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#### No ticket matches drawing

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice weekly Lotto Texas game. state lottery officials said

The ticket was worth an estimated \$27 million

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were 3 13 14 to 31 48

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- Bill Chilton, 70, self employed electrician · Lou Dilbeck, 58, heensed beautician
- jewel Lawson, 85, home maker
- · Kermit B. Lawson, 88, retired Cabot Corp. chemist.
- Lucille Murrill, 63, services pending.
- · John Graham Reeves, 85,
- services pending • Ivan Ray Stone, 66, retired
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- · Tristan Tyler Wall, 3month-old son of Johnathan R. and Angela Dawn Laminack

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# Election, Elian top stories of 2000

By MARK EVANS **Associated Press Writer** 

America's protracted election, the tug of-war over Flian Gonzalez and the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole ranked as the top news stories of 2000, according to The Associated Press annual survey of its

nail-biting triumph in Florida in an extra ordinary presidential race resolved by the nation's highest court five weeks after Election Day. The story received a first place ranking from 281 of the 312 AP newspaper and broadcast members who took part in the news cooperative's sur-

AP members also turned to Florida for the No. 2 story: The bitter custody battle with political overtones that centered on whether young Flian Gonzalez, rescued - Tiger Woods' three Grand Slam wins from the sea while fleeing Cuba with his mother, should stay with relatives in Miami or be returned to his tather

Following in the rankings were the attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors, soaring oil prices that sent prices impeachment trial

at the pump sharply upward, and the recall of more than 6 million Firestone - ranked by AP members

Fitty overseas subscribers, in a separate poll, also chose the U.S. presidential bat tle as the top story. But they ranked the No. I was no contest. George W. Bush's ouster of Yugoslavia's Slobodan year old boy from his Mianni relative Milosevic second, followed by Israeli Palestinian violence. Next were the Aug. 12 disaster aboard the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and the historic sum mit between leaders of the two Koreas

U.S. editors ranked Milosevic's toppling No. 9, the Middle Fast conflict No. 11, and the Russian sub-tragedy No. 12 They did not place the Koreas summit among the top 20 stories - ranking it - worldwide outery over higher fuel co-

This was the 65th year that the AP polled its members. A first place votegave a story 10 points, a second place vote nine points, and so on. The top story last year was President Clinton's

Here are the top 10 stories of 2000 a

1) The presidential election: George AP subscribers outside the United W Bush emerged the winner in an over-States offered a different take on the time election that took imprecedented. legal and political twists

> 2) Tug-of-war over Hian Gonzalez. After months of political and legal wrangling, armed tederal agents served the o and he was us imately returned him for his father in Cuba

> 3) USS Cole attack: Seventeen 1 5 sailors died Oct. 12 when explosive transported in a small boat upped open the hull of the 505 foot destroyer

4) Oil prices: Crude all prices sourced a OPIC curtailed production, leading to lower than the 2000 Olympic Games and and prompting the United States to disinto its strategic reserves

5) Firestone's troubles: The tire maker recalled more than 6 million tires after complaints of tread reparation blowouts and other problems that led to accidents. The federal government has the virdict, it upheld, could bankrupt the linked 148 deaths and hundreds or

6) Microsoft breakup: A federal judge ordered Microsoft Corp. to split up in an antitrust case that, it upheld, could result in the largest government-ordered to fructuring since AI&I's breakup in

7) Genetic code mapped: New medical troutiers opened when scientists amnounced that they had virtually deciplie ed the human genetic code

8) The Year 2000: The new year arrived mostly glitch-free, with millennium celebrations drowning out doomsday predictrous of Y2k computer problems

9) Milosevic toppled: Following a dis pated election, the B year rule of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic ended abruptly when thousands of peoof stormed parliament and forced him and power to rival Vojislav

10) Iobacco verdict: A jury ordered the tobacco industry to pay a record \$145 bil. hos in punitive damages to sick Horida smokers, tobacco lawyers warned that

## 'Real' millennium welcomed heartily throughout nation

NEW YORK (AP) Welcome to the REAL third millennium Mathematical purists who opted out of champagne for last New Year's Eve were happy Sunday to enjoy the first day of 2001, while revelers across the nation gleefully celebrated the millennium for a

"It's a real sense of occasion," explained Noel Whittaker, 28, who flew to New York City from London to participate in the annual rit

It's the energy of the people and watching the crowd get excited The amount of time and energy that obviously goes into this for just one night makes it really special, the said.

The electric mood was heightened by the presence of boxing leg end Muhammad Ali, who joined New York City Mayor Rudolph Cauliani in pressing the button that started a crystal covered ball's descent, signaling the end of 2000 and the start of 2001.

You've gotta do this once in your life." said Fric Robertson, visit ing from Ottawa. This is unreal. This isn't really happening

(See RIAL, Lage.)

## ApTech classes ...



ApTech students at Clarendon College Pampa Center Barry Bowman, left, and Tobee Bowman are working on the introductory machinist course. Some scholarships still romain for the year long ApToch course which trains students to enter the job market as certified machinists. Scholarships of \$500 are available to CC PC students taking a minimum of 12 hours this spring semester with a grade point average of 2.5. Applications are available at the M.K. Brown Academic Center at 1601-W. Kentucky. The deadline to apply

#### Commission meets Tuesday Gray County Commissioners will consider adjustments in the dis

trict attorney's 2000 budget when they meet on Tuesday, Jan. . Other items to be considered will be new bonds for elected offi cials and deputies juror tees for 2001, district clerk's request to replace employee, wrecker service rotation, letter of intent with Texas Tech Health Science regarding autopsy services and member ship in National Association of Counties

Payment of bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor. will also be discussed.

The meeting is at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Gray County Courtroom.

## Robbery probed for link to seven Texas escapees

DALLAS (AP) A Sunday morning robbery many being examined statewide

Authorities are searching for connections to the truck group accused of robbing an Oshman's sporting goods store in Irving on Christmas Eve. said-Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd

"I would be almost certain that any robbery - capture for almost three weeks that takes place now is going to be looked at to Young, vice president of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said in Sunday's editions of The said Dallas Morning News

Sunday morning, a tireworks stand on unin in South Dallas County could be linked to the corporated land near Hutchins was robbed by seven prison escapees accused of killing an three men. Iwo employees sleeping inside were Irving police officer, although the heist is one of - field up but not injured. The robbers got away with money, a pistol, tireworks and a pickup

Law enforcement officials working at a command center in Garland are fielding tips on the whereabouts of the seven escaped convicts as the search continues for the men who have evaded

We're getting more calls and they're getting see if it can be linked to these guys," Carole - more specific with information." Irooper Robert White with the state Department of Public Safety

(See ROBBERY, Page 2)

## Y2K leftovers ...

HTPASCE Toward All Iteratives Comouths, but Ron Williams has nist about depleted for apply of food, medicine and other goods tocked in preparation for the Y'K computer chaos that never came. Still the inditars surplar store owner who advised his customers to stock up on stappes has no agreets.

We bought toilet paper by the case. Williams said. You don't

stop eating. You don't stop saying to the bathroom Thousands of people teared that the Y2K computer buy - glitch escaused by computer reading 00° as 1900 instead of 2000. would wreak havoc leaving office powerless and in chaos

So they hourded the basics such as water baby formula and bat teries, or prepared for the overst, buying electric generators, heaters

and sleeping bags Now some people are still stock with the lettovers

April and Tommy Brown of Nevada, Texas, 30 miles northeast of Dallas, bought a dozen gallons of drinking water, fuel for camping stoves and several cases of canned foods

The water is gone but they re-still working their way through the pork and beans, green beans and corn. April Brown said

(See Y2K, Page 2)

#### **Obituaries**

#### **BILL CHILTON**

Bill Chilton, 70, of Pampa, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in

Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Chilton was born July 18, 1930, at Clarendon, where he was reared on a ranch and was active in rodeo. He married Robbie Messinger on May 29, 1970, at Greenbelt Lake. He had been a Pampa resident

since 1981, moving from Amarillo. He was a self-employed electrician and was an avid hunter and sportsman.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Pampa Rifle Club and Pampa Amateur Radio Club. His call letters were W5EEF.

Survivors include his wife, Robbie, of the home; four sons, Charles Patrick Chilton of Oklahoma City, Okla., Michael Alfred Chilton of Purcell, Okla., Jesse Steven Chilton of Pampa and James Lynn Chilton of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Jeanine Russell of Dallas; two sisters. Shirley Hargrove of Pampa and Opal Yount of Oklahoma City, 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Renovation Fund, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065

LOU DILBECK TUBBOCK Lou Dilbeck, "Momma Lou," 58, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Redbud Baptist Church with Pampa. De Ainsworth officiating Burial will be at 4 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home

Mrs. Dilbeck was born at Lubbock and married Ray Dilbeck in 1959 at McLean. She was a licensed beautician, a Mary Kay Consultant and a Nutrition for Life representative

She was a member of Redbud Baptist Church and Caprock China Club

Survivors include two daughters, Rebecca Lindsay and Katherine Dilbeck, both of Lubbock; two sons, Kenneth Dilbeck and Jeffrey Dilbeck, both of Lubbock, a sister, Lynn Taylor Starkweather of Amarillo, three prothers, Dan Taylor and Don Taylor, both of McLean, and Joe B. Taylor of Hereford; two grandchildren; and a great grandchild

Visitation will be from 2.4 p.m. today at the tuneral home

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association or to a favorite charity JEWEL LAWSON

MIAMI Jewel Lawson, 85, died Tuesday, od ending at 7 a.m. today Dec. 26, 2000, at Amarillo. Services were Saturday in First Baptist Church with George Lundberg, minister of Miami Church of Christ, arrested by the DPS on two warrants/speeding, officiating. Burial was in Miami Cemetery no valid inspection sticker under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lawson was born Oct. 4, 1915, at Aubrey. The intoxication Texas. She married Jesse Lawson on March 23, 1934, at Denton; he died in 1973.

A Miami resident for 65 years, she was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami and was a longtime Roberts County employee.

Survivors include three daughters, Patsy Minick of Canadian, Rita Wilson of Canton, Okla., and Belva Greenhouse of Earth; three sisters, Fave Nix and Helen Allison, both of Denton, and Ophelia Sons of Aubrey, seven grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite

#### KERMIT B. LAWSON

Kermit B. Lawson, 88 of Pampa, died Monday Jan 1 2001, at Amarillo Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mr. Lawson was born Sept. 28, 1912, at Mobeetie. He had been a l'ampa resident since. 1959. He married Josephine Lane on Dec. 3 1939 in Pampa

He was a chemist with Cabot Corporation for 25 years and was a longtime farmer in Carson

He was a member of First United Methodist - ported one to PRMC Church, Panhandle Masonic Lodge #116 AF&AM and York Rite Bodies of Borger

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Lawson. of the home, two daughters, Naomi Kay Cater of Overland Park, Kan, and Mary Jo Ann. Watkins of Plano, a sister, Vada Lee Olson of Amerilla and a grantfine M of M it Dallas

#### TUCHLE MURRILL

Tuelle Murrill, 63, of Pampa, died Sunday. Dec. 31, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

#### JOHN GRAHAM REEVES John Graham Reeves, 85, of Pampa, died

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael Whatley **Funeral Directors of Pampa** 

#### IVAN RAY STONE

SAN ANTONIO Ivan Ray Stone, 66, a for mer Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Leon. Springs First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charley Day officiating Burial will be in-Mission Burial Park North under the direction of Mission Park North Funeral Directors

Mr Stone was born in Beckham County Okla, and formerly resided in Pampa. He joined the National Guard for nine years and had been a San Antonio resident for the past 12 years. He retired from USAA in 1993 as a claims. adjuster and examiner and was active with Claims Associations of Texas

He belonged to First Baptist Church in Leon Springs, serving as a Sunday school teacher there, and was a Little League baseball coach as well. He also worked with the Can Sur Mount.

division of American Cancer Society and volunteered as Santa Claus in the USAA Christmas Cheer program.

