henry Saunders.

Fannie (Hopkins) Lovett was the wife of Henry Bell Lovett, who came to the area of Mobeetie in 1876 as a buffalo hunter. The Lovetts bought land southwest of Lefors and lived on Grapevine Creek and then Turkey Creek before building a gray stucco house at 121 N. Houston in Pampa. The Lovett Memorial Library, funded through the estate of Henry and Fannie Lovett, was constructed at the location of the gray stucco house.

In Pampa about 1909, Edith Barnhart met Claude Lawrence who had left his father's tobacco farm in Kentucky to learn the new trade of carpentry in Texas. They married soon after they met and spent the rest of their lives in Pampa. In 1932, Glen Redman and Claude Lawrence formed a partnership as paint contractors. They were the contractors that completed the new high school built "way out in the country" at 111 W. Harvester.

When Marion (Anderson) Walstad, age 24, left her native Norway with four young children, she knew not a single word of English, but she had a piece of paper which was her husband's address. This piece of paper never left her person, and it finally brought her to her husband, Christian Jacob Walstad, in Iowa. The Walstad family lived in Iowa and Medicine Mound, Kan., before they moved to the "flats" in Ochiltree County in 1886. Later they moved to Roberts County where they were neighbors of the



(photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

First Christian Church Ladies celebrated the first president's birthday with a George Washington Tea in 1919. Back, left-right: Mrs. H.B. Lovett, Eliza Gragg, Mrs. D.W. Cary, Lizzie Jones, the Rev. Paul J. Merrill holding Claudine Lawrence on his right and Marie Tinsley on his left, Mrs. Joe Lewis, Alice Lippold, Henry J. Lippold. Front: Mrs. Claude Lawrence, Mrs. Howard Monteith, Mrs. C.J. Walstad, Mrs. John Cox, Mrs. Lee Ledrick, Mrs. Paul Merrill, Gene Fatheree, Mrs. V.E. Fatheree, Mrs. John Tate, Mrs. Ora Duenkel, Mrs. Orlan Ashburn, Mrs. Alfred Tinsley.

Henry Ledrick family of Chicken Creek.

Carrie Walstad, a daughter of C.J. and Marion Walstad, married Lee Ledrick, a son of Henry and Amanda Jane "Jennie" Lard Ledrick. Lee had a brother Paul Claude. The Walstad, Lards and Ledricks were the first families to homestead in the Panhandle (Billy Dixon Book).

About 1905, the entire group of Ledricks and Walstads moved to Pampa to educate their children. They built homes on four blocks of East Kingsmill on one-half blocks each extending from Kingsmill to Francis including barns, corrals and orchards. George Walstad (son of C.J. and Marion) took half the 400 block; Claude and Fannie Ledrick the other half; Lee and Carrie Ledrick the first half of the 500 block; and Grandma Jenny the other half. Grandma Marion occupied one-half of the 600 block. The Lee Ledrick home at 505 E. Kingsmill was the first solid brick house in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Vestus Emmett

Fatheree with two sons, Clyde, age 21, and Gene, age 8, came to Pampa about 1920. V.E. Fatheree bought several drug stores in Pampa and in Lefors. Mrs. Fatheree was very active in civic affairs such as PTA, WCTU and church women's organizations. She loved music, good books and beautiful things including flowers. During her lifetime, she gave hundreds of books to school and public libraries.

In 1907, John Tate, a barber at Mobeetie and Miami, opened a shop on South Cuyler which became a meeting place of the cowboys. In the winters, they sat around the large stove that burned coal. When the supply of coal was gone, they replenished it in appreciation. Howard Monteith was also a barber.

Mrs. Ora Duenkel was the mother Charlie Duenkel who

had partnership in the Duenkel-Carmichael Funeral Home.

Nettie Tinsley and her husband Alfred were the aunt and uncle of

Marie (Tinsley) Smith, Marie was the daughter of Roy Tinsley and Edna Walberg who lived east of Pampa.

TDOA public hearing slated this month

TULIA — The Area Agency on Aging of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and South Plains Association of Governments in collaboration with the Texas Department on Aging (TDOA) will hold a public hearing on the current and future need of older Texans. The hearing will take place at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Swisher County Senior Citizens Association located at 619 SE 2nd in Tulia.

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) hold these meetings to collect public comment on area plans for services they intend to fund. Required services include information and referral, benefits counseling, case management and nursing home ombudsman. The Department on Aging reviews and approves the area plans of Texas' 28 AAAs and distributes federal and state funds to the local level. These 28 plans are then folded into a state plan, which is submitted for approval to the governor and the federal Administration on Aging.

The federal Older Americans Act (the federal law under which TDOA and the AAAs operate) requires both the state and area offices on aging to solicit the public's views about needs and concerns of older people.

In the public hearing scheduled for this region, the hosts are asking local people to not only speak up about current and future aging concerns, but also on how funding decisions are made, how services being provided are now doing and what gaps in services need to be filled.

Serving on the hearing panel and receiving public comment will be representatives from the Texas Board on Aging, the Texas Department on Aging, the Area Agencies on Aging and a member for each AAA's local citizens advisory council.

For more information on the public hearing, call 1-800-642-6008. To submit your views and concerns in writing, write to: Texas Department on Aging, Attention Policy and Planning Division, P.O. Box 12786, Austin, TX 78711; or e-mail Christy@doa.state.tx.us

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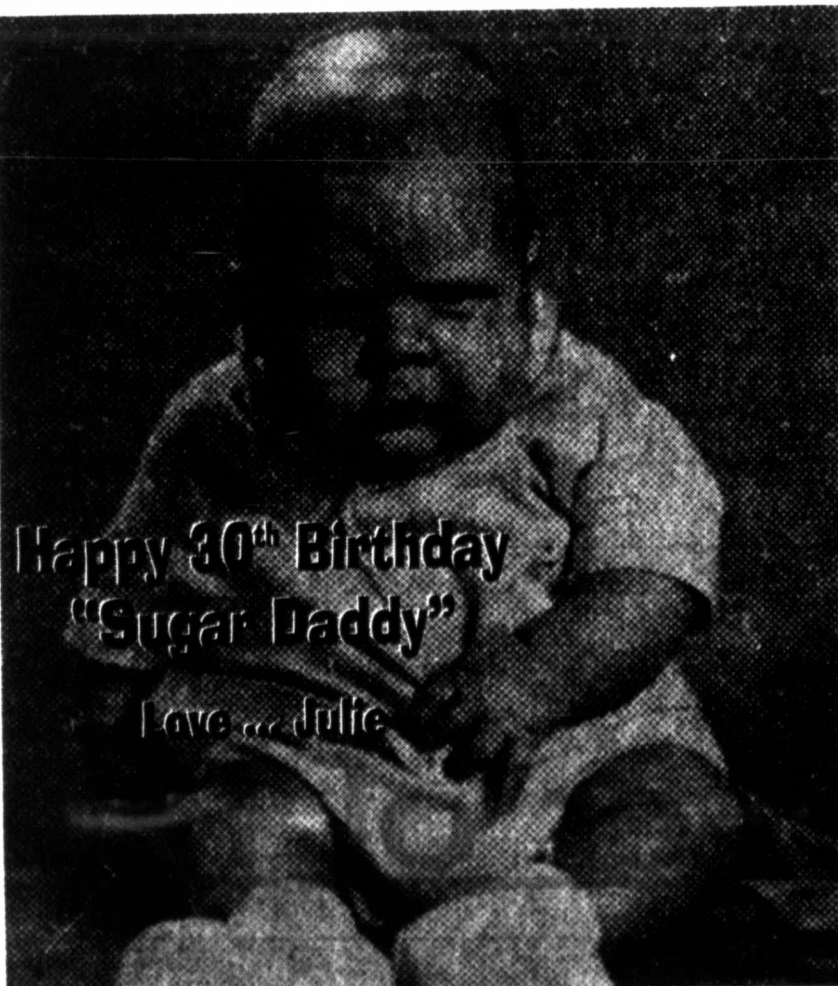
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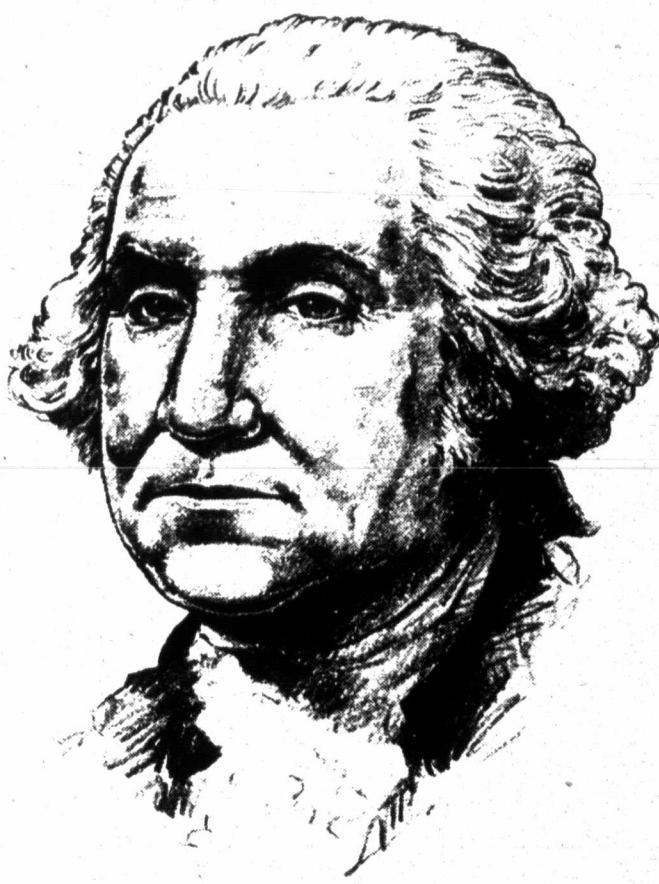
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Spotlight on Pampa

