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**Lotto jackpot  
still growing**  
No ticket correctly matched  
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Saturday night for the twice-  
weekly Lotto Texas game,  
state lottery officials said.  
The ticket was worth an  
estimated \$14 million.  
The numbers drawn  
Saturday night from a field of  
54 were: 20-25-33-42-50-54  
Wednesday night's draw-  
ing will be worth an estimat-  
ed \$18 million.

**Sleeping victims  
killed on tracks**  
HOUSTON (AP) — While  
sleeping between railroad  
tracks, two men were struck  
and killed by a freight train.  
Jesse Wayne Politis and  
Dale Wayne Whitsell, both of  
Dayton, were struck early  
Sunday morning near U.S. 90  
on the Houston area city's  
west side.  
Dayton police said Politis,  
28, and the 33-year-old  
Whitsell were sleeping  
between the rails and did not  
hear the approaching Union  
Pacific freight train.

- Lucille Hamill, 91, club-  
woman.
- Norman L. Knox, 64, for-  
mer administrator of  
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## Thornberry: Tax cuts mid-term election key

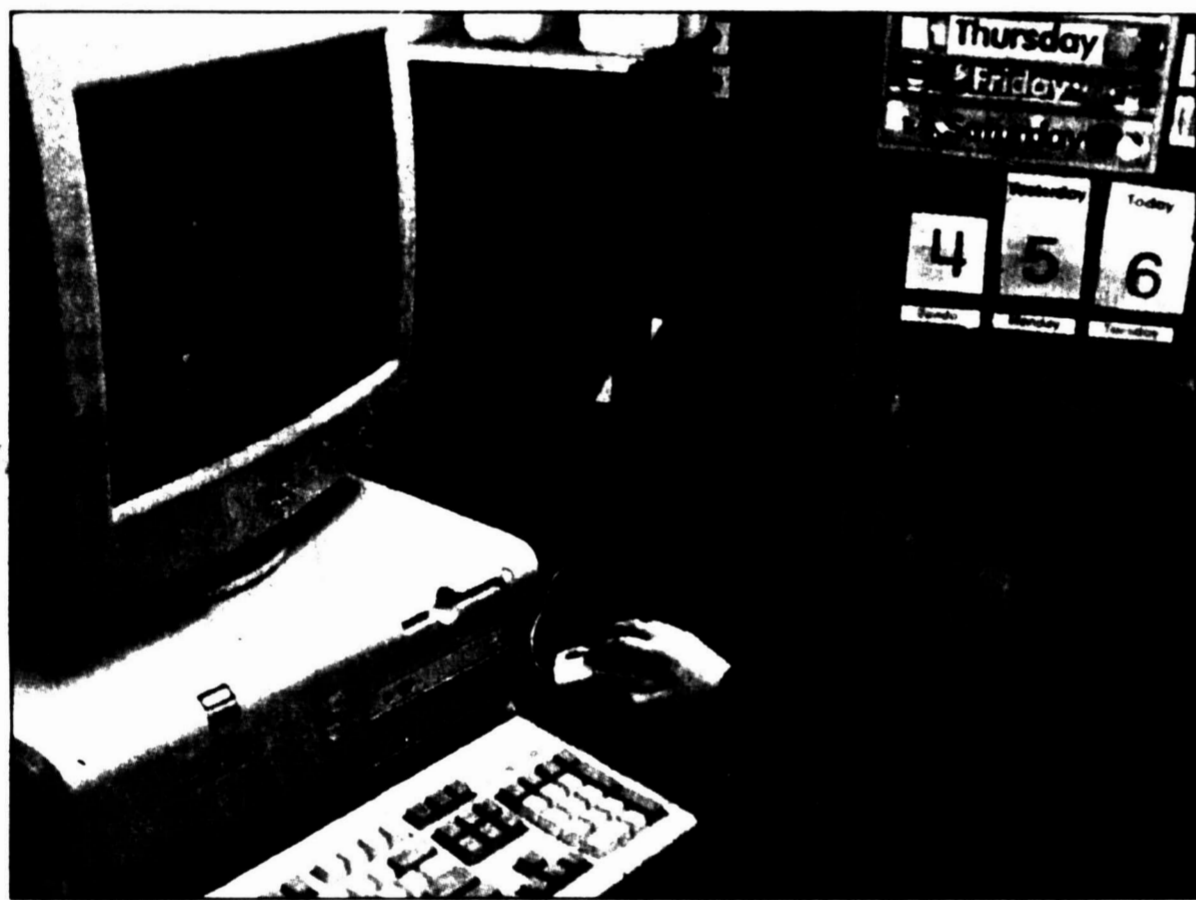
By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