Survivors include his wife, Lynell Stone; a daughter, Rae Lynne Stone of San Antonio; two sons, Jerry Stone of Arlington and Keith Stone of Lake Dallas; his mother, Mellie Stone of Sweetwater, Okla.; a sister, Reva Greer of Burns Flat, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at the tuneral home

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to CTRC, Grossman Cancer Center, 7979 Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78229

#### TRISTAN TYLER WALL

PADUCAH — Tristan Tyler Wall, 3-month-old infant, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at Childress. Services were Sunday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Hooper officiating Burial was in Paducah Garden of Memories under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Tristan was born at Child ess. Survivors include his parents, Johnathan R. and Angela Dawn Laminack Wall of Paducah, two sisters, Theresa Nicole Wall and Faith Dawn Wall, both of Paducah; two brothers, Wesley Niel Wall and Johnathan Andrew Wall, both of Paducah; his grandparents, Jackie and Rita Laminack of Paducah; and his great-grandpar ents, Leonard and Mary Hornbuckle of Nacogdoches, Lois Laminack of Paducah and LaVern Wall of Shamrock.

#### Services tomorrow

DILBECK, Lou "Mamma Lou" Redbud Baptist Church, Lubbock. Burial, 4 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

PATCHIN, Rosalie 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

#### Police report

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

Saturday, Dec. 30 LaJeanna Lynn Downs, 20, 1608 N. Sumner,

disorderly conduct/language, failure to appear A gas theft was reported at Allsups at 140.5

Sunday, Dec. 31

Michael R. Jones, 28, 1017 S. Wells, driving while intoxicated

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour peri-

Sunday, Dec. 31 Tobee Jefferson Bowman, 19, Rt. I, Box 54,

Monday, Jan. 1 Kelly Colleen Reynolds, 27, 404 Graham, pub-

David Edward Heuston, 43, 1013 S. Wells, driving while intoxication.

Rodney Farl Young, 33, 1032 N. Wells, arrested

by the DPS for driving while intoxicated. John Eric Allen, 32, 1016 Terry Road, driving

#### **Ambulance**

Rural/Metro reported the following calls dur ing the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Dec. 30

10 36 am A Mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of South Reed. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center

Sunday, Dec. 31

12.28 a m A Mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Prairie and transported one to

A Mobile ICU unit responded to 812 West 25th Street and transported one to A Mobile ICU unit responded to

the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and trans-11.36 a.m. A Mobile ICU unit responded to

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the 800 block of West 25th Street. One patient was 1 15 pm A Mobile ICI must be pointed to

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the 1300 block of Duncan and transported one to A Mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. No one was

#### Fires

transported

The Pampa kire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at am today

#### Saturday, Dec. 30

8 28 p.m. - Six units and 18 personnel responded to 641 N. Wells. Upon arrival heavy smoke was coming from the caves. The house became fully involved in flames and was a total loss. The fire is under investigation.

#### Sunday, Dec. 31

11:40 a.m. One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of

9.55 p.m. Two units and seven personnel responded to a smoke scare in the 1900 block of

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#### 'REAL'

But it was happening, from Massachusetts to Los Angeles. Partygoers danced in downtown Denver, gambled in Las Vegas and watched fireworks over the Delaware River.

In Las Vegas, some 350,000 people were estimated to have witnessed what had been dubbed the "Big Bang," the biggest fireworks display in the

Y2K safety concerns. "The atmosphere is electric," said newlywed Kim McCosker.

About \$500,000 worth of fireworks were launched at midnight from 11 hotel-casinos on the Strip. Police arrested 82 people, mostly for minor offenses, said Lt. Mark Joseph.

To Mark Markowitz, a 32-year-old New York City musician, the 58-degree weather seemed balmy. "This is not the year to be in Manhattan. This is the place to be," he said.

Not so, said many in Times Square. The place where a record throng of nearly 2 million people gathered to welcome 2000 — some said it was the new millennium — was ready for a new onslaught as city sanitation crews worked around the clock to clear the last significant vestiges of Saturday's 12-

Revelers who filed into cordoned-off areas north of 42nd Street seemed to care less about millennial debates. Indeed, less hype meant fewer people.

John Horsky, 40, of New York, attending his third Times Square celebration, said the crowds were thinner this year than last year, affording him a bet-

Pat Ingoglio, 50, also of New York, was a firsttimer. "I thought maybe if I get to see it at least once before I die I'll be happy," she said. "Besides, it's

good to spend New Year's with friends." Police estimated that 700,000 people — far less than half the number to welcome 2000 — descendnation. There were no fireworks last year due to ed on Times Square. Twenty-one people were

A 17-minute fireworks display erupted over downtown Denver as up to 140,000 people packed the 16th Street Mall. City officials hoped the party would make up for the lack a celebration to ring in the year 2000.

'Last year, nobody did anything in Denver," said Kelly McMullen, a 22-year student enjoying the explosions. "It's nice to see the city is finally taking it seriously this year."

Detroit had more to celebrate that just the dawning of the new year — 2001 marks its 300th birthday, and its major New Year's Gala incorporated the opening of a time capsule from 1901.

The year also marks the 100th birthday of Philadelphia's City Hall, the elaborate, 695-room fortress that today is home to city offices and courtrooms. The building's birthday was celebrated with treasure hunts, tours and a debate — all in the national historic landmark building.

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#### **ROBBERY**

The seven escapees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Connally Unit are wanted on capital murder arrest warrants following the Christmas Eve shooting death of Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins.

DPS troopers are manning telephones 24 hours a day at the agency's Dallas-Fort Worth area headquarters on Interstate 30.

Information will be forwarded to agencies whose personnel are working the case out in the field. Stationed at the center are DPS officials and others from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

White said two cars the convicts might be using to get around were seen in Fort Worth on Tuesday. The cars were described as a late model silver tourdoor Toyota or Honda and a late model black fourdoor Toyota or Honda with finted windows.

Authorities say the men are heavily armed. They took 16 weapons in the prison breakout and 25 weapons, winter clothing and money were taken in the Christmas Eve robbery at the Oshman's, authorities have said.

The prisoners stole a store employee's Ford

Explorer but abandoned it a short time later in Irving, police said.

Authorities are hopeful a \$100,000 reward being offered for the arrest and indictment of the seven men will entice someone who is close to the group to call with information.

We think they committed to stay together long before this escape," Todd said. "It's almost like a blood brother pact of swearing to keep together and not to do some of the things escapees will rou-

Todd said he has no idea where the seven are, but that authorities have received help from lawenforcement agencies across the state and in

We have bad excellent cooperation with the Mexican police across the border. In fact, some of the Mexican radio stations have covered this story quite heavily," he said.

White said callers who have information should immediately call a hotline number set up for the manhunt. Cellular customers should dial star-DPS and try to have specific information about location or license plate numbers.

Regular callers should use 214-861-2386 or 1-800-

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#### Y2K

We bought everything in a can. We'll use it eventually," she said.

Williams said his store, Fagle Military, in El Paso, sold more generators, packaged military meals, flashlights, solar radios and other survival gear in 1999 than in any of the previous 20 years he has ing our way through some of it," he said. been in business

Cheaper Than Dirt Inc., a Fort Worth-based mailorder camping and outdoor gear supplier, sold \$10 million worth of MREs, the ready-to-eat meals created toth soldiers, said Chief Executive Officer Michael Tenny Williams and Tenny said only a few customers

tried to return purchases when the calendar flipped over and none of the predicted anarchy took place. Tenny acknowledged that he has sold only about

\$200,000 worth of MREs this year, compared with an average of about \$350,000 annually. "That's probably because we filled a lot of the holes the year before," he said.

Jerry Gentry, a semiretired businessman who lives near Gladewater in East Yexas, started Club Y2k. The Internet business still sells survival kits with raw wheat, corn, soybeans, salt and a water filter, designed to support one person for a year.

The cost: \$350.

He admits he bought too much grain, which now sits in a Missouri warehouse. But he said the grain's quality and packaging give it at least a 10-year shelf life, meaning he may recover some of his invest-

"We're selling it to organic stores and we're eat-Known to some friends as "Mr. Y2K," Gentry

said he couldn't get his diesel generator started during a recent ice storm that knocked out his electricity. He later discovered that it worked, but the cold weather required a slight change in the starting procedure.

I told that to a few locals around here and they've all gotten a big laugh," he said.

He said the lesson reminds him that there's no shame in being prepared for disasters, natural or

Disasters are things that come on us all at inopportune times, when we least expect it," he said. On the Net:

http://y2k.gov International Y2K Cooperation Center: http://www.iv2kcc.org http://www.year2000.com

## 16-year-old arrested after family found dead

ADDY. Wash (AP) A In-year-old boy was arrested after his parents and two siblings were found dead along a rural road near this small mountain community in northeast Washington.

Investigators said the bodies were covered with snow. All tour, including the two siblings, ages 11 and 18, were believed to have been shot at their home on Dec. 23 and then taken to the nearby road in the family pickup, investigators said.

authorities after the family hadn't been seen for five days. William L. Lembcke, 16, was booked into the Stevens County Jail on Saturday for the investigation of first-degree murder,

The sheriff's office said triends and family members notified

Sheriff Craig Thayer said. A court appearance was scheduled for The boy had a juvenile record, and the family had been having

problems, Thaver said. "It does appear there was some anger and some arguments that have occurred, not just recently, but over some period of time," he

Neighbor Lyla Richardson, who called the sheriff's office on Friday to ask deputies to check on the family, said she had been

trying to call Robert Lembeke, 49, and his wife, Diana, 43, for several days after noticing one of their horses was loose. "I'd see the lights come on, I'd call, and nobody would answer the phone," she said

18. Fast winds 5 to 10 mph.

to 10 mph

It's a shock to me," said Earl Humbert, another neighbor. 'Everybody kind of keeps to themselves up here, pretty much.'

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## City **Briefs**

the content of paid advertisement

NEW YEAR'S Sale Sat. & Tues, only! 20% off selected aquarium set-ups & birds. Pet Patch, 866 W. Foster, 665-5504.

ON EAGLES Wings After Christmas Sale starts Tues., 109 N. Cuyler.

SALE- CAROUSEL Expressions Clearance Sale starts Tues., 113 N. Cuyler.

#### A surprise Weather focus winter storm dumped snow on were forecast to have a morning North Texas and rain in some fog on New Year's Day, but PAMPA - Today, areas of fog and low clouds this morning.

Partly sunny this afternoon. chilly beginning to the new Highs in the middle 30s, year, Southeast to east winds 5 to 10 mph. lonight, mostly cloudy with flurries possible. Areas of the end of the day, forecasters 18

fug developing. Lows around said. 30s. Southeast to south winds 5 range from the mid-30s to near

Many areas of West Texas other parts of the state to mark a most were expected to be sunny by the afternoon. Temperatures should range mostly from the The layer of snow and ice 30s to the 50s. Lows Monday should yield to warm skies by night should range from 12 to

A slight chance of rain, snow Mostly sunny skies were or sleet was forecast for early Tuesday, areas of 'og in the expected in much of North New Year's Day in southeast morning. Partly sunny in the Texas on New Year's Day. High. Texas. South Texas should othatternoon. Highs in the middle temperatures were predicted to erwise be mostly cloudy and breezy with high temperatures mostly in the 40s and 50s.