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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

Winning Sweetheart Letter

John and Rhonda married on April 9, 1976, 23 years ago at a young age.

They were blessed with a beautiful baby girl on April 1, 1977 who they named JoAnn. They soon knew that something was wrong with JoAnn. After seeing many doctors, she was diagnosed as suffering from Moziac Down Syndrome. But you know, God gives special children to special parents.

John and Rhonda desired for JoAnn to develop to her full potential. Through their persistent efforts, JoAnn has been mainstreamed during most of her schooling. She will graduate from Pampa High School, this year, May 1999. She is an avid Pampa Harvester fan. We are so proud of her and her parents.

John and Rhonda also have a wonderful son, Ricky, who was born Sept. 30, 1982 and is currently a freshman at Pampa High School. Nine years ago, on their 14th wedding

anniversary, John and Rhonda had a beautiful formal ceremony to renew their vows. They were so thankful for what God had done in their lives.

In 1995 John became very sick with Fibromyalgia and Rheumatoid Arthritis. This changed their lives very much. He was off work for six months two different times. God was faithful and used many good doctors. Now John is able to work but sometimes it is very hard. Rhonda and their children stood in the gap while John was so sick. They would never complain, they would just tell you how good their life has been.

Thank you for listening to a mom and dad's heart.

Tom and JoAnn McKay

(The contest was sponsored by Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee)

Chairman's message ...

We are on the road to change!!

Nearly 100 people are involved in the process of developing plans and goals to improve your Chamber of Commerce. If you are not involved, the Chamber cannot benefit from your ideas.

If you want to help in the planning process, let Chuck White know today. Chuck is the chairman of the planning committee and is doing an excellent job of organizing the planning effort.

There was an excellent response for the position of Chamber of Commerce President, our paid executive. A committee is in process of reviewing the applications received. A short list will be developed in the near future and a new President hired.

In the past few years our committees have been limited to retail, tourism, membership committees and the Top of Texans (Gold Coats).

Effective immediately we are adding the following committees: Community College, Oil and Gas, Industrial Relations, Aviation, Agriculture,

Recreation and Sports, Planning, and Leadership.

Hopefully there will be a need for other committees and they can be added at a later date. If you should like to serve on any of these committees of know of other committees that need to be included please let Ann Franklin at the Chamber office know.

Panhandle Day in Austin is Feb. 23. We need a good representation in Austin to let our needs be known and to support our legislators. This is a great way to let our legislators know what we need in our community. At present we have five people signed up to attend. The cost is only \$280 for round-trip airfare, a dinner with the legislators and a reception that evening. This is a one day event, time is running out, sign up today by calling the Chamber office today!!

Bill Bridges
Chairman

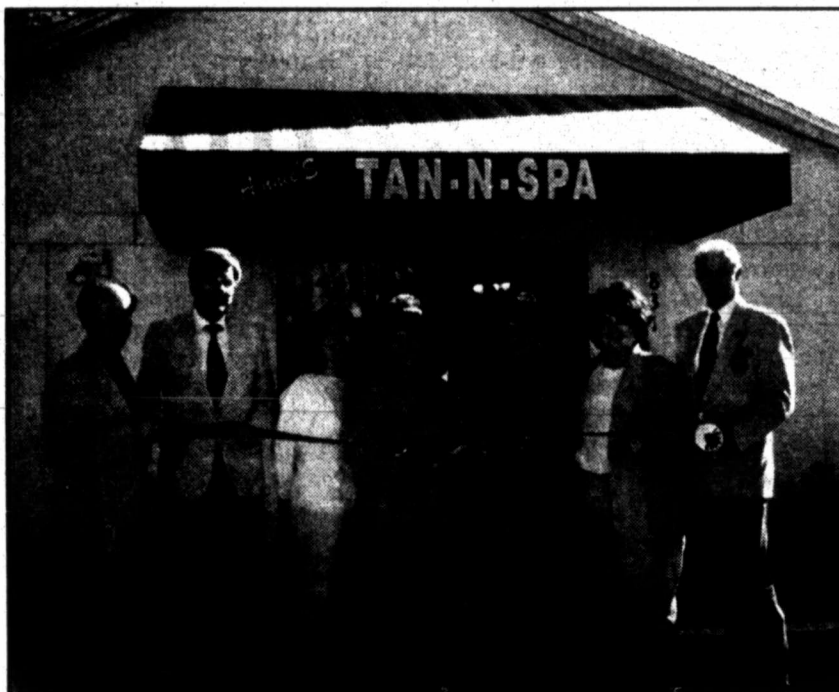
Sweetheart contest prizes

Prizes for the Sweetheart Contest include, a \$25 gift certificate at Best Kept Secrets, dinner for two at Dos Caballeros, heart necklace from Rheams Diamond Shop, half a dozen red roses from Freeman Flowers, half a dozen red roses from Roberta's Flowers.

Contest runners-up

Runners-up for the Chamber of Commerce Sweetheart Contest include:

Lyle Halliburton, Peggy Shay, Betty Rainey, Missy Sandefur, and Florence Gillespie.



Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome Annie's Tan-N-Spa as a member of the Chamber in a recent ribbon cutting. Goldcoat's Ken Rheams, Ed Ringering, Julie Cooke and Jim Davidson welcome Cindy Malone (manager), Ann Malone (owner) and Joy Brown (Reflexology) and Jana Albracht not pictured.

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New goings on ...



United Supermarkets made its debut in Pampa last week by opening a store in the former Frank's Thriftway location on North Hobart. Future plans call for building a new store on property adjacent to the present store.



Sonic Drive-In opened its new restaurant last week next door to the old one on Hobart and adjacent to United Supermarkets. Both Sonic and United Supermarkets sported new signs to mark the openings.

Luncheon reservations due Tuesday

The Chamber Luncheon will be Feb. 16 at 11:45 a.m. at the Chamber.

Cellular One will sponsor and food will be from The Hickory Hut.

Joe Frank Wheeler of the Borger Chamber will speak and the cost per person is \$6.50.

Make reservations before 9 a.m. Feb. 16.

February chamber meetings, etc.

Board, third Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Top O' Texan Goldcoat, third Monday, Feb. 15 at noon; various meeting places.

Chamber Luncheon, third Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 11:45 a.m. Reservations need to be made no later than 9:30 a.m. that day. The sponsor this month will be Cellular One.

Member Committee, first Monday, Mar. 1 at the Chamber.

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New clot-busting drug benefits stroke patients

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A newly developed stroke-stopping drug can be given up to six hours after symptoms start — double the current limit — substantially increasing the number of people who could escape the crippling attacks.

The drug, called prourokinase, is the latest in a growing list of medicines being tested to dissolve clots in the brain, which cause 83 percent of the nation's 600,000 strokes annually.

Currently, the only approved treatment for strokes is TPA, a clot dissolver that is also the mainstay of heart attack therapy. To work, it must be given within three hours after the numbness, slurred speech and other warning signs of strokes begin.

Since most victims do not get to the hospital soon enough, doctors would like to have something that gives them more breathing room. Researchers from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation recently presented results of the first large-scale testing of the new drug that appears to do just that.