AMARILLO - Pampa's Congressman said the President's tax cut proposal will be the key to mid-term elections in 2002.  
U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, told the Panhandle Livestock Association at their annual convention here Saturday night that the major piece of business in Washington is President Bush's tax cut proposal.  
Thornberry said plans on Capitol Hill call for the tax bill to be passed quickly. He said the goal is to pass it to pass it by July 4, and make it retroactive to Jan. 1.  
"That is the target that the President and the Congressional leadership are shooting for," Thornberry said. "I think that is important for our pocketbooks, our industry and the country as a whole."  
He said three things are happening, all at the same time.  
"Taxes, as a percentage of the country's economy, are higher than they've been at any time since the

last couple of years of World War II," Thornberry said. "In other words, everything that's produced in the country, the federal government is taking a bigger share now in taxes than at any time other than 1944 and 1945."  
The average household, he said, now pays \$9,445 in federal income tax, he said. "The amazing part to me is that is double what it was in 1985," Thornberry says. "That's not so long ago."  
There is also a large surplus.  
"The federal government is going to take in a lot more money than is required for current pro-  
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U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry



Angela Carlton, a first grader at Wilson Elementary, is expanding her knowledge with the aid of a new computer recently installed in her classroom taught by Lynda Dyer.

## City, county apply for federal disaster funds

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

City and county officials say they have applied for federal disaster funds to help recoup unexpected expenses arising from the Dec. 26, 2000, snowstorm.  
More than \$1 million in federal assistance has been approved to help Texas residents recover from snow and ice

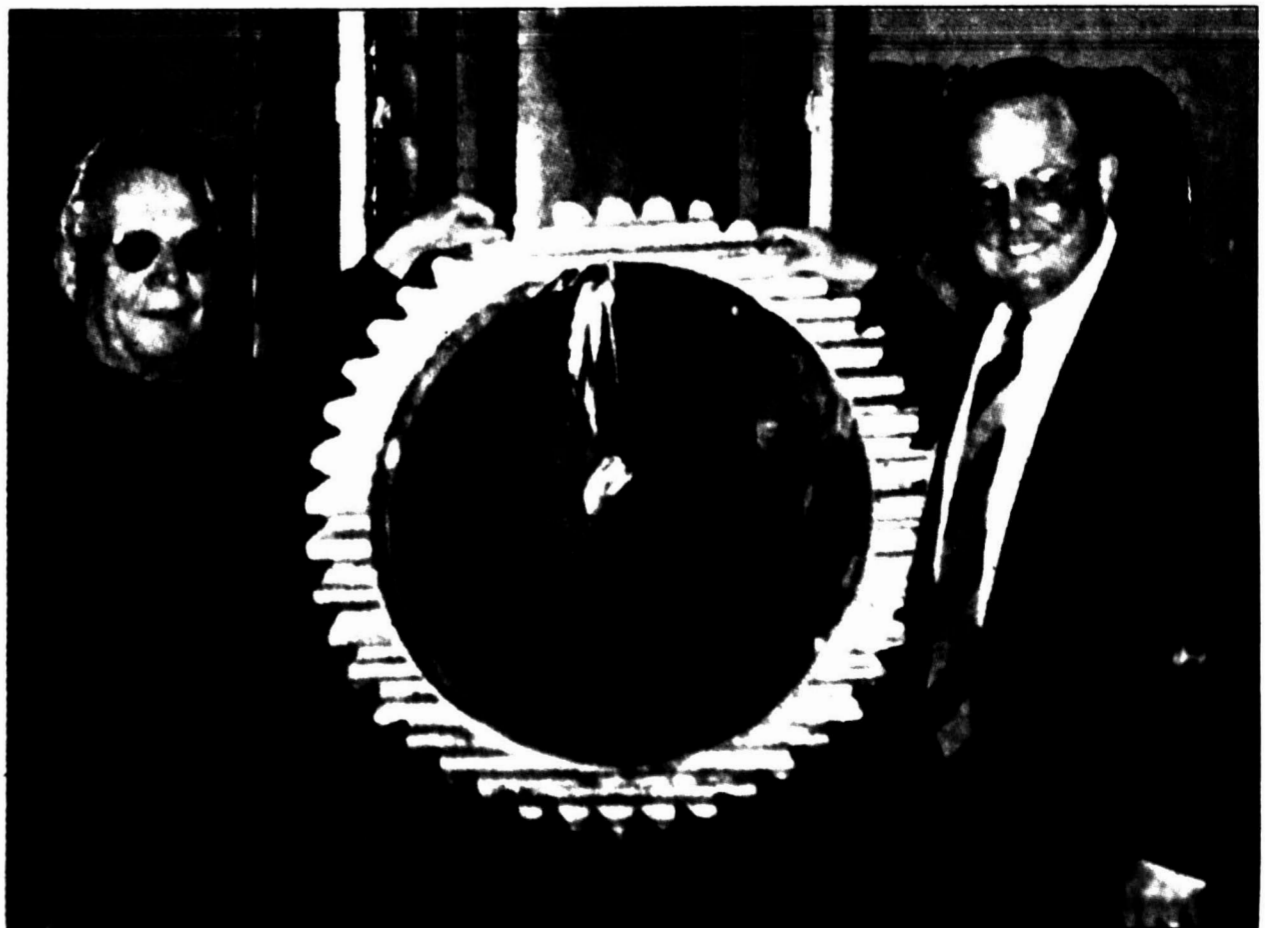
storms that wracked the state from Dec. 12 to Jan. 15, according to Texas Emergency Management officials. President Bill Clinton declared the state a disaster area on Jan. 8.  
Gray County was named among 37 Texas counties eligible for funding for emergency protective measures, debris removal, and repair or replacement of public facilities such as roads, bridges,