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# Texas news round up

#### Democrats express concern over Ashcroft's views

WASHINGTON (AP) - Not all of President-elect Bush's Cabinet choices face clear sailing for Senate confirmation, Democratic lawmakers say, aiming their fire primarily at Attorney General-designate

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called Ashcroft's confirmation prospects "hardly a done deal" and said he is "truly worried" that the conservative nominee would not enforce federal laws banning violence against abortion clinics or laws that restrict gun ownership. In fact, Schumer contended that Ashcroft would work to repeal those

"He is far and away the most troubling choice," Schumer said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "The question is will Senator Ashcroft enforce the law of the land on things that he's morally opposed to."

However, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, whose Judiciary Committee will consider Ashcroft's nomination, said he would be surprised if the Senate didn't confirm Ashcroft, the outgoing Republican senator from Missouri who has served as that state's attorney general and gover-

"He is a man of integrity. He is a man of great experience," Hatch said on ABC. "I have no doubt, as a former attorney general and hopefully as this attorney general, he will enforce the law, regardless of whether he agrees with it or not."

#### Snow falls on North Texas as 2000 comes to an end

DALLAS (AP) — A wintry storm that dumped up to 2 inches of snow in the Dallas area Sunday hampered travel and provided a chilly New Year's Eve surprise.

"I didn't think we were going to have any more snow," said being. He stands for everything that is good about this newspaper."

Courtney Williams, who was shopping in a north Dallas department store Sunday evening.

The flurries came Sunday afternoon, quickly coating the landscape and the roads. Traffic slowed considerably, and some drivers found themselves sliding in directions they had not intended.

Meanwhile, 120 American Airlines flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were canceled, the Fort Worth-based carrier said. Operations were expected to return to normal on New

By Sunday evening, the snow moved to the northeast, said Jesse Moore, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort

Road conditions worsened, however, as temperatures dipped into the low 20s.

#### Jack Tinsley, Star-Telegram vice president, announces retirement

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Jack Tinsley, who guided the Fort North Star-Telegram to two Pulitzer Prizes as executive editor in the 1980s, is retiring after four decades at the newspaper.

Tinsley, 66, served most recently as vice president for community affairs, working with the Tarrant County community in various speaking and charitable roles.

Friends and colleagues praised him as a valued leader inside and outside the newspaper.

"Jack is the only editor in the storied history of the Star-Telegram to win a Pulitzer Prize; in fact, two Pulitzer Prizes," said Wes Turner, the newspaper's president and publisher. "He also is a great human

As vice president for community affairs, Tinsley led the newspa per's United Way campaigns and Goodfellows Christmas charity. He also established the Jack B. Tinsley/Fort Worth Star-Telegran Endowed Journalism Scholarship Fund at the University of North

He is known for his annual "Fearless Forecasts," humor-filled pre dictions of the coming year, at the Rotary Club of Fort Worth. He gives similar predictions to about 30 other Rotary Clubs and civil groups around Texas.

#### **ELSEWHERE:**

FAILED ESCAPE: A 28-year-old prison inmate was returned to his cell Sunday after a failed escape from the Clements Unit nea Amarillo. The man, who suffered minor injuries when he became entangled in barbed wire about 9 a.m. Sunday, will be charged with attempted escape, Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Departmen of Criminal Justice, said. .., GUARD INVESTIGATION: Two investi gations are under way into allegations that leaders of the Texas National Guard's 49th Armored Division ignored warnings of securi ty problems in Bosnia and harassed people who pointed out the prob lems, the Salt Lake Tribune reported Sunday. The 49th Armorec Division returned in October from a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia It was the first time since the Korean War that a National Guard uni had commanded an overseas mission and the first time a Guard uni had been in charge of regular Army forces. ... TOY GUN-STANDOFF A 26-year-old man who kept police at bay in a five-hour standoff with what turned out to be a toy gun was shot and wounded Saturday night in Arlington. A police officer shot Jeremy Justin Rooney in the upper left torso but his injuries did not appear to be life-threatening

## Oklahoma's death chamber faces busiest month - eight scheduled

chamber at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary is Medlock no longer breathes. about to log its busiest month ever. But not even a record eight executions causes much stir in this even Gov. Frank Keating, a Roman Catholic, called

strongly pro-death penalty state. "Look at what those eight people did," said

Aaron Cook, 24, a Tulsa student. "I think sometimes you have to look at the victims and say, 'How else are they going to get justice?" offers Don Trolinger, a retiree from Miami in northeast Oklahoma.

"I'm a Christian and it really bothers me ... but no, I wouldn't want to do away with it completely," says JaDeanna Farris, who owns a dress shop in the small town of Alva and favors capital punishment in certain circumstances.

Texas set a record with 40 executions in 2000. Oklahoma, with one-sixth the population, ranked second with 11. This month it will tie Texas' onemonth record when it sends seven men and one woman to be put to death, according to the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Reforms that have shortened the appeals process and the fact that five of the condemned inmates have been on death row for more than 11 years have contributed to the surge.

Johnnie Cabrera, chairwoman of the Oklahoma outcry: "People really don't care," she said. "It's trial. out of sight, out of mind."

tiary on Jan. 16 when Floyd Medlock is to be put to do it with a big grin on our faces." death. Judy Busch will be there too.

The women stand on opposite sides in the death waiting on death row. penalty debate, but they share one thing: Medlock stabbed and killed their granddaughter, 7-year-old Katherine Ann Busch, in 1990.

Busch routinely makes the 120-mile trip from Oklahoma City to McAlester. Her group, the hood. Homicide Survivors Support Group, erects a display of victims' photos outside the prison gates and share their tearful stories.

Cabrera attends clemency hearings on behalf of the condemned and would prefer Medlock live out his life in prison. She plans to witness his execution, hoping to offer him solace from the front row.

"I do not condone what he did," Cabrera said. "But killing this person is not going to bring her back. It's just going to make another family in pain.

Busch said the two women haven't spoken since she confronted Cabrera during an anti-death penalty rally years ago.

It really appalls me that she fights for this person's life, that did all the horrible things he did to http://www.oag.state.ok.us Kathy," Busch said. "She died a cruel painful death, and he's going to be gently put to sleep."

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The already busy death — Busch said she won't have peace until she knows

Oklahoma is so strongly pro-death penalty that the pope's stance against it wrong.

Still, the busy January execution pace combined with a national re-examination of death penalty errors has opponents speaking out. State leaders of Catholic, Episcopal and United Methodist faiths have called for a death penalty moratorium.

Some Oklahomans say they aren't sure what side

"I wouldn't want to be the one to decide if a person was to die or not. Too many people have died who may not have committed a crime," said Barbara Jenkins, a convenience store manager in McAlester, home to the penitentiary where executions are held.

Jim Fowler has lived both sides of the death penalty debate and speaks against it.

His son, Mark Fowler, is to be the sixth inmate put to death in January. He received the death penalty for his role in the 1985 slayings of three people during a grocery store robbery.

In 1986, Jim Fowler's mother was murdered. Robert Lee Miller Jr. spent 10 years on death row for that killing, but DNA evidence exonerated him Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, sees little and he was freed. Another man is scheduled for

"We're putting ourselves on the map of being the Cabrera has a strong personal interest in one most backwards, barbaric area in the world," death row inmate, and plans to be at the peniten- Fowler said. "That's premeditated murder, and we

More than 3,700 people in the United States are

Wanda Jean Allen has been there for more than 11 years for killing her roommate outside a police station in 1988. On Jan. 11, she is scheduled to become the first woman executed in Oklahoma since state-

"Please let me live. Please let me live," Allen, 41, Begged in a whisper during a clemency hearing in December. Clemency was denied.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary Warden Gary Gibson has given the command "Let the execution begin" more than 20 times. But he has never faced a month like January and said he plans to watch his employees closely for signs of fatigue.

"It's a trying situation for everybody," he said.

On the Net:

Oklahoma Department of Corrections: http://okcntx.doc.state.ok.us

general's Oklahoma attorney

Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty: http://www.ocadp.org

## Storm aftermath

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — As the lights slow-suburban Houston who was in New York City for ly came back on in thousands of Arkansas homes, Gov. Mike Huckabee, who himself had lost residents to be patient.

About 46,000 Arkansas homes and businesses remained without electricity on New Year's Eve. At its peak, the storm had knocked out power to about 315,000 Arkansas customers.

On Sunday, the number of people in northeast Texas still without power stood at about 7,400 down from more than 23,000 customers on Friday. Texarkana has the bulk of those affected by the outage with nearly 7,000 residents.

Americans Airlines said it canceled 120 flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Sunday night due to the snow, but expected operations to return to normal on Monday.

The East was also dealing with its own holiday

A powerful snow storm dumped more than 2 feet of snow Saturday on New Jersey, closed every major airport in the New York City area for much of the day and forced Philadelphia to declare a snow emergency.

Officials at Newark International Airport on Sunday evening said planes were moving in and out without problems. Most trains were reported running with minimal delays.

Jennifer Roe, 27, a high school math teacher in age to our system."

the holidays, said she was considering renting a car and driving to Texas after a Sunday morning power after a Christmas Day ice storm, urged in which she tried to get on about a half-dozen planes as a standby passenger.

"I have a job, and people depend on me," Roe said after she heard there might not be room for her on a flight until Wednesday — the day students are scheduled to return to school in her dis-

Back in Arkansas, Huckabee told state legislators in a conference call that he believed the storm was the worst in state history. "A lot of folks are under an extreme amount of stress," he said. "Tempers are frayed and people are angry after going without electricity for a week."

Snow fell in most of the state Sunday as thousands spent a seventh day in the bitter cold without power. Many in the hardest hit parts of the state also were without running water because water plants didn't have electricity.

"The big problem is that the storm affected major electric transmission lines. It has destroyed the infrastructure of the state's distribution system," Huckabee said.

Sheila Yount, spokeswoman for Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, said workers were struggling to repair damage in remote areas. "One of our cooperatives had 2,000 poles broken by the storm," she said. "It has caused extensive dam-

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#### **EL NORTE**

The mud sucked at their shoes. Gloria lost hers in minute. the ooze, and, hurried by the others, continued on in

Jose was trembling in the chilly night air, so Carla, a young Salvadoran woman, offered him a sweater from her backpack. He accepted, then took her hand and led her through the mud

They trudged on silently. After five hours and 10 miles the guide held up a daughter was among them.

"Scatter, and get down on the ground," he com- El Norte? manded in a whisper. "If you see headlights, don't make a sound.

As the migrants' eyes adjusted, they realized they were in a coffee plantation at the edge of a road. Rain dripped off the coffee leaves. They waited, shivering. An occasional bus or tractor-trailer sped

cross. Yet just being out of the mud and waiting for a ride on paved road was reason to give thanks.

Finally, a pickup truck rolled to a stop. "That's a state judicial police commander," the smuggler said. He trotted out to the truck, pulling a large wad of headed north again, making it almost to Tuxtla cash from his pocket. After a short exchange, the truck turned around and sped away.