Prourokinase seems to work well even when given between three and six hours after the start of symptoms. The doctors tested it on people with particularly serious strokes resulting from clots in the brain's middle cerebral artery. They were 60 percent more likely than usual to escape with little or no permanent impairment.

Just as TPA dramatically changed physicians' approach to strokes, some say the new drug may again turn stroke therapy upside down.

"This will be the second major revolution in

stroke treatment in this decade," predicted Dr. Randall Higashida of the University of California, San Francisco, who took part in the study.

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Stroke kills 158,000 people yearly — the third leading cause of death in the United States — and has left more than one million Americans disabled to some extent, the American Heart Association says. Its estimated cost is \$41 billion annually, mostly because of the high expense of rehabilitating and caring for victims.

Part of prourokinase's benefits may result from the way it is given. Unlike TPA, which is injected into a vein and travels throughout the body, doctors release prourokinase via a catheter that is threaded through an artery directly to the site of the clot in the brain.

However, this also is an important shortcoming. One limit to giving TPA is the need for time-consuming testing before treatment starts. Patients must have head scans to make sure their strokes

truly result from clots and not hemorrhages, which produce similar symptoms. Prourokinase will take even longer to administer, because patients must also undergo catheterization, the process of putting a skinny tube into the brain.

Dr. Anthony Furlon said a well-orchestrated stroke team typically can do the entire process in about an hour. Still, the treatment will be limited to large medical centers that have the equipment and expertise to do such procedures.

"If you have a massive stroke, this gives you the best chance of a decent outcome," said Dr. Steven R. Levine of Detroit Medical Center, who was not involved in the study.

Furlon said he hopes the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will approve prourokinase for routine use by early next year. He released the results at a stroke conference sponsored by the American Heart Association. The study was financed by its maker, Abbott Laboratories.

Researchers at 51 hospitals in the United States and Canada participated in the study, randomly

assigning 180 patients to get either prourokinase or a blood thinner called heparin that is unlikely to have a major impact on the condition. All started their symptoms between three and six hours earlier.

Three months after treatment, they found that 40 percent of the patients getting prourokinase had little or no disability resulting from their strokes, compared with 25 percent receiving heparin. Twenty-four percent of the prourokinase patients died, as did 27 percent in the comparison group.

Although the approach has been tried on only one type of particularly bad stroke, Furlon said, "I'm hopeful this will help other stroke patients, but we haven't worked out the details."

Another study presented at the conference examined whether TPA can be given beyond three hours of the start of symptoms, as experts say actually happens in perhaps 40 percent of the cases it's used. This study — financed by Genentech, TPA's maker — found that the drug actually may do more harm than good when given this late.

Health tips

Hot baths too hot to handle for children

DALLAS — Few things are as relaxing as a hot, steamy bath. But don't try it with young children. Scalds are the leading cause of accidental death in the home for children under age 4, according to the National Burn Information Exchange.

"Infant skin is thinner and more fragile than adult skin so it can burn at temperatures that may feel comfortable to an adult," says Dr. Collin Goto, an assistant professor of pediatrics and a pediatric emergency medicine specialist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Most scalding injuries occur because inadequate supervision by an adult."

Scalding injuries are preventable if adults and children take proper safety precautions. Set the hot water heater thermostat to 125° F and when it's time to fill the bathtub, turn on the cold water first and mix in warm water. Test the water by moving your forearm through it. The recommended bath-water temperature for babies is about 100° F.

New ulcer test saves time and money

DALLAS — A blood test can determine if a person is rid of bacterium that causes most ulcers, reducing the need for more expensive and time-consuming tests.

"A blood test should be used as a preliminary evaluation tool and could eliminate the need for costly alternatives that sometimes involve endoscopic procedures," says Dr. Mark Feldman, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

The source of *Helicobacter pylori* (H. pylori) infection — suspected of being chiefly responsible for duodenal and peptic ulcers — is usually unknown, but infection appears to occur during childhood.

Depending on age, 30 percent to 50 percent of the U.S. Population is infected, but only a small percentage will develop symptoms, Feldman says.

Quick action can take the chill out of frostbite

DALLAS — Cold weather is here, and with it comes one of winter's most common health hazards: frostbite. Although the feet and hands are most vulnerable to extreme cold, the ears, cheeks and nose also can become frostbitten if left exposed for long periods of time. When this happens, body parts literally freeze, halting blood flow and potentially causing serious tissue damage.

If you live in a cold environment, plan ahead by keeping extra clothing, gloves and blankets available for emergencies, suggests D. Kathleen Delaney associate professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Be aware of the warning signs of frostbite — hard, pale, cold, numb skin — and seek medical attention immediately if you recognize them."

Never apply direct heat, rub affected body parts or walk on frostbitten feet. Instead, submerge limbs in warm water or wrap with extra layers of clothing to stimulate circulation.

Prescription and nonprescription medications may not mix

DALLAS — An over-the-counter drug is still a medication, and your physician needs to know which ones you are taking.

"Your physician needs to know about all medications — including over-the-counter drugs, and home remedies — to assess the possible drug interactions and overdosing," says Dr. Craig Rubin, associate professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Seniors with multiple medical problems are especially vulnerable because they may see more than one doctor. Each physician must be made aware of other doctors' treatments, including prescription, to avoid exposing the patient to potential complications, says Rubin, a specialist in geriatric medicine.

A common scenario, says Rubin, involves a patient who has been prescribed a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and is mistakenly taking another drug from the same class, such as ibuprofen or Alleve. Such patients, regardless of age, would increase their risk of gastric ulcers or kidney failure.

Help on horizon for Alzheimer's, early diagnosis important

DALLAS — Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, it is still vital that people suffering from any of its symptoms be evaluated as soon as possible.

Some new medications such as Aricept have slowed — and in some cases — halted memory loss in many patients with mild to moderate forms of the disease. Another medication is being tested in a large national research trial and is expected to be released within two years. Both drugs are greatly improving the lives of Alzheimer's patients and their families.

It's important that the disease is recognized as early as possible, says Dr. Myron Weiner, professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and head of clinical testing at its Alzheimer's research center. The sooner the patient is evaluated, the sooner the physician can develop a treatment plan.

Symptoms include loss of short-term memory, confusion, panic, change or personality, delusions and acting-out behavior.

Research suggests sciatica not helped by bed rest

By The Associated Press

Add sciatica to the sorts of back pain that shouldn't keep you in bed.

A week or two in bed used to be routine treatment for any sort of aching back. But over the past 15 years, doctors have learned that many types of backaches get better just as fast if people go about their normal activities.

Until now, that hadn't been tested with sciatica, pain from the sciatic nerve — usually just in the buttocks and thigh, but sometimes all the way down to the foot.

Dr. Patrick C.A.J. Vroomen of Maastricht University Hospital in the Netherlands, where two weeks of bed rest is a common treatment for sciatica, reported his findings in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

Doctors randomly assigned 183 patients either to bed rest or "watchful waiting" — getting up and about whenever possible without straining the back or provoking pain.

After two weeks, 70 percent of the 92 patients who got out of bed only to bathe or use the toilet felt better. So did 65 percent of those who were up and about. Statistically, those are the same.

Most cases of Parkinson's disease not inherited, according to study

CHICAGO (AP) — Following a landmark study of more than 17,000 twins, researchers reported today that most cases of Parkinson's disease are not due to a genetic defect but are caused by factors that are likely environmental.

"For the first time, today we can say that for people with Parkinson's disease diagnosed after age 50, it's most commonly caused by environmental factors," said Dr. Caroline Tanner of the Parkinson's Institute in Sunnyvale, Calif., who led the study published in a recent issue of *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The environmental factors are unknown but may include chemical exposures, diet and smoking — the last of which paradoxically seems to lessen the risk of developing Parkinson's, she said Tuesday.

At least 1 million Americans have Parkinson's, Tanner said, making it second only to Alzheimer's disease in frequency as a degenerative disease of the brain and nerves.

Parkinson causes slow deterioration of the nerves' ability to control the muscles. It usually starts with small tremors, then progresses to a shuffling gait and increasing weakness.

There is no cure, and drug therapy tends to lose effectiveness over time.

A genetic cause is most common in the approximately 10 percent of people with the disease who are diagnosed before age 50, Tanner said.

In 1997, researchers identified a long-sought gene defect that can cause a form of Parkinson's, but the proportion of cases arising from the defect was unknown before this study.

In the new study, researchers tracked down more than 17,000 men enrolled in a World War II-era twin registry. The researchers found 161 twin pairs in which at least one brother had Parkinson's disease and data on the pairs was complete.