buildings and utilities.  
County Judge Richard Peet said he learned of the available disaster assistance at a meeting with Texas Emergency Management officials in Panhandle last week. He brought back the necessary forms and shared them with the city, he said.  
"We are asking for these funds on the basis of the 15-inch snowstorm between

Dec. 24 and Dec. 27," said Ken Hall, city of Pampa emergency management coordinator. National Weather Service (NWS) records show that 15 inches of snow fell during that period, he said, adding "according to (NWS) that is the third largest snow event in our history."  
Peet said he is preparing the necessary forms to apply for the federal disaster  
(See FUNDS, Page 2)

## Halliburton honors Waller for service

A reception hosted by Halliburton Energy Services (HES) honoring Rex Waller for 45 years of employment with the company was recently held at the Pampa Country Club.  
Waller's granddaughter, Telissa Sealy, and Autumn Darden registered guests. Guests were family members, friends, business associates, and associates in the oil and gas industry. Approximately 100 attended.  
Craig Floyd, senior vice-president of HES, gave the presentation and commendation. Floyd gave Waller's employment history and noted his dedication to Halliburton over the past 45 years.  
Following college, Halliburton hired Waller to work in Hugoton, Kan. His employment took him from Kansas to Nevada then on to California and Alaska, before returning to Texas in 1977. Waller and wife, Shirley, were raised in Dumas.  
Spence Hummell, drilling superintendent for Service Drilling in Borger, attempted to purchase a very special gift for Waller, a mirror called "A Reflection of the Past" one of four in existence, owned by Lavonne Bell of Fort Worth.  
Bell refused to sell the mirror but stated it would be an honor to give the mirror to Waller for being such a dedicated Halliburton employee.  
Arriving in his private jet helicopter, Bell personally presented the gift, "A Reflection of the Past," a beautiful beveled mirror framed in a cross-section of the bull gear from the spline drive system of the famous HT-400 general purpose pump designed and built by Halliburton's research and development facility in Duncan, Okla.  
(See HALLIBURTON, Page 2)



Halliburton's Rex Waller, right, accepts a special mirror from Lavonne Bell during a reception for Waller to mark his 45th year with the company.