Another pickup truck pulled up 15 minutes later. "Let's go," the smuggler whispered. The group frantically ran toward the truck, but the driver called before shipping him back. out: "Only nine! Lie down in the back and pull the tarp over you!'

Within seconds the truck sped away, and those left behind retreated to the coffee field.

Another car pulled up; this time, the driver said only two would fit. Three — including the smuggler and the prostitute — got in. "Another truck will be here soon," the smuggler called out.

And so they waited — Jose, Gloria and two other calls it a suicide.

migrants, a reporter and a photographer. Shaking with cold and wet, their feet cut by rocks and thorns, they grew more demoralized with each passing By about 4 a.m., they realized that that nobody

was coming to get them, that their journey had ended in the coffee field in southern Mexico.

"All this way for nothing," Gloria lamented. They squatted in the mud and discussed plans. Did those who got a ride ever make it? They did, Jose heard weeks later from a neighbor whose

And what of those left behind, less than halfway to G'oria doubted she would try again. Her husband had never been enthusiastic about her leaving

the kids behind, she said, so she would go home and take care of the children But the men were already thinking about their

"There are jobs in the United States, and there They knew they still had the whole of Mexico to aren't any in Él Salvador," Jose said. "My mom is alone with her children, and I'm the oldest.

"I have to go."

EPILOGUE: After this report was written, Jose Gutierrez in southern Mexico before his smuggler ran out of money and abandoned him. Without bus fare back to the border, he turned himself in to

He is now in El Salvador, working on a construction site — and saving money for his next attempt to reach the United States, still believing he will find out what happened to his father.

Rudy Franco, the warden at the Texas prison, says he has no idea who told the family the father died of a heart attack. He says a guard found Hernandez hanging in his cell from a sheet. The death certificate



## MEDICAL

# Patients not well protected in studies at universities

By DANIEL Q. HANEY **AP Medical Editor** 

BOSTON (AP) — University rules to prevent researchers from putting their own financial interests ahead of the well-being of patients in medical studies are often weak and easy to sidestep, an analysis con-

Most medical schools have regulations that limit financial conflicts of interest by doctors who perform experiments on human volunteers. However, these vary

A report in New England Journal of Medicine reviewed the rules from the 10 medical schools that receive the most research money from the National Institutes of Health.

We were surprised that there were so results of the research. many loopholes in the guidelines," said Dr. to do that in ways that were very trou-

school physicians to conduct clinical trials, schools. or human studies designed to test the safety and effectiveness of drugs and medical equipment.

income increases if the trial turns out to be dependent children.

stock increases in value.

Only Harvard Medical School among the at San Francisco and Los Angeles. top 10 universities categorically prohibits researchers from holding stock or options in companies that may be affected by the

rederal regulations give uni- versities responsibility for managing conflicts of interest. However, these conflicts must be reported to the government if researchers get more than \$10,000 in annual pay or stock from a company or own more than 5 percent of the company.

Lo noted that three other universities Bernard Lo, who directed the review. "If we place limits on stock but allow a variety of said, 'How would someone invest who exceptions that undercut their potency. For really wanted to cash in?' we found that all instance, one university allows stock ownbut one of the universities gave them scope ership but bars researchers from trading. stock while research is going on. Another allows researchers to hold stock that they Drug companies routinely pay medical inherit. The study did not identify those

All 10 universities require researchers to disclose their financial interests in companies whose products they study, including "We have no problem with paying people stock and income from salaries, honorarifor the effort they put in," said Lo, a ums and consulting fees, at least if these researcher at University of California at San total more than \$10,000. All also require dis-Francisco. "It's a problem when their closure of financial interests of spouses and

Besides Harvard, the schools reviewed The most obvious way this can happen is were Baylor College of Medicine, Columbia when researchers are paid in company University, Johns Hopkins University, the stock or stock options rather than a set fee. University of Pennsylvania, the University If the study shows the treatment works, the of Washington, Washington University, Yale University and the University of California http://www.nejm.org

At a meeting organized by Harvard in Washington this week, leaders of the 10 schools agreed to develop tighter and more consistant guidelines, said Harvard spokesman Don L. Gibbons. But they declined to reveal the new rules before presenting them to their own schools.

A second report in the journal by S. Van McCrary and others from Baylor surveyed all 297 medical schools and research institutions that get more than \$5 million a year from the NIH or National Science Foundation. It found that 15 of the 250 that responded had no policies on conflict of

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McCrary found that 9 percent had guidelines that exceeded this federal standard. Last May, Harvard Medical School decided not to ease its tough conflict of interest

"Just as we expect elected officials and governmental appointees to be free from any appearance of bias, so should we expect academic scientists to adhere to the highest standards of intellectual integrity," Harvard medical Dean Joseph B. Martin wrote in a separate report in the journal.

In an editorial, New England Journal of Medicine editor Jeffrey M. Drazen said medical schools should adopt uniform policies on stock ownership.

On the Net: New England Journal:

## Diabetes seventh leading cause of death in U.S.

no cure, and there are 15.7 million although cases of Type II diabetes in people in the United States who children as young as 4-years-old have it. Each day approximately have been documented; 2,200 people are diagnosed with this disease. The disease is diabetes II diabetes; and it is the seventh leading cause —Are a member of a certain —School nurses are helping to iden- habits to their children. It is never of death in the United States, and racial/ethnic group, specifically tify early warning signs of diabetes. too early to set them on the course the physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to be aware Native Americans. of the warning signs.

betes: Type Foccurs when the body. States and is blamed for the high does not produce insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert. In the United States, about 14 persugar, starches and other food into cent of children age 6-11 and 12 perenergy. Type II, referred to as non-cent of adolescents age 12-17 are insulin dependent, occurs when the overweight. body does not make enough, or properly use, insulin. Type II diabetes is the most common form of the disease, accounting for 90 to 95 leading. Too often, they entertain percent of diabetes cases. The cause themselves in front of a television of diabetes is unknown, although obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

increasingly vounger children.

occurs in children who are:

—Have a family history of Type

African-Americans, Hispanics or

Obesity, a contributing factor to There are two major types of diadiabetes, is on the rise in the United number of children with diabetes.

Obesity is not only caused by poor eating habits, but also by the sedate lifestyle that children are or computer instead of engaging in some form of physical activity.

People with Type II diabetes As the U.S. population becomes often have no symptoms at the overweight, onset of the disease although the researchers expect Type II diabetes following symptoms have been to appear more frequently in attributed to people with diabetes: Increased thirst and hunger; Type II diabetes commonly increased urination; weight loss in spite of increased appetite; fatigue; —Overweight, as many as 80 nausea; vomiting; frequent infec-percent may be overweight at the tions (especially bladder, vaginal, and skin); blurred vision; breath Older than 10 years of age and odor; impotence in men; cessation

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Parents need to stress good eating According to Dr. Stanley Fisch, a of eating nutritious foods low in Harlingen pediatrician, "The Texas sugar, fat, and high in fiber. Instead Department of Health has a pro- of watching TV or playing on the gram called ANTES which allows computer, parents should also school nurses to look for early signs encourage their children to be physof diabetes much like they test ically active and play outside.

#### Not too late to get flu vaccine

Prevention, it is not too late to get a flu or February 2001 can still protect you deaths from flu-related pneumonia. against this year's flu. People at high illness, their household contacts and health care workers who have not yet flu shots in December and early 2001.

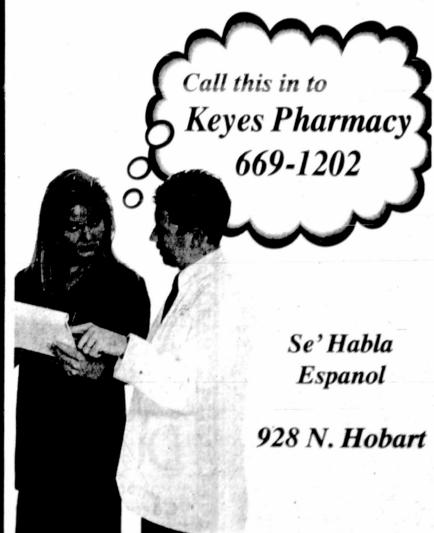
Because of this year's delays in shipment of the flu vaccine, the CDC encourages high risk individuals to older; those with chronic health conditions such as diabetes or heart disease; and nursing home residents.

Nearly 20,000 Americans die from the flu and its complications every year. In 1998, influenza and pneumonia were the seventh leading cause of death in Texas, claiming over 4,600

AUSTIN — According to the lives, according to the Texas Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health. The flu vaccine can prevent up to 70 percent of shot this season. A flu shot in January hospitalizations and 85 percent of

Medicare — the federal governrisk for complications from influenza. ment's health benefits program for people age 65 and older and certain individuals with disabilities who been vaccinated should try to get their qualify — pays for flu shots. Despite availability of flu shots, some people do not get immunized because they think the vaccine will give them the flu. Although a few people experiget their flu shots. High risk individence minor swelling or discomfort at uals include: people age 65 and the site of the shot, no one can get the flu from the flu shot. Plus, annual flu shots are important because the virus changes from year to year.

For more information about flu shots, call your local health department, doctor, Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), or 1-800-252-



## Healthbeat: Hospitals told to treat pain

By LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - When you enter a hospital, you have a right to have your pain properly treated.

That sounds so common-sense, yet millions of Americans suffer every day because pain is routinely ignored or undertreated.

But starting next week, the nation's hospitals must make a major change: New standards require that every patient's pain be measured regularly from the time they check in - just like other vital signs are measured — and proper pain relief begun or the hospitals risk losing their accreditation.

Patients should expect at least to be asked to rate how they're feeling, from zero, no pain, to 10, the worst pain imaginable. (Small children will use pictures to rate pain.) The score determines what steps the hospital must take to help.

To stress how important the changes are, the new standards actually put in writing that "patients have the right" to proper pain assessment and treatment.

Some hospitals already are handing out leaflets and posting signs in the halls telling patients about that right, so they know it's OK — nay, crucial — to complain if a doctor or nurse doesn't

Better, it's not just hospitals that must take the new steps but nursing homes and outpatient clinics accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The commission adopted the standards over a year ago, but gave facilities until January to comply.

It's "a watershed event," said Dr. Russell Portenoy, pain medicine chairman of New York's Beth Israel Medical Center. "No one has ever promised patients no pain. But what JCAHO wants to do is promise people their pain will be assessed and managed in a state-of-the-art way.'

Many centers still are scrambling to comply. Teaching health workers who aren't pain specialists how to treat can take some time — and many doctors inappropriately shun narcotics, a treatment mainstay for numerous types of pain, because they think patients will get hooked on them.

'This is not going to happen overnight," cautioned American Pain Society president-elect Christine Miaskowski, nursing chair at the University of California, San Francisco.

'Patients are going to have to demand better care," she said. "Unrelieved pain has negative effects. Just like they need an antibiotic to treat infection, they need analgesics to treat their But many patients don't know they don't have to suffer - or

that pain is more than bothersome, it actually hinders healing. So being a stoic isn't good. Revealing how much pain you're in

doesn't "bother the dectors" or distract them from treating your underlying disease, common excuses. "People think it's like an 11th commandment: 'Thou had

surgery, thou should have pain.' ... Or that if you have cancer, you must have pain," said June Dahl, a University of Wisconsin pain specialist who helped write the standards. "Pain can be relieved." How big is the problem? Cancer provides the best estimates:

About 40 percent of cancer patients have undertreated pain. One in four elderly cancer patients in nursing homes receives no treatment at all for daily pain. Last year, Oregon's medical board disciplined a doctor for treating a dying cancer patient's pain with

Look beyond hospitals and some 9 percent of Americans suffer chronic pain, ranging from back injuries to rheumatoid arthritis. Experts say four of every 10 with moderate to severe pain don't get adequate relief.