Among the 161 sets, there were 16 in which Parkinson's had struck before age 50. Of the four sets of identical twins — who have exactly the same genetic material — both brothers had Parkinson's.

Among the 12 fraternal pairs, who share only half their genetic material, there were only two in which both brothers had Parkinson's.

Researchers calculated that if one twin developed the disease by age 50, the other was six times more likely to get it if he were an identical twin than if he were a fraternal twin.

Tanner said environmental factors most likely to play a role in typical Parkinson's include exposure to chemicals such as pesti-

cides and herbicides, diet and tobacco smoking.

The apparent protective effect of smoking was found in the twins and in previous research, Tanner said.

She and Dr. J. William Langston, president of the Parkinson's Institute and senior author, said the protection is probably real, perhaps caused by smoking's stimulation of the liver to produce enzymes that neutralize some toxin that would otherwise provoke Parkinson's.

"But there are about 2,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke, so we still have a big job ahead of us in finding what chemicals might actually be protective," Langston said. "And we don't recommend smoking to prevent Parkinson's disease."

An expert not involved in the study said it presents a compelling reason to search for better treatments, since the drugs now available may lessen symptoms but don't really attack the disease or prevent disability.

And surgery is promising but still largely experimental, noted Dr. Jeffrey Cummings of the University of California, Los Angeles. In an editorial accompanying the study, he recommended that the new findings should refocus research on environmental triggers for typical Parkinson's disease and genetic influences in early-onset disease.



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Military exercises frighten coastal towns

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Army will likely continue "Delta Force" training in South Texas this week similar to exercises that frightened residents and caused damage in downtown Kingsville.

The operation, involving black Army helicopters and urban counter-terrorism teams from Fort Bragg, N.C., was a surprise to some officials in Kingsville on Monday and in Port Aransas on Friday.

"I didn't know about it until people asked me about it today," Kleberg County Judge Allen May said Tuesday in Kingsville.

"I didn't know what was going on," Port Aransas Mayor Glenn Martin said Friday. "They (residents) were calling me up asking me about a bunch of black helicopters."

Maj. Jeff Fanto, spokesman for Army Special Operations Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, said the training was "routine."

"They're practicing skills of getting in and out of urban areas and special operations for the missions they're responsible for," Fanto said.

Kingsville Police Chief Felipe Garza told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times on Tuesday that several abandoned downtown buildings were used Monday evening by Army Special Operations Command troops and Kingsville police.

The exercise involved eight Army helicopters, which flew low over town dropping off personnel in a two-block area.

"It was secret," Garza said. "I really can't talk a lot about it. But no one was hurt and that was the important thing."

Kingsville was chosen as a site for the operations because one of the military officers was from the city, Garza said.

The fire in the old police station was started by a

welding torch being used to cut through wires as part of the exercise, Kingsville Fire Department Capt. Roel Cavazos said.

Although the blaze was contained in about 20 minutes, the interior of the building was gutted and serious structural damage was done to the roof, Cavazos said.

"They tried to contain the fire themselves and apparently it went out of control," Cavazos said.

The fire department was on alert, the police chief said. "So we were ready."

A block from the old police station, grenades were set off in the abandoned Exxon building, shattering the windows, Garza said.

"It was safe because the windows were boarded up," Garza said.

Garza said he received about 50 phone calls from residents concerned about the maneuvers.

"Some were upset, but most understood," the chief said.

Randall Jarris, 42, a farmer, said he resented the maneuvers.

"I don't really like this town being turned into a war zone," he said. "Someone could have gotten hurt."

Also among those upset was Maria Garcia, 35.

The helicopters flew over her house south of Kingsville, shaking the walls and rattling pictures.

"I went outside and I had no idea what was going on," she said. "I was scared."

Carol Darby, a spokeswoman for Army Special Operations Command in Fort Bragg, said the public never is notified before such exercises because it poses a security risk and also a danger to residents, who tend to gather to watch.

She also said there may be other exercises this week in Kingsville, Corpus Christi and around Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

She said the Army would pay for any damage.

Independent Counsel Act likely to die in June

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Independent Counsel Act that grew out of the Watergate scandal and culminated in Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton is headed for extinction in June, lawmakers from both parties say.

"One thing we can do in this Congress is not extend the life of the independent counsel statute. It was a post-Watergate liberal notion and it was a disaster," Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"This law needs to be terminated. I don't want it to be amended. I want it to be ended," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on CNN's "Late Edition." He noted that he was one of 21 senators who had voted against reauthorizing the act after it lapsed in the early 1990s. It will die on June 30 unless Congress and Clinton renew it.

Congress passed the law in 1978 as a post-Watergate means to ensure that investigations into the president, his Cabinet and other top officials would be free of politics. Under the act, the attorney general can ask a court to appoint an independent counsel when there is compelling evidence that a senior federal official is guilty of wrongdoing and a

Congress is expected to hold hearings on the act in the coming weeks, but McConnell said Congress might simply kill it by failing to act on its reauthorization.

Justice Department investigation might give the appearance of a conflict of interest.

But Republicans were displeased with the independent counsel's treatment of the Reagan administration during the Iran-Contra affair and Democrats have accused Starr of abusing his powers in his four-year, \$40 million probe of the White House. It started with the Whitewater land deal and proceeded through the White House travel office firings, the handling of FBI files and finally the Monica Lewinsky affair.

Both parties have questioned the Office of Independent Counsel's nearly unlimited powers to spend money. Prosecutor Donald Smaltz spent \$17 million in a four-year corruption case against former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, who was acquitted of the charges six weeks ago.

Attorney General Janet Reno has sought the appointment of seven independent counsels to

investigate Clinton administration officials, but Republicans have criticized her refusal to use the act to look into Clinton's and Vice President Al Gore's possible links to alleged Democratic fundraising violations.

"It's either going to be rewritten significantly or it will be allowed to lapse — in all likelihood the latter," Senate Republican Whip Don Nickles of Oklahoma said on ABC's "This Week."

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While the administration has not taken a final stance, "it's virtually hopeless to try to fix it, I think, without some major, major revisions," White House chief of staff John Podesta said on NBC.

The American Bar Association, which helped craft the Independent Counsel Act two decades ago, decided to end support for the law in a 384-49 vote by its House of Delegates last week.

"It was designed to remove politics from the investigation of public officials," said Philip Anderson, who heads the 400,000-member organization of lawyers. "The majority of Americans would say that politics has not been removed."

Valentine gift-giving



Meredith House residents were treated with Valentine Goodies provided by members of Cappa Alpha Sorority. These volunteers include (from left) Ann Turner, Judy West, Mildred Scott and Elsie Floyd.

Odds and ends ...

Age no barrier to skier

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine (AP) — Paul Schipper has been going downhill now for quite a while.

In 1981, Schipper started skiing every single day that Sugarloaf USA was open. Sunday marked his 3,000th consecutive day of skiing while the resort is open.

After carving his way down the resort's black diamond Narrow Gauge trail, Schipper, 75, said he wants to take the streak to 5,000, which would take another 10 years.

"It's something to shoot for. I don't think it's impossible," he said. "I ski with a lot of guys who are in their 80s."

Schipper's streak has made a local celebrity out of the former fighter pilot and commercial airline pilot.

It hasn't always been easy. Schipper has skied in horrible conditions, including rain, blizzards and windchills of minus-70 degrees.

Two years ago, he broke his thumb during a spill but never stopped skiing. He brought the handle of the ski pole with him to the doctor's office so a cast could be made to fit around it.

Another time, Schipper delayed surgery to remove a cancerous kidney. In 1995, he underwent triple bypass heart surgery. Both times, Schipper recuperated in time to resume his streak when the snow began flying.

"He's still going," said his son, Jeff Schipper. "He's still the iron man. No one thought it would go this far."

Couple weds over and over

BOSTON (AP) — When Mike Dieken says "I do," he really means it.

Mike and Laura Dieken got hitched on July 7, 1985, in Portland, Ore. And again on July 7, 1986; and again on July 7, 1987. And every July since then, each time in a different state.

His reason for wanting to wed over and over is just as odd as the habit: no need to conjure up any inventive anniversary celebrations.

So far, the Oregonians have said "I do" in Washington, Missouri, Montana, Idaho, Illinois, South Carolina, Nevada, Utah, New York, Virginia, New Mexico, Florida and twice in Oregon.

Massachusetts was to be their 1999 destination, but local officials in Boston have objected.

"The people in the Boston office said, 'You're married. We can't do this. The law says this, the law says that,'" Mike Dieken said Saturday.