One of the biggest challenges is teaching nonspecialists that narcotic painkillers called opioids - such as morphine, codeine, fentanyl — are the mainstay for many types of pain, Portenoy says.

Many doctors hesitate to prescribe opioids, which are heavily regulated because they can be abused by addicts. But for people who have never abused drugs and have no history of psychological problems, hardly any become dependent on pain medicine, Miaskowski said.

Another complaint, heavy sedation, usually wanes in three to four days, she said.

So what's state-of-the-art treatment? For moderate to severe pain from acute illness or surgery, expect a short-acting opioid like Percocet, or morphine in a patient-controlled quick-dose pump. For cancer, expect a long-acting version of morphine or oxycodone, or a fentanyl skin patch.

For chronic pain not due to cancer, new guidelines recommend similar opioids.

Methadone is an alternative when those drugs fail. Doctors also are trying antidepressants and antiseizure drugs

like gabapentin for patients with nerve-related pain.

And relaxation and hypnosis help, too — but shouldn't replace proper medication, Miaskowski stresses.

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American Pain Society: http://www.ampainsoc.org Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations: http://www.jcaho.org



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# Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday- The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988 TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

panhandle.

Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will met at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building. PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss "East of the Mountain" by David Guterson. Visitors are welcome.

PHS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pampa High School is seeking clubs, organizations, individuals or groups interested in establishing scholarships for high school seniors. The scholarships can be for any amount. The high school will make the scholarships available to senior students at the end of February. For more information, contact Starla Kindle or Billie Lowrey at 669-4800.
WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler, will feature an extensive aroundthe-world Nativity collection by Jan Ragsdale as well as a gallery exhibit by artist John Darby, both of Pampa. A Victorian Christmas tree will also be on display and complete tours of the museum will be conducted throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays. To schedule a tour, call 669-8041. WDLM is open from 1-4 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Tree donations are accept-

CMBC BLOOD DRIVE

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be conducting its 19th Annual M\*A\*S\*H\* Blood Drive from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5 and 6, at the Texas Army National Guard, 2900 Tee Anchor Blvd., in Amarillo. The Texas Army National Guard and KGNC Radio AM/FM are sponsors of this year's event which will include episodes of M\*A\*S\*H\* along with a military-style decor. Donors will receive a specially-designed M\*A\*S\*H\* T-shirt for giving the gift of life. For more information, call CMBC at (806) 358-

HOLIDAY HEROES

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold its Holiday Heroes program Dec. 15-30 at the blood center located at 1915 Coulter Drive in Amarillo. During the program, the center will open especially for "heroes" from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15 and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16. Each participants will receive a Holiday Heroes T-Shirt. Regular hours resume Dec. 18. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by children and adults throughout the panhandle. CMBC takes appointments from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (806) 358-4563.

3D PROGRAM Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; James

McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713. YMCA DIABETICS CLASS

Amarillo YMCA is offering new water exercise classes specially-designed for diabetics. Schedule of classes are as follows: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays; 6 p.m. Tuesdays; 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesdays; 6 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$4 per class for non-members and \$3 per class with a 10-class punch pass. Y members get in free. For more information, call Cindy Gibson, fitness director, or Junior Garcia, aquatics director, at (806) 374-4651.

MISS TOP OF TEXAS AREA

The Third Annual Miss Top of Texas Area Scholarship Pageant will be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 27 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Prior to the Miss Top of Texas Pageant, a junior pageant will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 in FPC auditorium for young women between the ages of 2-17. The Miss Top of Texas competition is a preliminary to the Miss Texas Pageant to be held in July 2001 at Fort Worth. Eligibility requirements: Participants must be between the ages of 17 and 24; must be at least a senior in high school; and must currently attend or plan to attend college. The winner will receive a \$250 cash scholarship, a \$250 wardrobe allowance, official crown and the opportunity to compete in the Miss Texas Pageant. Titles for the junior pageant are: Tiny Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Young Miss. The winner will compete in the Miss Teen Texas Pageant slated in July at Fort Worth. Teens must be between the ages of 13-17. The Teen titleholder will receive a \$100 cash scholarship, official crown and her entry fee to Miss Teen Texas. For more information, call (806) 273-7168 or (806) 857-3804.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at

Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

SCIENCE SPECTRUM

Science Spectrum, a non-profit museum for science education in Lubbock, is currently offering several educational films in its Omnimax Theatre -"Michael Jordan to the Max" featuring Michael Jordan; "Mysteries of Egypt" with actors Omar Shariff and Kate Maberly; and "Gold Fever," a history of mining, taking the viewer on a voyage of abandoned mines from the Klondike to the Gold Coast of Africa. In addition, the interactive traveling exhibit "Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime" is currently at the museum. For more information, call (806) 745-2525.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

National Alliance for Excellence scholarship applications are available for the 2000-01 Lucent Global Science Scholars Program, an international competition to identify and assist future leaders in the field of communications technologies. NAE administers the national portion of the competition which is open to high school seniors who are planning careers in informa-tion technologies. Students must plan to enroll in college in the fall of 2001. For more information or to request an application, contact NAE at (732) 747-

0028 or visit www.excellence.org. on the Internet. TG WEBSITE

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at http://www.adventuresineducation.org or http://www.aie.org on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

FRESHSTART

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays, Nov. 6-14. For more information, call Cerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235.

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PAMPA'S CINEMA 4 **PATHWAYS** 

part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or tollfree at 1-800-274-4673.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC** 

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines will also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:00 p.m., Dec. 6, 20, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky; 2-4:30 p.m., Dec. 11, McLean Clinic, McLean; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 12, Allison School, Allison; 10 more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Dec. 18, Miami School, Miami (flu). ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257,

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 6 Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high and 27, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Dec. 15, First United school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; Dec. 26, about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs,

Sweetwater, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

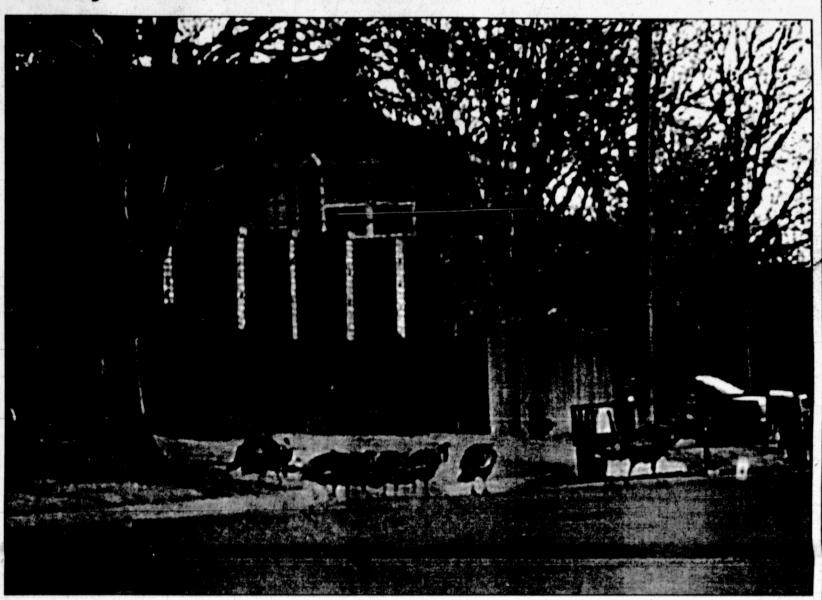
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advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM

Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock and Parkview Hospital, 901 S. contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

#### Turkey walk?



Deputy Chief Terry Young recently caught a flock of wild turkeys crossing the road at 16th and Evergreen streets as they came out of Mora Wilks Park. For the past few months, Pampa residents have been entertained by visits of this flock in residential areas all along Red Deer Creek. The birds apparently take trips to town quite often.



## **Make Days of Your Life Count** By Resolving to Live Them Well

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon with the addition of some variations of my own.

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I thought I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise - even if it's only walking around the

Horoscope

TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

3-Average, 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

\*\*\*\* Your personality wins

friends. Inspiration, stems from friends

and groups. Talks and brainstorming

only add to good ideas. Welcome differ-

ences, especially from someone you put

on a pedestal. Let this person share ideas.

You will only gain. Tonight: Your smile

\*\* Assume a low profile, even at

You can give guidance, but do not get

yourself in trouble. Close your door if

you want to get any work done. Establish

more of what you want in a partnership.

Another is changing. Acknowledge this

person's spiritual growth. Tonight: Get a

\*\* \* \* \* Keep the big picture in mind,

especially if you get thrown off by some-

one who is close to you. Dealing with

others needs to be kept on a universal

level. Don't get personal. Let another

make the first move. Do needed research.

\* ★ ★ ★ Think about what you expect

from those in your everyday life. A

Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED

block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

COLUMNIST

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, speak softly, act courteously, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll try not to improve anybody except myself.

We know so much more about nutrition and how much exercise and sensible living can extend life and make it more enjoyable; so just for today, I'll take good care of my body so I can celebrate many more happy

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: a happy, healthy New Year! LOVE, ABBY

friend or associate pushes your buttons. Are you expecting too much? What is happening here? Have a creative discussion with a friend or loved one. Root out the problem and solve it. Tonight: In the

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \* \* \* Take an overview, especially if confusion sets in. You might not grasp what someone at work is trying to do. New information points you in a new direction. Use your limitless imagination with problems, and you'll cruise through them. Tonight: Check out the Internet for

a special deal. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\* \* \* \* Work with others one-on-one. Listen carefully to a friend or loved one who is always on your side. A flirtation could distract you from the main issue at hand. Your creativity bubbles forth with others and with finances. Talk money. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

work. Others frequently depend on you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \* \* \* \* Let others seek you out. Face tensions among family, your domestic needs and a loved one. Work on your juggling skills. Communication surges. Seek out answers and touch base with others. You get a variety of opinions. Consider different beliefs. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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\* \* \* You might not agree with those you work with, but you need to develop better work relationships. Use your diplomatic skills to seek out answers and meld different opinions. Make time for some exercise, especially now that the holidays are over. Tonight: Do something physical. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Marmaduke

P.S. God bless our men and women in uniform in every cor-ner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans hospitals and nursing homes.

And as we begin this bright, shiny new year, consider these "Thoughts for the Day" by the philosopher Sri Sathya Sai

"If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.

"If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.

"If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.

"When there is order in the nation, there will peace in the world."

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelop plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

\* \* \* You might want something that simply costs way too much. Know when to rein yourself in and say no. Indulge a loved one or child by doing something he loves. Your sense of what is happening is right on. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Continue romping in the year. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* You might inadvertently cause yourself confusion. Slow down and take your time. You could make a bad decision if you rush. If you go within, you'll come up with great ideas. You're inspired with your finances. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\* \* \* Keep things moving. Don't get focused on one idea. Holding too much inside could cause you a problem. Keep conversations moving, with an eye to success and extending your horizons. Your influence might be a lot larger than you think. Tonight: Meet a friend for din-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* \* Before you make a decision, take into account what is happening with a friend. You could feel tense about spending. Why not study your finances and look for other solutions? Someone shares good ideas. Actually, it is you who is vague presently. Tonight: Pay bills.

BORN TODAY

Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. (1968), House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (1942), author Isaac Asimov (1920)

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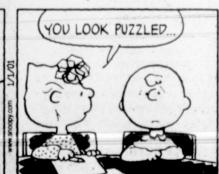
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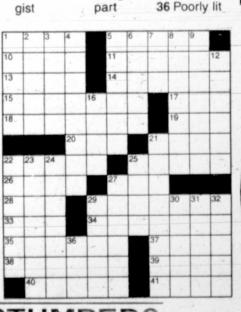
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The Family Circus

"That float is covered with daisies. What's it doin' in the ROSE parade?"

You don't have to move. Marmaduke

doesn't mind sharing."

## Notebook

#### **FOOTBALL**

take the coaching job at Virginia, jolting a New York Jets team that must look for its seventh head coach in 11 years.

Groh spent just one season with the Jets since Bill Parcells resigned as coach. He now heads back to his alma mater to replace George Welsh, who retired. He accepted a sevenyear contract that could be worth \$5 million.

Groh went 9-7 after a 4-0 start, but the team lost its last three games. A victory in any of them would have earned a playoff

MIAMI (AP) - With an NFLrecord performance by Lamar Smith, a resilient quarterback and stout defense, the surprising Miami Dolphins handed Jim Mora another playoff loss.

carry, a 17-yard run in overtime for a 20-17 wild-card playoff victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Saturday. Jay Fiedler overcame three first-half interceptions to lead a comeback from a 14-point deficit in the second half, and Miami tied the game in the final minute of reg-

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -Aaron Brooks threw three touchdown passes to Willie Jackson, and the Saints held off a huge fourth-quarter rally from the St. Louis Rams for a 31-28

victory Saturday. BALTIMORE (AP) record-setting Baltimore's defense was impenetrable once more and former Broncos tight end Shannon Sharpe scored a bizarre touchdown in a 21-3 wild-card playoff victory over Holyfield and Johnny Ruiz will

In winning the first postseason game in this city since 1977. when the Colts lost to Oakland, Holyfield may already be look-

OOTBALL to Nashville to play the Al Groh resigned Saturday to Tennessee Titans, who edged them for the AFC Central crown this season.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Donovan McNabb ran for a touchdown and threw for two more, leading the Philadelphia Eagles to 21-3 victory over Tampa Bay in an NFC wild-card game, sending them on to the Meadowlands to play the New York Giants next weekend.

NEW YORK (AP) - From an early season benching to top rookie is an improbable climb. Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears did it and was selected The Associated Press NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Urlacher, the ninth overall pick from New Mexico in last April's draft, easily won the award in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers Smith scored on his 40th and broadcasters who cover pro football. He clearly did, finishing with team-leading totals of 125 tackles, 99 solo, and eight sacks for the underachieving Bears (5-11). He also had two interceptions and a fumble

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) Wayne Madkin scored on a 7-yard scramble to give Mississippi State a 43-41 overtime victory over Texas A&M in the snowy Independence Bowl. SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Air

Force put on an air show in the first Silicon Valley Classic. The Falcons didn't abandon the option, but they came out

passing to surprise Fresno State 37-34 in the inaugural bowl game at Spartan Stadium. BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Evander have a rematch of their summer bout on March 3 at Mandalay Bay hotel casino, though the Ravens (13-4) earned a trip ing past that bout.

#### Girl boxers



(Photo by Grover Black)

Roneca Carey (left) and Candie Smith are part of a girls' boxing team organized by the Youth Survival Club of Pampa. The girls started boxing about four months ago and they are expected to appear in a tournament in Pampa later this year. Roneca is 13 years old and Candie is 12.

## Harvesters claim consolation crown

LUBBOCK — Junior forward Adam Rodgers scored 26 points as Pampa rallied for an 84-75 win over Lubbock Coronado Saturday afternoon.

the consolation championship in the Caprock Tournament.

Pampa trailed by 18 points (21-3) in the first quarter, but started cutting quickly into the Coronado lead early in the second period. By halftime, the Harvesters were trailing by only two (35-33).

The 6-1 Rodgers scored 14 first-half points, including a pair of 3-point goals, to lead the Pampa comeback.

Pampa dominated the second half and gained a 9-point lead (59-50) going into the fourth quarter.

Gary Alexander scored 13 12 to the Pampa attack.

lowed by Gabe Norwood 11.

Also scoring for Pampa were
Kirk George with 9, Tanner
Hucks 6, Kyle Francis 6, Max

Was second with 9.

Kirk George and Jon East had
2 points each for the Harvesters.

Pampa is 14-7 for the season Simon 6, Dustin Johnson 3, Jon and 1-0 district play.

#### Caprock Tournament

The win gave the Harvesters East 1, Matt Crow 1 and Erik Brown 1.

Pampa returns to District 3-4A action Tuesday night, hosting Amarillo Caprock at 7:30 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa reached Saturday afternoon's consolation finals with a 44-36 win over El Paso Bowie on Saturday afternoon.

Three Harvesters scored in double figures, led by Gary Alexander's 16 points. Tanner Hucks followed with 13 and Victor Brooks added 11.

The Harvesters staved in front the entire second half after leadpoints and Victor Brooks added ing at intermission by seven (19-

Adam Pertel topped the Fernie Cuerra topped Bowie Mustangs with 14 points, fol- with 14 points. David Yenzer

was second with 9.

#### Transactions ...

#### BASKETBALL

PHOENIX SUNS—Activated C AHL. Jake Tsakalidis from the injured injured list.

VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES— from Orlando of the IHL. Activated G Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf from the injured list. Placed ETS-Placed G Ron Tugnutt on F Grant Long on the injured list. FOOTBALL

NEW YORK JETS-Announced the resignation of Al Groh, coach, to become football coach at Virginia.

HOCKEY ANAHEIM

Chouinard from Cincinnati of the

ATLANTA THRASHERS list. Placed F Ruben Garces on the Placed D Adam Burt on injured reserve. Recalled D Brett Clark

> COLUMBUS BLUE JACKinjured reserve. Recalled G Jean-Francois Labbe from Syracuse of the AHL.

DALLAS STARS—Reassigned C Greg Leeb to Utah of the IHL. Activated RW Grant Marshall and D Gerald Diduck from MIGHTY injured reserve. Placed LW Kirk DUCKS-Recalled C Marc Muller on injured reserve.

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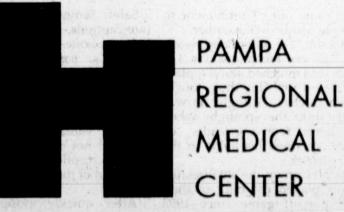
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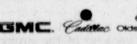
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# T touchdown lifts Miss. State over Texas A&M

Associated Press Writer

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — If beating his former team made Jackie Sherrill's latest coaching victory extra special, he

wasn't letting on.
Sherrill's Mississippi State Bulldogs
beat Texas A&M 43-41 in overtime on Sunday night in the snowy Independence Bowl.

Quarterback Wayne Madkin scored the game-winning touchdown on a 6yard scramble after the Bulldogs' special teams scored a 2-point defensive conversion off a blocked extra-point Mississippi State history, improved to 2-

It was the first meeting between Texas A&M (7-5) and Mississippi State (8-4) since Sherrill, who coached the Aggies from 1982-88, took over the Bulldogs in

"Considering everything, it's a big, big win," said Sherrill, who dodged questions about his history with Texas

"You guys make a lot of this game that Dontae Walker, and the rare Southern goal, he got loose again.

down, these guys did."

Sherrill guided the Aggies to three touchdowns on 35 carries. traight Southwestern Conference Walker matched Toomb championships in 1985-87, but the success was overshadowed by NCAA vio-

He downplayed the significance of facing his former employer, though he had publicly stated he was hoping to face the Aggies when the bowl pairings were being sorted.

After the game, he was carried off the field by his players.

Sherrill, the winningest coach in 4 in bowl games with the Bulldogs and 8-6 overall. R.C. Slocum, promoted from defensive coordinator to replace Sherrill in '89, has won nearly 76 percent of his games with Texas A&M, but is just 2-8 in to the end zone for a 2-point defensive

While the pregame hype revolved around coaches, the game was dominated by the running of Texas A&M's

Walker matched Toombs with three touchdowns, along with 143 yards on 16

Ultimately, Madkin, the junior quarterback from Huntsville, Ala., who had never played in snow, was the hero.

Toombs had a 25-yard touchdown run on the Aggies' first play of overtime to give Texas A&M a 41-35 lead, but Terence Kitchen's extra-point attempt was blocked by Willie Blade.

"I've been coming close all year," Blade said of his key block.

Eugene Clinton scooped the blocked kick out of the snow and before he could be pulled down at midfield, he flipped the ball back to Julius Griffith who raced conversion. That made the score 41-37 and gave the Bulldogs a chance to win it with a TD.

Madkin's 19-yard run got the ball to Ja'Mar Toombs and Mississippi State's the 6-yard line, then on second-and-

By BILL BARNARD

All four home teams won in the first round of

the NFL playoffs, and they're all going on the

They know they have to refocus their attitudes

'They throw candy at us and drinks on us. They

try to intimate you," Miami middle linebacker

Zach Thomas said, referring to Oakland's

Network Associates Coliseum, where the

Dolphins play on Saturday. "But it just motivates me. Everyone is wearing black and acting crazy. It's a great feeling. It's like being in the movie

On Nov. 12, Baltimore handed the Tennessee

Titans their only home loss in 17 games since

moving into Adelphia Coliseum two seasons ago.

The Ravens, after beating Denver 21-3, will play

"We're going to enjoy our New Year and then

get ready for the Tennessee Titans," Ravens

for us to go down there and be at our best. No one

We're going to need the fans," he said. "It's

going to be one of those deals where we need the

12th man again this week. Obviously, they've had

a huge impact in our success. We're just really

looking forward to this opportunity to have the

Tennessee in Sunday's first game.

to be reckoned with.

**AP Sports Writer** 

road for Round 2.

for the challenge to come.

"I broke contain ... I had a guy coming Toombs ran for 193 yards and three at me and I was trying to stretch it as far as I could," he said. "I-knew when all these guys jumped up on me and I couldn't breath that I got in the end

> Mississippi State rallied from 14 points down with two touchdowns in the final 8:16 of the fourth quarter.

An interception by Marco Minor deep in Texas A&M territory gave the Bulldogs a first-and-goal at the Aggies 4 with 2:50 left in the game and trailing

On third down, Madkin faked a handoff and found Donald Lee alone in the snow-covered end zone for a 3-yard touchdown pass to tie it with 1:30 left. Toombs was especially effective early,

on Texas A&M's first two series, and helping the Aggies grab a 14-0 lead. "The trekking was real hard," the 255-pound fullback said. "It was hard to really burst with the ball. I had to slow

down before I could get going."

But once he got going, he plowed

NFL divisional playoff

matchups set Sunday

'For a big guy like me it's fun," he

Mississippi State managed to slow Toombs in the second and third quarters, but he got rumbling again in the fourth quarter. His 13-yard TD run with 9:20 left gave the Aggies a 35-21 lead. Walker scored his third touchdown on

a 32-yard run on the ensuing Mississippi State drive to cut the lead to 35-28 at 8:17.