In Boston, the couple can legally only renew their vows. They could obtain a marriage license only if they lied about their previous marriages.

Dieken, 38, says he's undaunted by Boston's refusal to issue a license and is still hoping to work something out.

And after all 50 states? Mike says it's on to the next hurdle: "We got what, 128 countries?"

Kissing record attempt falls short

ORONO, Maine (AP) — Maine apparently isn't the home of smoochers.

A Valentine's Day attempt to reclaim the University of Maine's kissing record fell about 600 couples short, leaving Spain with the title for most people kissing in the same place at the same time.

About 1,000 couples gathered in Alford Arena after a New Hampshire-Maine women's basketball game Sunday to lock lips in unison for 10 seconds. Organizers had hoped to surpass the 1,600 couples that kissed together in Alcala De Henares, Spain, last summer.

"It was a lot of fun, even though we didn't break the record," said Sandy Caron, professor of family studies and human sexuality. "It's disappointing that we didn't break it, but a good time was had by all."

Sign of the times

ONONDAGA, N.Y. (AP) — How do I love thee? Let me count the road signs.

After 29 years of marriage, that's how Daniel Romagnoli decided to signal his affection for his wife, Joan, during Valentine's Day weekend.

He made 22 small road signs and placed them along two roads for a quarter-mile leading to their house in this central New York town. On each sign he wrote part of a poem he'd written for his wife.

The last sign had its own message: Be my Valentine.

"Oh I can't believe it," Joan Romagnoli said. "It really made me feel happy. He does so many things that make him special."

American: Service getting back to normal

DALLAS (AP) — With a growing number of American Airlines pilots reporting for duty, airline officials think they can resume regular service as early as Tuesday.

About 800 of American's 9,400 pilots were still listed as sick today, compared with the nearly 2,500 who declared themselves unfit to fly Thursday and Friday, American officials said.

However, about 250 — or roughly 11 percent — of the 2,250 flights scheduled for today have been canceled because some pilots weren't immediately available for flying.

The Fort Worth-based airline has canceled only 17 flights scheduled for Tuesday, spokesman John Hotard said.

According to American, pilots have been taking themselves off the sick list at a rapid rate since a federal judge held the Allied Pilots Association and two top board members in contempt and promised sizable fines against them.

All but 12 or 13 pilots, who face possible disciplinary action, would be immediately cleared to fly after removing themselves from the list, Hotard said. He didn't have details on what the 12 or 13 were accused of doing.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall threatened a large fine against the pilots' union Saturday, saying that the union did not do enough to encourage pilots to return to work after he ordered the union to end the sickout. That order had been

issued Wednesday.

More than half a million travelers have been left at the gate by the nation's second-largest airline because of the large number of pilots calling in sick. American has canceled 6,000 flights since the work action began Feb. 6, costing American between \$67 million and \$90 million, according to Chris Chiamas, a spokesman for AMR Corp., parent company of American Airlines.

The dispute centers on how quickly American should integrate the pilots from recently purchased Reno Air into its own roster. Negotiations on that issue are scheduled to restart this afternoon.

Despite the continued cancellations, most of the nation's airports

were calmer Sunday with many passengers prepared for delays.

At Miami International Airport, heart-shaped decorations adorned American's baggage counter wall Sunday and musicians strolled through the terminal serenading passengers. But many travelers remained angry.

"I think I lost two to three years of age off my life," said Luis Delgado, a furniture exporter who faced delays in three cities over four days while trying to get home to the Dominican Republic.

"This is not my problem, it's American Airlines'. We don't have to be the ones that suffer."

The slowdown had the potential to severely hamper operations of cruise ships sailing in and out of Miami, but major

cruise lines kept damage to a minimum by chartering their own flights.

Kendall said he would decide Wednesday how much to levy in fines although he promised they would be substantial. He required the union to place \$10 million with the court and for union president Rich LaVoy and

vice president Brian Mayhew to remit a total of \$15,000.

"While we are disappointed and disagree with Judge Kendall's order of contempt, we urge all pilots to comply with the restraining order," LaVoy said. "We're taking his order seriously. I took his order seriously Wednesday night."

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Letters to Troops in Bosnia Give Moral Support All Year

DEAR ABBY: I'm a soldier, deployed on Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia. The soldiers on my team and I appreciate your column and your "Operation Dear Abby" holiday letter-writing campaign.

The Christmas holidays can be tough on all service members stationed abroad. I've been in the Army for 13 years and have been to my share of different countries. I have soldiers on my team who have never spent the holidays away from their families, and it makes their lives harder.

We appreciate your support of service personnel. Thanks to your readers, we receive mail daily even when we don't hear from family and friends.

God bless you, Abby, and your family. We salute you for helping to bring peace and good will to all our hearts.

SGT. ANTHONY WOLFE, TALBOTT, TENN., AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE 263RD MAINTENANCE CO. BASED AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS

DEAR SGT. WOLFE: On behalf of my readers who once again participated so generously in Operation Dear Abby — now in its 14th year — thank you for writing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Although the worldwide mailing addresses for the program have expired for this year, the Bosnian addresses are valid year-round.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm currently stationed in Korea. Being far from home is really depressing, and

"Operation Dear Abby" is a boost in morale for troops separated from friends and family. I have seen firsthand the effect it has. I know a few soldiers who rarely get mail from the states except for bills, and those letters were a really big deal to them.

Thank you, Abby, and thanks to everyone who took the time to give someone else a lift on a normally depressing day.

If you could please ask your readers to take a moment to remember five fellow soldiers who

died on Oct. 31, 1998, here in Korea, I'm sure it would mean a lot to their families and those who served with them.

SPC. KRISTOPHER D. TRULL, CAMP HARVEY, KOREA

DEAR KRISTOPHER: Thank you for your touching letter. And to the five families who lost a loved one on Oct. 31, please accept my deepest sympathy. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: On Dec. 3, my unit received a bundle of mail from your readers. Please express our thanks to everyone who sent "Any Soldier" mail overseas. The holiday season is a particularly difficult time for deployed service members. The letters made us feel appreciated and reinforced our decision to serve our nation.

CAPT. RICH DEBANY, CAMP COMANCHE, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

DEAR CAPT. DEBANY: You are most welcome. My readers and I feel privileged to support your efforts.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Hold on tightly to your hat. A decision surrounding a long-term goal or desire comes to the forefront. Communication is active, and you hear important news. One-to-one relating is important in making a decision. Use your intuition and follow through on a strong financial hunch. Tonight: Take a night off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Aim for what you want. An inevitable crossroads is reached in your career. Take a clear look at what you want in this part of your life. Gather with friends. Conversations are active; an associate has important information to share. Listen. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You could be changing gears and plans. Events might involve those at a distance, higher education or a new perspective. You will gain, ultimately, by all of these. Take an overview of what is important, to make you more efficient or effective at work and in life. Tonight: Plan on working late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Close relating, especially about money, could contain an interesting twist. You might decide to restructure your finances or an important relationship in the next few weeks. Make calls, seek out infor-

mation. You grow in new ways. Keep the big picture in mind. Tonight: Off to the movies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Deferring to others is important. Evaluate different opinions. Be more selective about who you associate with. In the coming weeks this message will become clearer. Discussions need to be one-to-one, especially about a domestic matter. Tonight: Check out an investment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Make time to call the doctor or make an important appointment. Your opinions could be changing rather quickly. Discussions are animated. Think carefully before verbalizing your irritation. Your view of an associate could radically change. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Think before you leap into action. Your impulses might not serve you. Your approach to money matters could be significantly different than others'. Stay in contact with work goals. Take an exercise break and recycle. Remember, not everything has to cost! Tonight: Pace yourself; there's a lot to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Manage a domestic matter with clarity. Consider a change. Take some time for reflection. Think about how to improve the caliber of your family life. Creativity remains your strong suit. Visualize more of what you want. Use dreams for inspiration. Tonight: Spice up your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Focus on priorities. You might not always be level-headed, but ultimately you know what works for you. Intuition serves you; use it to make headway. Don't hold back with a family member; he needs to

understand what is going on with you. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Determine what you want from others. Ask, and you find that you are unusually successful. You are eyeing a change, both financially and emotionally. You have a way of letting others know what you feel and think. Use your skills. Establish better teamwork. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might have an eye-opening experience in the coming month. The key is to know yourself and your goals. Decisions come quickly. You make money through financial dealings and work done well. Don't get caught up in minor details; step back and see the big picture. Tonight: Indulge a little.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have the opportunity to gain a different perspective. Be willing to break tradition. Take a new step, even if it is a bit difficult for you. Be a pioneer in your life. Don't get locked into what is easy. Express ideas, then find ways to make them happen. Tonight: As you like.

BORN TODAY

Former tennis player John McEnroe (1959), actor LeVar Burton (1957), actor William Katt (1955)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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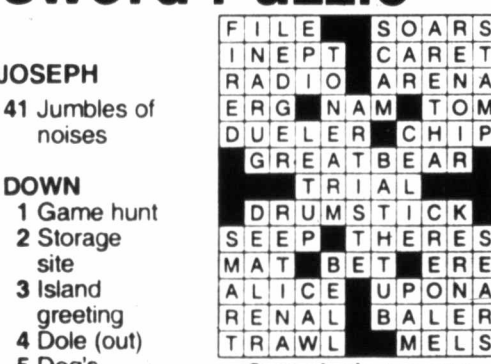
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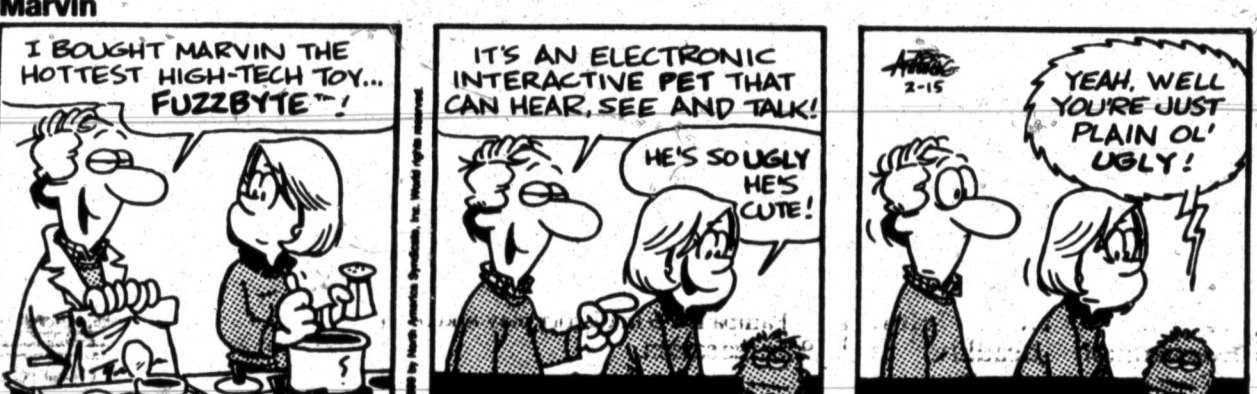
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Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

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BASKETBALL

BRISCOE — It took a Class 2A team to finally deal the Fort Elliott boys their first defeat of the season.

Class 2A Wellington won over Class A Fort Elliott 61-45 in a practice game last weekend. Both teams qualified for the playoffs.

It was the Cougars' first setback after 29 consecutive wins. Wellington improves to 23-4.

George Shrubs had 17 points and Jason Wischkaemper 16 to pace Wellington in scoring.

Fort Elliott trailed by only two (23-21) at halftime, but fell behind by 18 (47-29) going into the fourth quarter.

Curt Smith and Nathan Hefley had 17 and 16 points, respectively, to lead the Cougars.

Fort Elliott breezed through District 5-1A play this season, posting an 8-0 record. Allison at 6-2 is the district's No. 2 seed.

SWIMMING

AMARILLO — The Amarillo YMCA will offer an American Red Cross life-guard certification class February 19-21 and 27th to be held at the downtown YMCA, 816 S. Van Buren, the class includes first-aid training and CPR for the professional rescuer.

Class hours will be 5:30 to 10 P.M. Friday 19; 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday, February 20; hours on Sunday, February 21, to be determined in class, and 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. February 27, said Tim Glass, YMCA aquatics director.

The fee is \$85, which includes the course manual, and may be sent to the Amarillo YMCA, attn. Tim Glass, 816 S. Van Buren, Amarillo, TX, 79101. Registration deadline is Thursday, February 18.

Participants must be at least 15 years old. For more information, call the Y at (806) 374-4651.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oscar De La Hoya had knocked down Ike Quartey in the sixth round and his fans were in a frenzy when, suddenly, De La Hoya was dropped by left hook.

"I thought, 'Hey I'm going to get right back up and stay in the fight,'" De La Hoya said. "I'm no quitter."

"He showed tremendous heart," said Gil Clancy, De La Hoya's co-trainer. "That's what won it for him."

The WBC welterweight champion won the last three rounds on all three official cards, knocking down Quartey and almost stopping him in the 12th round, to retain the 147-pound title on a split decision Saturday night in the Thomas & Mack Center.

"I thought I won this fight," said the 29-year-old Quartey, who lost for first time. "I did everything, he did nothing. He came to survive. That's all he did."

One judge, Larry O'Connell of Britain, scored it 115-114 for Quartey (34-1-1, 29 knockouts), John Keane of England scored it 115-113 and Ken Morita of Japan scored it 115-112 for De La Hoya (30-0, 24 knockouts).

The AP scored it 116-111 for De La Hoya.

The fight will be rebroadcast on HBO at 9:30 p.m. EST Saturday.

"I was throwing all the punches in the first nine rounds," said Quartey, a former WBA champion who was stripped of that title.

It appeared, however, that De La Hoya had the best of several close rounds simply because he was busier.

Asked if he thought he was in trouble after 11 rounds, the 26-year-old De La Hoya said, "Truly, I thought I was in total control. I never thought I had to come back dramatically."

Young puts on a show against Jayhawks

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Texas Tech may have discovered a rare basketball secret.

Need to get your team and crowd fired up against somebody you've never beaten? Just get the officials to throw one of your cheerleaders out of the building.

On Saturday when security gave the heave-ho to one of Texas Tech's male cheerleaders, the crowd turned ugly and the Red Raiders — especially Rayford Young — became unstoppable.

Young scored 41 points as the Red Raiders put up 60 in the second half to erase a double-digit deficit and beat the Jayhawks 90-84.

The 24th-ranked Jayhawks, who had never lost to Texas Tech in 10 previous meetings, seemed comfortably ahead when game officials asked security to remove the guy.

What the young man did that

was so offensive was not explained. But when he got the heave-ho, the crowd of nearly 8,000 went bonkers and the Red Raiders kicked it in.

Young scored 15 straight points in a 17-4 run that pulled Tech within 67-65 with 5:28 left.

But Young wasn't through. In an amazing display of shooting, the Texas Tech guard scored 32 points in the last 9 minutes and finished with more than anybody else in the Big 12 had scored all year, eclipsing the 31 scored earlier by Iowa State's Marcus Fizer and Oklahoma State's Desmond Mason.

"I didn't know what happened at first," Young said after the cheerleader was asked to leave. "I just noticed the crowd get into it. I asked the ref what happened and he told me, 'This guy gets in free and he can't talk to me like that.'"

"Then I heard people yelling 'Crybaby refs,' and really getting

into it. Anytime we can get the crowd going, especially since we have a young team with only one senior, it motivates us."

Young is a Pampa junior.

While becoming No. 7 on the all-time scoring list by a Kansas opponent, Young hit an eye-popping 18-of-18 from the line.

"Who does that?" asked Kansas guard Ryan Robertson. "I don't know. I've never seen it."

Texas Tech (12-13, 4-8 Big 12) trailed 36-30 at the half, but the Red Raiders made 7 of 11 3-pointers and 27 of 29 free throws in their 60-point second half. Young was 5-of-7 from outside the 3-point line.

Jeff Boschee, Ryan Robertson and Nick Bradford each scored 16 points to lead Kansas (16-8, 8-4), and Eric Chenoweth added 14 points. Boschee kept the Jayhawks in the game with three consecutive 3-pointers, the last one pulling Kansas to within 86-

84 with 22 seconds remaining.

"We hit huge free throws down the stretch," Tech coach James Dickey said. "Rayford Young is as good as any point guard in the league, and he demonstrated that today. He put us on his shoulders, and he carried us. We did a good job of recognizing he was hot and getting him the basketball."

It was the second time in four days Kansas had blown a double-digit second-half lead. On Wednesday night, Nebraska dug itself out of an 11-point hole to win in Allen Fieldhouse for the first time in 16 years.

Kansas St. 77, Baylor 68

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — A thing of beauty, it was not.

It was downright ugly, some might say.

But Kansas State coach Tom Asbury can also say it was a win. Despite a record number of

fouls and free throws, Kansas State finally prevailed over Baylor 77-68 Saturday night, keeping the Bears winless in 12 Big 12 games.