About 30 minutes before kickoff, snow blew into Shreveport with strong winds whipping from one end zone to the other.

The game started with the synthetic grass field a mix of green and white. By the second quarter, the turf was blanketrunning for 73 yards and a touchdown ed by snow. Plows were used during timeouts to make the goal lines, end lines and hash marks visible.

Snow fell throughout, at times coming down so hard it made watching the game like looking through television static. Many of the 36,974 fans at Independence Stadium left at halftime.

# **Bowl game report**

College Bowl Games At A Glance **By The Associated Press** All Times EST Wednesday, Dec. 20 Mobile Alabama Bowl Payout: \$750,000

Southern Mississippi 28, TCU

Thursday, Dec. 21 Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas Payout: \$800,000 UNLV 31, Arkansas 14

Sunday, Dec. 24 Oahu Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$750,000 Georgia 37, Virginia 14

Monday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Gray 40, Blue 37 Aloha Bowl At Honolulu Payout: \$750,000

Boston College 31, Arizona State 17 Wednesday, Dec. 27

Motor City Bowl At Pontiac, Mich. Payout: \$750,000 Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl At Houston

Payout: \$750,000 East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27

Thursday, Dec. 28 **Humanitarian Bowl** At Boise, Idaho Payout: \$750,000 Boise State 38, Texas-El Paso **Music City Bowl** At Nashville, Tenn.

Payout: \$750,000 West Virginia 49, Mississippi

Micronpc.com Bowl At Miami Payout: \$750,000

North Carolina State 38, Minnesota 30 Insight.com Bowl At Phoenix Payout: \$750,000 Iowa State 37, Pittsburgh 29

Friday, Dec. 29 **Liberty Bowl** At Memphis, Tenn. Payout: \$1.25 million Colorado State 22, Louisville

Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Payout: \$1 million Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20 Peach Bowl At Atlanta Payout: \$1.8 million

LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14 Holiday Bowl At San Diego Payout: \$1.9 million Oregon 35, Texas 30 Saturday, Dec. 30

Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Payout: \$1.2 million Nebraska 66, Northwestern 17

Sunday, Dec. 31 Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif. Payout: \$1.2 million Air Force 37, Fresno State 34 Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Payout: \$1.1 million

Mississippi State 43, Texas A&M 41, OT

Monday, Jan. 1 **Outback Bowl** At Tampa, Fla. Payout: \$2 million

Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN) **Cotton Bowl** Payout: \$2.5 million

At Dallas Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX) **Gator Bowl** At Jacksonville, Fla.

Payout: \$1.4 million Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC) Citrus Bowl At Orlando, Fla.

Payout: \$4 million Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC) Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif. Payout: \$13.5 million Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC) Fiesta Bowl At Tempe Ariz. Payout: \$13.5 million Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Payout: \$13.5 million Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1),

Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

8 p.m. (ABC) Wednesday, Jan. 3 Orange Bowl At Miami Payout: \$11-13 million

State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

14. North Carolina (9-2) beat Massachusetts 91-

15. Syracuse (11-1) beat Columbia 61-47; beat

60; beat College of Charleston 64-60.

beat Southern Methodist 79-78, OT.

beat Maryland-Eastern Shore 105-53

Niagara 95-69.

Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida

first one here.' The Ravens' Shannon Sharpe said both teams will have to be ready for the challenge.

"They're a very good football team, very talent-ed," Sharpe said. "They fought hard this season for this. They wanted home-field advantage, and they sewed it up. They've clearly been the best team in the AFC from start to finish."

The New Orleans Saints, who won the first playoff game in their 34-year history when they beat St. Louis 31-28, won't be at home, but they'll get another "dome" game, at Minnesota on

'We can celebrate beating the Rams for about 10

centrate on the Vikings and what we need to improve when we play them," Saints safety Sammy Knight said. "We have to be able to go into a hostile stadium and not only play well, but keep our focus for the entire game.

The Vikings, despite coming off three straight losses, have a similar high-powered offense to the Rams, who were contained by New Orleans for most of Saturday's game until they rallied from a 31-7 deficit to lose by three.

The game will be an opportunity for Saints receiver Jake Reed to reunite with his former Vikings teammates, Cris Carter and Randy Moss.

When I came into the locker room after the game, I looked at the cell phone, and I saw a message there from Cris," Reed said. "I know I played there, but I'm not nervous. I think it's a good matchup. They have a lot of weapons, they can go out and play ball like the Rams, strike fast, go down the field. But I think if our defense shows up and our offense shows up, we'll be OK

The Saints will go to the Metrodome having won three of their past four — and with a defense that proved Saturday it can slow an elite offense.

defensive tackle Sam Adams said. "It's important "At this point, everybody's going to be good in thought we would beat the Denver Broncos. there," Saints assistant head coach Rick Venturi said. "The Vikings have the great explosion with Everyone thought we would be out. We showed we deserved to be here, and we're going to have their receivers and their quarterback and Robert Smith. I've had to play against them a few times in the last few years. I know we have our work cut Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher pointed out that the Titans, who drove down the field in the final sec- out for us again. But that's what it's about. It's the onds, lost 24-23 to the Ravens only because Al Del best on the best now." Greco hooked a 43-yard field goal as time expired.

After two regular-season losses to the NFC East champions, the Philadelphia Eagles get their third chance to play the New York Giants on Sunday in the Meadowlands. Philadelphia defeated Tampa Bay 21-3 to advance.

'We're a different team now," Eagles defensive end Hugh Douglas said. "Those games were early

in the season. We'll be ready for them now." New York has won its last eight games with the Eagles, including two one-sided decisions this

season. 'Obviously, we're familiar with Philadelphia," said Fassel, who has never lost to the Eagles since taking over as coach in 1997. "The results of our two regular-season games with Philadelphia don't mean anything now."

Miami also reached the second round of the playoffs last season before losing 62-7 to acksonville. But the Dolphins were resilient in their 23-17 overtime victory against Indianapolis, minutes, and then we have to go to work and con- which led 14-0 before Miami came back.

#### Men's Top 25 poll 13. Wisconsin (9-1) beat South Florida 63-61,

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll fared this week:

1. Michigan State (11-0) beat Bowling Green 85-69; beat Wright State 88-61. 2. Stanford (11-0) beat Fordham 86-60; beat

Santa Clara 78-63. 3. Duke (11-1) beat North Carolina A&T 108-73.

4. Wake Forest (11-0) beat Navy 90-58.

5. Florida (10-1) beat Tulane 103-85; beat New Hampshire 102-54. 6. Tennessee (13-1) beat George Washington 92-

81; beat No. 23 Iowa 80-68; beat Hawaii 69-58. 7. Kansas (11-1) beat Southwest Missouri State 8. Virginia (10-0) beat Bucknell 99-49; beat

Dartmouth 102-56. 9. Illinois (10-3) beat Illinois-Chicago 77-64

10. Connecticut (11-1) beat Rhode Island 87-76; beat Stony Brook 67-58

Central Connecticut State 84-73.

11. Seton Hall (9-2) beat Hartford 85-67; beat Tennessee 80-68; beat Saint Louis 68-56. 12. Arizona (7-4) beat Butler 72-60; lost to

19. Cincinnati (9-3) beat North Carolina-Wilmington 65-55; lost to Toledo 69-66. 20. Alabama (10-1) beat Alabama State 82-56.

21. Georgetown (11-0) beat Houston 79-63.

22. Notre Dame (8-2) beat Long Island University 97-49. 23. Iowa (11-2) beat Detroit 69-68; lost to No. 6

24. Mississippi (12-1) beat Morris Brown 94-59.

## Ravens 21, Broncos 3

Southern California (10-2) lost to BALTIMORE (AP) - The first playoff game in Northwestern 63-61; beat Long Beach State 95-73. Baltimore in 23 years was so one-sided, it made 17: Oklahoma (11-1) beat Oral Roberts 84-51; observers wonder why the Ravens were a wild-card 18. Maryland (9-3) beat Chicago State 117-55;

Riding yet another overpowering defensive performance and Jamal Lewis' big day, the Ravens ripped through the Denver Broncos 21-3 Sunday. Next up is a trip to Tennessee, which won the AFC Central and had the league's best record. The Titans (13-3) are the reason the Ravens (13-4) didn't win the division and get a bye.

But judging by what Ray Lewis, Rod Woodson and the rest of the stingy defense did to the league's second-ranked offense, the Titans have to be a bit nervous about next Sunday's matchup. 25. Iowa State (11-1) beat Western Carolina 91- And Jamal Lewis' 110 yards rushing on 30 carries

certainly should draw Tennessee's attention.

"They're a darn good football team, and I'm not sure how many people thought we would go back there," said coach Brian Billick, whose Ravens are the only visitor to win in Adelphia Coliseum. "There's a great deal of respect between these two teams, and I think they knew we were going to be back there. We knew we were going to be back

"I'll tell you what," he added with a sly grin, "our guys are a little miffed that they're not the No. 1 defense yardage-wise. Tennessee claimed that honor, but nobody can be

much better defensively than Baltimore was against Denver (11-6). The Ravens held the Broncos to 177 yards, 233 below their average. It was the first time in 28 playoff games spanning three decades that Denver did not score a touchdown.

## Saints hold off defending Super Bowl champs for 31-28 victory

By EDDIE PELLS **AP Sports Writer** 

Mississippi State 75-74.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Nothing has ever come easy for the New Orleans Saints. Naturally, winning their first playoff game after 34 years and knocking out the defending Super Bowl champions weren't any different.

Aaron Brooks threw three touchdown passes to Willie the 2:36 mark, the Saints recov-Jackson, and the Saints held off a ered the Rams' onside kick. The huge fourth-quarter rally from Rams (10-7) forced a punt, but the St. Louis Rams for a 31-28 Az Hakim muffed an easy fair most after the Rams fell far victory Saturday.

From the voodoo ceremony before kickoff to owner Tom ebration befitting a break- to celebrate.

through after decades of frustration and an 0-4 lifetime playoff record But there was fear, too.

After going ahead 31-7 early in the fourth quarter, New Orleans (11-6) looked like the Saints of old, watching Kurt Warner drive the Rams to three quick touchdowns, shaving the deficit to 31-

After the final touchdown at catch at his own 11, and New Orleans recovered.

Brooks simply took a knee Benson's famous Benson Boogie three times, and one of the most at the end, it had the makings of downtrodden franchises in a truly New Orleans scene, a cel-sports history finally had reason

The Saints, who surprised NFC West title this season, will weekend in Minnesota

The Rams, who made the NFC wild-card game last week with the unlikely scenario of a victory turnovers, a number of costly until New Orleans led 31-7 penalties and Warner's ineffectiveness until the game was virtually out of reach.

Warner threw for 365 yards behind - and three interceptions, while losing one fumble. He wasn't sharp until the end, possibly because of the grogginess and light-sensitivity he experienced after a concussion here last week.

The NFL's Most Valuable who came out of retirement to everyone to win just their second Player, Marshall Faulk, had no such excuses, except a New try to keep the magic going next. Orleans defense that got tough after being embarrassed last week, allowing him 220 yards rushing in the 26-21 loss. The Saints held him to a season-low at New Orleans combined with a 24 yards rushing and made him Bears upset of the Lions, had five a nonfactor in the passing game

So, who were the game's play-makers? As usual, if they were playing for New Orleans, they couldn't be household names.

Brooks, a second-year quarterback making just his sixth career start, finished with 266 yards passing and four touchdowns a Saints playoff record, of course. He also led New Orleans in rushing with 26 yards, five more than journeyman Terry Allen, son.

join the Saints in November.

Jackson, an unheralded veteran, had six receptions for 142 yards and matched an NFL playoff record with his three touchdown catches. Fittingly, he was thrust into the spotlight when the Saints' receiving leader, Joe Horn, sprained his ankle in the first quarter.

With Horn on the sideline, the Saints played the bulk of their first playoff game since 1993 without their leading receiver, passer and rusher. Quarterback Jeff Blake (foot) and running back Ricky Williams (ankle) have been gone for weeks.

Another unknown, Robert Wilson, also caught a touchdown pass, his first of the sea-

Safety Sammy Knight had two interceptions, including an offbalance, one-handed grab of Warner's pass that negated Hakim's 65-yard punt return to the Saints 9, after St. Louis closed

Minutes earlier, Warner led the Rams 80 yards to give the Rams life, and not even Knight's second interception could suck the spirit out of the defending cham-

After quickly stopping the Saints, Faulk caught a screen pass and twisted his way for a 25-yard touchdown, capping a three-play drive and cutting the deficit to 31-20. The Rams recovered an onside kick, and five plays later, Warner scooted in from 5 yards, and a 2-point conversion shaved

the deficit to a field goal.

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## Central Americans find hardship, fear on road to El Norte

EDITOR'S NOTE — Every year, all over Central America, hundreds of thousands of people set out on an often perilous journey north, hoping to cross the border into the United States and grab a piece of the American dream. Associated Press correspondent Niko Price and photographer John Moore joined one group for part of their journey.

By NIKO PRICE **Associated Press Writer** 

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ALONG THE SANTO DOMINGO RIVER, Mexico (AP) — At the edge of the water, the men and women came to a stop. It was raining, and the log that had served as a bridge now angled down, part-submerged in the muddy, churning river.

The heavyset guide took off his cowboy hat and scratched his mustache. "It wasn't like this before," he said. "And there's no other place to cross."

The little party of migrants stood crestfallen in the moonless dark. Their rain parkas were shredded by thorns and barbed wire, and the rain leaked in.

Behind them were 670 miles of two-lane highway through El Salvador and Guatemala, and they had just walked through five miles of comfields and coffee plantations to cross the unmarked Mexican border.

There were still 2,150 miles of Mexico to walk, drive, sail and fly across before they reached America.

But for now, all that mattered were 20 feet of cold, raging water.

A 23-year-old fisherman named Alvaro stripped down to his underpants, turned his baseball cap backward and dived in, paddling furiously as the current swept him downstream, Finally, a darting flashlight illuminated his body pulling itself up the muddy bank

'It's deep, and strong," he called out over the roar. Gloria, a Salvadoran housewife, began to tremble in her flimsy T-shirt. She couldn't swim.

was no turning back. Finally, the guide asked if anyone had a rope. One of the group pulled a threadbare hammock from his backpack.

They cut it up and strung together a rope. Alvaro swam across again and secured one end to a mass of tree roots. Then he swam back and handed the other

And so the perilous crossing began — forlorn figures in the pitch-black, rain-sodden night, embarked on an odyssey of desperation and hope.

The trip from Central America to the United States is arduous, far more grueling than most people imagine. It is built on months of alternating physical exertion and extreme boredom, and constant doses of terror.

It is a journey that hundreds of thousands of people attempt each year.

People like Jose Luis, 34, a Honduran man who has worked construction sites in Pomona, Calif.; waited tables in Baltimore, Md.; picked potatoes near Boise, Idaho; removed asbestos in Baton Rouge, La. and was now on his way to join his 17-year-old daughter, who

works at a Sam's Club in Baltimore. People like Gloria, 22, whose husband had painted houses in Dallas for two years and sent her the money to join him. She had left her three children with her gave only her first name.

People like Jose Hernandez, a 19-year-old with the building a small house; the second easy smile of a child, who undertook the journey to house into a humble but comfortable home. support his mother and three little brothers in El

"It's the American dream," Hernandez said. "Up 5, 1999, he set out again. there, everything works itself out."

Later he would reveal another, more private, motive for the journey.

He wanted to find out why his father, who had left a year earlier, returned in a coffin.

Tobody knows how many make it through the lines, but Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that nearly 700,000 Central Americans lived illegally in the United States in 1996. More recent estimates are due out soon and are expected to be much

Mexican authorities catch 120,000 would-be immigrants a year, and U.S. authorities caught more than 29,000 in fiscal year 1999, an increase of 40 percent.

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Javier Duenas, of Mexico's migration authority, says estimates are complicated by the fact that most Central Americans, upon arrest, claim they're Mexican so they won't be deported - and sometimes are pretty con-

The smugglers will mix one or two in with For 20 minutes, the group was at a loss. But there Mexicans on a bus," he said. "It's very hard to find

> Most migrants take the coastal route, along the Uman. But because of the concentration of migrants, corruption is even greater in that area, and the bandits are even more brutal. Women migrants are sometimes Mexican territory. raped repeatedly along the way, and men robbed and maimed.

Jose Hernandez lives in La Union, a small, ferociously hot town in eastern El Salvador that has fallen on hard times since its port, the main employer, closed

His mother, Estrella del Carmen Flores, sells bananas and rice at the town's market in the mornings: His youngest brothers — Tin, 10, and Eric, 13 — are in school. Rafael, 17, works on a construction site.

Since Jose was an infant, he watched his father head north and saw the dollars flow back.

His father, Jose Maximino Hernandez, first left in 1983. He was deported by U.S. immigration officials, but on his second try made it to Washington state, where he worked for four years on construction sites. In 1990, he returned to the United States for another four years, this time in Los Angeles.

Every month, like clockwork, he wired exactly \$275 mother in El Salvador. Like most of the migrants, she to his family. After returning from each trip, he spent his savings the first time, buying a piece of land and cials, he set out with a group of Salvadorans, walking

But the father still wanted to finish a wall around the yard and pave the kitchen's dirt floor. So on Nov.

Soon after, he was picked up in Texas by the U.S. Border Patrol. He was sentenced to 90 days for illegal entry, and was shuttled between federal prisons in Brownsville, Houston, and Pecos.

On Feb. 11, when Hernandez had only seven days left to go in his sentence, he died. The family said an American prison guard called and told them it was a heart attack. They were suspicious. They knew Hernandez as a healthy, 37-year-old man with no history of heart trouble.

His son dropped out of school and went to work at a construction site. He made 480 colones (\$50) a week, not enough to support the family. Besides, there was some unfinished business — his father's death.

"We talked as a family," Jose said. "They told me to go up and find out what happened to him."

Reputable smugglers — sometimes called "coyotes," sometimes "chicken keepers" - offer a guarantee: They will get you to your destination for a single price, no matter how many tries it takes.

Would-be immigrants pay half upfront - in the case of the Salvadoran group, \$2,100 each — with the balance paid on delivery in Houston, Phoenix or Los Angeles. Other than Mexicans, Central Americans are the most common migrants, and the price rises for those from more exotic locales: \$7,000 for Indians and Pakistanis, \$10,000 for Chinese.

The smugglers' expenses are considerable. They pay for hotel rooms and meals for months on end, and arrange guides to lead the migrants through rough terrain. They buy bus and plane tickets and arrange vans for local transportation. Just crossing the Guatemala-Mexico border by road costs nearly \$200 per person.

Several coyotes cited the same prices per migrant: 300 pesos (\$33) to Mexican immigration authorities, 300 to federal judicial police and 300 to immigrantwelfare workers, who then divvy up the take; 200 pesos (\$22) each to the federal highway police and the state judicial police; 100 pesos (\$11) each to customs, state police and municipal police; and 50 pesos (\$5.50) Pacific through the Guatemalan border town of Tecun to the health workers who fumigate vehicles crossing the border.

And that's just to cross the first 100 yards of

Migrants who come without having their way cleared by a coyote are stripped clean by the authorities, according to smugglers and to immigrants who have tried to go it alone. "They grab you, take your money, and deport you," one smuggler said on condition of anonymity.

Mexican immigration controls are steeped in corruption, conceded Jose Trinidad Larrieta, the government's top organized-crime prosecutor.

"There is an enormous penetration," he said. "There are a good number of people involved. But we're investigating them."

Jose Hernandez, the fatherless young man, made arrangements with a smuggler and left home on May 28. Taking the bus across the rice fields of El Salvador and through the mountains of Guatemala, he arrived the next day in the Guatemalan town of Camoja, near

After a month waiting in a dingy hotel for the coyote to complete the arrangements with Mexican offiough the mountains, taking a boat across a lake, walking some more, and arriving at an even dingier pered. "There are bandits up ahead. And these guys hotel in the southern Mexican city of Tuxtla Gutierrez. will kill you.

There, the smuggler gave him clean clothes and a

briefcase and put him on a plane to Mexico City. But then, having gotten more than halfway to America, his luck ran out. A patrol car pulled over his taxi as he was going to a Mexico City hotel and he was deported back to the Guatemalan border.

On July 21, he set out again. This time he got only 150 miles to Tuxtla Gutierrez before he again got unlucky. Police picked him up and deported him. Penniless, he returned to El Salvador and contacted the smuggler again. Seven weeks later he was back on a bus to Guatemala and the hotel in the tiny town of

This time he waited 19 days, bored senseless. There was no television, no air conditioning. Indians sold vegetables by the roadside. A pay phone, decorated with smiling cartoon characters in Uncle Sam hats, advertised collect calls to the United States. Occasionally a wandering guitar player passed through town.

So Jose was giddy with excitement when he heard from other migrants that finally, after a good night's sleep, they would be heading north.

Instead, he awoke that Friday morning to a maid knocking on the door, shouting, "Run! It's the migra!" Jose bolted into the hilly woods behind the hotel.

Sure enough, immigration officials and police were combing the town, piling all foreigners into buses for deportation. The police, with rifles and wearing floppy-brimmed hats, filled four hand-me-down American school buses with Nicaraguans, Salvadorans, Hondurans, Ecuadoreans - even six men from Pakistan.

Jose hid out for much the morning, and returned when things appeared quiet. The plan was still on.

At nightfall the smuggler, a former guerrilla from Nicaragua, played host to a dinner of grilled meat, beans and rice — the best meal the migrants had eaten

They set out an hour later in dark and rain, huddled in a van with tinted windows and no headlights: the smuggler, a Guatemalan prostitute he had brought along; the guide; 13 Salvadoran peasants; and two American journalists. Everyone was scared. Even the smuggler, who didn't smoke, bummed a cigarette "for the nerves."

The van dumped them on a muddy lane outside the border town of La Mesilla, and the guide commanded the few who had brought flashlights to store them for fear of discovery.

The pace was frantic from the outset. The group stumbled up and down hills through muddy fields, squeezed through barbed-wire fences, splashed across streams, sprinted across brief stretches of dirt roads.

Then they hit the swollen Santo Domingo River, with its collapsed log of a bridge.

One by one, Alvaro the fisherman nursed the travelers across the log and into the river. The water was chest-deep. Several went under, came up, went under, the current tearing at their clothes, but they all managed to cling to the rope.

Finally, all were huddled on the other side. Some cried with relief. Others embraced — total strangers brought together by the perilous 1 1/2-hour crossing.

The guide looked nervously at his watch and hurried the drenched, exhausted migrants into a corn-

After a while he stopped and waited for the stragglers to catch up.

'I don't want anyone to make a sound," he whis

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