"Aesthetically, that was not one they will put in the archives," Asbury said. "But there are conference games like that. Sometimes they foil down to grinding through and getting it done, knocking down some foul shots."

The teams combined to commit 51 fouls and shoot 75 free throws. Kansas State made 39 of 51 free throws, team records for attempts and free throws made at Bramlage Coliseum, which opened in 1988. Baylor's 31 personal fouls tied a Kansas State opponent record.

The Wildcats managed only 38 points from the field but outscored the Bears 39-17 from the line.

"The foul line situation killed us," Baylor coach Harry Miller said.

PHS girls blank PD

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters got goals from Annette Botello, Jessica Burns and Melea Joutett in a 3-0 District 3-4A win over Palo Duro on Saturday at Harvester Stadium.

Jessica Maddox was credited with an assist and goalie Samantha Ford had a save.

Pampa is 3-2 in district play and tied with Canyon for first place. For the season, the Lady Harvesters are 5-6.

"We had a couple of off-games, so it was time for us to get back to playing right," said Pampa coach Lori Patulea.

In the boys' match, Pampa lost to Palo Duro in a shootout, 4-3.

Jason Hall scored two goals from Pampa while teammate Kyle Weller added one during regulation. PD outscored the Harvesters 5-4 in a shootout.

Pampa is 4-3 in district play and 3-9 for the season.

The Pampa boys' junior varsity team is having a winning season.

Their first was against Tascosa on Jan. 5 with goals by John Schlewitz and Shaun Davis. Goalie was Ryan Chambers.

On Feb. 8 in a home match against Caprock, Kevin Hopson scored three times in the second half to tie the match, and in a shootout scored again along with Shaun Davis. Goalie Ryan Chambers had five saves in the shootout, giving Pampa a 5-3 win.

In a home match against Palo Duro on Feb. 13, Pampa won 3-0 with goals by Davis, Hopson and Chambers.

The next junior varsity match will be held with Caprock in Amarillo on Feb. 20.

Their only loss was against Class 5A Amarillo High early in the season. Other team members include Sean Pope, Don Shuck, Jacob Lewis, Michael Cochran, Ryan Bradley, Sepp Haukebo and Jared Etheredge.



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's Jessica Maddox sets up for a shot against Palo Duro.

Top 3 the same in women's poll

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**
AP Sports Writer

Tennessee, Purdue and Louisiana Tech remained the top three teams today in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which underwent considerable shuffling through the rest of the list.

Eleven teams from the Top 25 lost during the past week, but seven were beaten by other ranked teams and no one dropped from the poll.

Tennessee received 40 of 41 first-place votes to hold the No. 1 spot for the sixth consecutive week.

The Lady Vols (23-1) had 1,024 points from a national media panel after surviving a tough game with Auburn. Tennessee overcame 33 percent shooting in the second half to beat the Tigers 71-63 at Auburn.

Purdue (23-1), which had 981 points, also had a close call, beating Penn State 76-74 in overtime on the road before routing Ohio State at home. Louisiana Tech (20-2) beat a Top 25 team, Florida International, on the road and received 947 points.

Colorado State (26-1) moved

up one spot to fourth and was followed by Old Dominion, Connecticut, Rutgers, Duke, Notre Dame and Virginia Tech, which made the Top 10 for the first time.

Old Dominion jumped three places to its highest ranking of the season after beating Connecticut, which dropped two spots.

Rutgers climbed two places following a victory over Notre Dame, which went from sixth to ninth.

The No. 7 ranking was the highest for Rutgers since it was sixth the week of Jan. 14, 1991.

Duke fell one spot to eighth after its first Atlantic Coast Conference loss, 80-75 at Clemson.

Texas Tech climbed two places to 11th, North Carolina was 12th, UCLA 13th and Clemson and Georgia were tied for 14th. Georgia fell four places after losing to unranked Vanderbilt.

Penn State was 16th, followed by Virginia, Oregon, Iowa State and UC Santa Barbara. Kansas, Auburn, Florida International, LSU and Alabama held the five final spots.

Auburn also lost to Alabama

last week and fell five places for the biggest drop in the poll. Clemson's move from 19th to 14th and Oregon's from 23rd to 18th were the biggest jumps.

Clemson beat Georgia Tech by 28 before knocking off Duke, while Oregon defeated Washington State and Washington to pull into a first-place tie with UCLA in the Pac-10.

A loss at unranked Kansas State sent Iowa State from 16th to 19th.

The Cyclones rebounded to make a school-record 16 3-pointers in a victory over Colorado at home.

LSU beat Texas-Pan American and South Carolina, but a 25-point loss to unranked Arkansas dropped the Lady Tigers from 20th to 23rd.



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Pampa girls ready for softball season

PAMPA — The Pampa High girls softball team gets the season under way this week with a pair of games on the road.

The Lady Harvesters go against Randall on Tuesday and Canyon on Saturday.

Their first home game is Feb. 25 against Dumas at Optimist Park.

"I've very pleased with the way the team is looking," said head coach Jamie Greene. "We had our first real workout Thursday when the basketball players came out. Everything went so smooth. We're going to have a real fast team."

For the first time ever, the UIL will crown a state champion in girls' softball.

Last year, the UIL recognized girls' softball only as a club sport and the Lady Harvesters posted an outstanding 20-7 record in its first season.

Pampa has eight returning starters from that squad, including Kimberly Clark, Lesley Clark, Lisa Dwight, Lisa

Kirkpatrick, Cassie Scott, Molly Seabourn, Kristi Walling and Kelsey Yowell.

Since several schools chose to keep softball a club sport for at least another year, Pampa's district has expanded to include teams which are outside the district in other sports. District 3-4A schools Palo Duro and Caprock chose to keep its club status for another year, but Canyon, Frenship and Randall were accepted into the district to make the district a seven-team league.

This is Greene's first year as head coach. She served as an assistant to Rod Porter a year ago. Greene will be assisted by head volleyball coach Carmen Pennick.

"I'm very excited about having coach Pennick helping me because of the success she had in volleyball," Greene added.

Games start at 4:30 p.m. weekdays at Optimist Park. Saturday games will start at 1 p.m.

Spurs win over Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Steve Kerr posed a tough question to his biggest fan — his oldest son Nicholas — on seeing him for the first time in three weeks.

"My son was a diehard Bulls fan. I asked him the other night who he was going to root for," said Kerr, now wearing the uniform of the San Antonio Spurs.

"He said, 'Well, I don't know, that's a hard question.' I said, 'What about the Bulls?' And he said, 'No, they keep losing.'"

"What about the Spurs?" He said, "The Spurs are losing, too." He's a frontrunner," Kerr said with a laugh.

Kerr's return was indeed a happy one Sunday. He got to embrace his family after three weeks of living in hotels. And he

got his third championship ring, accompanied by a warm ovation from a crowd that won't forget his contributions to three straight championships.

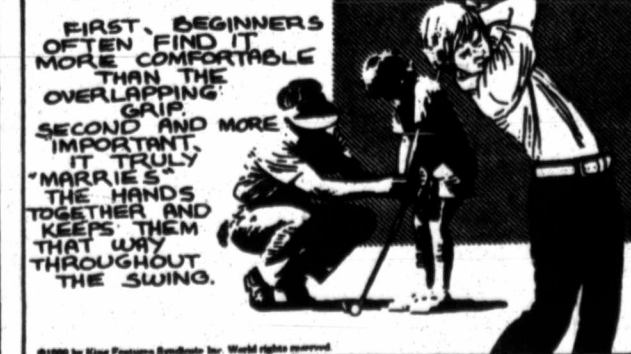
Then, he played a big role in leading the Spurs past what is left of his former team, 89-76.

Returning to the United Center certainly helped his shot. He hit back-to-back 3's in the fourth quarter to open up a seven-point lead — the second one coming right in front of the Bulls bench.

Kerr's adjustment has been a tough one, both socially — his family has yet to join him in San Antonio — and in the Spurs' offense that centers on David Robinson and Tim Duncan. And he was also suffering from a severe chest cold that left wheezing when he wasn't in the game.

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BASEBALL
Free Agent Signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 110 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (7) — Signed Mo Vaughn, 1b, Boston, to a \$16 million, four-year contract; re-signed Jack McDowell, rhp, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; re-signed Randy Velarde, 2b, to a \$800,000, one-year contract; re-signed Craig Shipley, ss, to a minor league contract (\$400,000); signed Tim Belcher, rhp, Kansas City, to a \$10.2 million, two-year contract; signed Andy Stankiewicz, ss, Arizona, to a minor league contract (\$280,000); signed Mike Magnante, lhp, Houston, to a \$600,000, one-year contract.

BALTIMORE (9) — Signed Mike Timlin, rhp, Seattle, to a \$16 million, four-year contract; signed Albert Belle, of, Chicago White Sox, to a \$65 million, five-year contract; signed Delino DeShields, 2b, St. Louis, to a \$12.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed B.J. Surhoff, of, to a \$14 million, three-year contract; signed Will Clark, 1b, Texas, to a \$11 million, two-year contract; signed Rich Amaral, of, Seattle, to a \$1 million, two-year contract; signed Ricky Bones, rhp, Kansas City, to a \$800,000, one-year contract; signed Heathcliff Slocumb, rhp, Seattle, to a \$1.1 million, one-year contract; signed Mike Fetters, rhp, Anaheim, to a minor league contract (\$750,000).

BOSTON (3) — Signed Jose Offerman, ss, Kansas City, to a \$26 million, four-year contract; signed Mark Portugal, rhp, Philadelphia, to a \$3 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Guthrie, lhp, Los Angeles, to a \$3.2 million, two-year contract.

CHICAGO (1) — Signed Darrin Jackson, of, Milwaukee, to a minor league contract (\$400,000).

CLEVELAND (3) — Signed Roberto Alomar, 2b, Baltimore, to a \$32 million, four-year contract; re-signed Mark Whiten, of, to a \$450,000, one-year contract; signed Wilfredo Cordero, of, Chicago White Sox, to a \$500,000, one-year contract.

DETROIT (3) — Signed Dean Palmer, 3b, Kansas City, to a \$36 million, five-year contract; signed Bill Haselman, c, Texas, to a \$1.75 million, two-year contract; signed Gregg Jefferies, of, Anaheim, to a \$4.875 million, two-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (5) — Re-signed Jeff Montgomery, rhp, to a \$2.5 million, one-year contract; signed Rey Sanchez, ss, San Francisco, to a \$1.1 million, one-year contract; signed Chad Kreuter, c, Anaheim, to a \$725,000, one-year contract; re-signed Scott Leis, 3b, to a minor league contract (\$250,000); signed Pete Smith, rhp, Baltimore, to a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA (1) — Re-signed Terry Steinbach, of, to a \$800,000, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Scott Brosius, 3b, to a \$15.75 million, three-year contract; re-signed David Cone, rhp, to a \$8 million, one-year contract; re-signed Bernie Williams, of, to a \$87.5 million, seven-year contract.

OAKLAND (4) — Signed Tony Phillips, of, New York Mets, to a \$700,000, one-year contract; re-signed Mike MacFarlane, c, to a \$600,000, one-year contract; signed Doug Jones, rhp, Cleveland, to a \$400,000, one-year contract; signed Tim Lincecum, of, New York Yankees, to a \$600,000, one-year contract.

SEATTLE (4) — Signed Jose Mesa, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$6.45 million, two-year contract; signed Tom Lampkin, c, St. Louis, to a \$1.55 million, two-year contract; signed Butch Henry, lhp, Boston, to a \$750,000, one-year contract; re-signed Bill Swift, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$650,000).

TAMPA BAY (4) — Signed Jose Canseco, of, Toronto, to a \$3 million, one-year contract; signed Bobby Witt, rhp, St. Louis, to a minor league contract (\$350,000); signed Norm Charlton, lhp, Atlanta, to a minor league contract (\$300,000); signed Jose Oliver, c, Seattle, to a minor league contract (\$350,000).

TEXAS (6) — Re-signed Royce Clayton, ss, to an \$18 million, four-year contract; signed Rafael Palmeiro, 1b, Baltimore, to a \$45 million, five-year contract; signed Mark Clark, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a \$9.3 million, two-year contract; signed Mike Munoz, lhp, Colorado, to a minor league contract (\$450,000); signed John Marzano, c, Seattle, to a minor league contract (\$400,000); signed Mike Morgan, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract.

TORONTO (3) — Signed Geronimo Berroa, of, Detroit, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); re-signed Dave Stieb, rhp, to a minor league contract (\$400,000); signed Joey Cora, 2b, Cleveland, to a \$500,000, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (7) — Signed Greg Swindell, lhp, Boston, to a \$5.7 million, three-year contract; signed Greg Colbrunn, 1b, Atlanta, to a \$1.8 million, two-year contract; signed Todd Stottlemyre, rhp, to a \$32 million, four-year contract; signed Armando Reynoso, rhp, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Randy Johnson, lhp, Houston, to a \$2.4 million, four-year contract; signed Steve Finley, of, San Diego, to a \$2.15 million, five-year contract; signed Frank Guillen, of, Detroit, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Brian Jordan, of, St. Louis, to a \$40 million, five-year contract; signed Otis Nixon, of, Minnesota, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ozzie Guillen, ss, to a \$1 million, two-year contract.

CHICAGO (4) — Re-signed Henry Rodriguez, of, to an \$8.9 million, two-year contract; re-signed Gary Gaetti, 3b, to a \$2 million, one-year contract; re-signed Glenallen Hill, of, to a \$1.15 million, one-year contract; signed Benito Santiago, c, Toronto, to a \$2 million, one-year contract.

CINCINNATI (4) — Signed Steve Avery, lhp, Boston, to a \$1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Lewis, 3b, Philadelphia, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; signed Hal Morris, 1b, Kansas City, to a \$400,000, one-year contract; signed Jeff Branson, 3b, Cleveland, to a minor league contract (\$325,000).

COLORADO (3) — Signed Lenny Harris, of, New York Mets, to a \$2.2 million, two-year contract; signed Brian Bohanon, lhp, Los Angeles, to a \$9 million, three-year contract; re-signed Kirt Manwaring, c, to a \$950,000, one-year contract.

HOUSTON (3) — Signed Ken Caminiti, 3b, San Diego, to a \$9.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Tim Lincecum, of, to a \$1.1 million, two-year contract; signed Xavier Hernandez, rhp, to a \$250,000, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (5) — Signed Devon White, of, Arizona, to a \$12.4 million, three-year contract; signed Alan Miller, rhp, Baltimore, to a \$6.5 million, three-year contract; signed Kevin Brown, rhp, San Diego, to a \$105 million, seven-year contract; signed Greg Cadaret, lhp, Texas, to a \$375,000, one-year contract; signed Chris Haney, lhp, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract (\$775,000).

MILWAUKEE (2) — Signed Sean Barry, 3b, Houston, to a \$3.6 million, two-year contract; signed Jim Abbott, lhp, Chicago White Sox, to a \$600,000, one-year contract.

MONTREAL (1) — Signed Orlando Merced, of, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Dennis Cook, lhp, to a \$6.8 million, three-year contract; signed Robin Ventura, 3b, to a \$32 million, four-year contract; signed Rickey Henderson, of, Oakland, to a \$2.3 million, one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Signed Jim Poole, lhp, Cleveland, to a \$500,000, one-year contract; signed Tom Prince, c, Los Angeles, to a \$600,000, two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (3) — Signed Mike Benjamin, 2b, Boston, to a \$1.4 million, two-year contract; signed Ed Sprague, 3b, Oakland, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; signed Pete Schourek, lhp, Boston, to a \$4 million, two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (5) — Signed Eric Davis, of, Baltimore, to an \$8 million, two-year contract; signed Scott Radinsky, lhp, Los Angeles, to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Willie McGee, of, to a \$1 million, one-year contract; re-signed Pat Kelly, 2b, to a minor league contract (\$550,000); signed Carlos Baerga, 2b, New York Mets, to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (5) — Re-signed John Vander Wal, of, to a \$1.75 million, two-year contract; re-signed Carlos Hernandez, c, to a \$6.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Mark Langston, lhp, to a minor league contract (\$750,000); signed Shane Mack, of, Kansas City, to a minor league contract (\$500,000); signed Dave Magadan, 3b, Oakland, to a \$675,000, one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (4) — Re-signed Mark Gardner, rhp, to a \$5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Ellis Burks, of, to a \$10 million, two-year contract; signed Trevor Wilson, lhp, Anaheim, to a \$350,000, one-year contract; signed Scott Servais, c, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract (\$500,000).

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Cincinnati 8 4,667 21 4,640
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Lamar 9 5,643 14 8,636
NE Louisiana 9 6,600 10 13,435
McNeese St. 8 7,533 9 14,391
Northwestern St. 8 8,429 9 13,409
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