## Man critical after 171-60 accident

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

A well-known Pampa man was flown by Lifestar to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo this morning after being involved in a car-tractor trailer accident at Loop 171 and U.S. 60 shortly before 7 a.m. this morning.  
Jerry Pope, 61, of Pampa was still receiving emergency treatment in the emergency room at the Amarillo hospital at press time, according to a hospital spokeswoman. The spokeswoman said he is in critical condition.  
He is employed as a counselor at the Windam School at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison units east of Pampa.  
Pope was transferred from the scene of the accident by Rural Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center for initial treatment before transfer by helicopter to Amarillo.  
James Vernon Anderson, 49, Canadian, was the driver of a 1979 Mack truck owned by G.P. Guinn, Inc. of Borger which was traveling west on Highway 60.  
Pope was traveling south on Loop 171 in a 1991 Toyota Camry when he ran a stop sign and struck the truck, according to a Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.  
Anderson was not injured in the collision.  
Pope's small car struck the truck on the passenger side at the rear tandem axle. The DPS report said the car then swung to the left and around with the rear end coming to a stop underneath the trailer.  
DPS troopers Jessie Cerda and Jim Bishop investigated the accident. The Gray County Sheriff's Department assisted.

## Police break up hair-pulling fight

A local convenience store clerk's efforts to escort an unruly customer to the door late Saturday erupted into a hair-pulling brawl, police reported today.  
Sgt. Alvin Johnson responded to a report of a fight at the Taylor Mart, 400 N. Ballard, shortly after 10:30 p.m. Saturday, according to police reports.  
Inside, he found a man and a woman wrestling on the floor at the back of the store. Both persons had tistful of the other person's hair, holding each other down, Johnson said. He also saw "wads" of long hair scattered around the store, he said in his report.  
The police sergeant broke up the fighting pair and had them

**The officer also saw  
"wads" of long hair  
scattered around the  
store, he said in his  
report.**

sit on the floor until back-up units could arrive and officers could sort out what had actually happened.  
According to the police report, Frankie Rodriguez, 36, 818 E. Brunow, entered the store at about 10:15 and told the clerk he wanted her to start a tab because he wanted to buy a "Coke and a candy bar" and he didn't have any money.  
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# MEDICAL

## New procedure which uses radiation to 'zap' arteries may prevent further clogging

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
Associated Press Writer

Zapping arteries with radiation after clearing out blockages dramatically cuts the chances they will clog up again, researchers say. Two new studies suggest that the technology can help eliminate the most discouraging complication of angioplasty — the tendency of newly reopened heart arteries to squeeze shut again within a few weeks.

Both technologies involve inserting bits of radioactive material into the arteries, where it is left for a few minutes and then removed. One uses beta radiation, which does not penetrate beyond the patient's body, and the other uses gamma radiation, which requires medical workers to be shielded.

Despite the apparent advantages, experts worry that both approaches could cause cancer decades later. In addition, several patients getting gamma radiation developed dangerous blood clots.

The studies were published in the New England Journal of Medicine, along with editorials by doctors from the Food and Drug Administration and Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. The editorials urged using the new systems with caution until bigger, longer studies confirm their safety and effectiveness.

Each year, some 750,000 Americans undergo balloon angioplasty to squeeze open clogged arteries. In about 60 percent of cases, doctors also insert a miniature wire coil, called a stent, to try to keep the artery propped open. This cuts the rate of renarrowing — what doctors call restenosis — from the usual 35 percent to around 25 percent.

When restenosis occurs, chest pain usually returns, and the usual solution is another angioplasty or a bypass operation. Radiation is the latest attempt to avoid this complication.

"It is very exciting news for us," said Dr. Rohit Arora, chief of cardiology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, who did not participate in the studies.

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The study of beta radiation used a system made by Boston Scientific Corp. and was sponsored by the Prevot Foundation and the Swiss National Science Foundation. The gamma radiation study tested a system made by Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary, which financed the research.

The study of beta radiation was directed by Dr. Vitali Verin of University Hospital in Geneva and involved 181 patients who were treated after undergoing angioplasty for the first time. Once the blockage was cleared, a radioactive coil was inserted in that part of the artery, then removed after a couple of minutes.

Heart scans six months later found restenosis in 29 percent of patients receiving the lowest radiation dose and in 15 percent of those getting a dose twice as high. Among patients who did not have a stent implanted, just 4 percent at the highest radiation dose suffered restenosis.

The other study used the more common strategy of treating patients who had already undergone a failed angioplasty. After a new angioplasty, doctors inserted a tiny ribbon containing seeds of gamma radiation in 131 patients, removing it after 20 minutes. An additional 121 patients received an identical-looking ribbon but no radiation.

After six months, 28 percent of the patients who got radiation had restenosis, needed a repeat procedure or had died, compared with 44 percent in the comparison group. However, several months after the procedure, 5 percent of the radiation patients developed dangerous blood clots, compared with 1 percent in the comparison group.

Dr. Martin B. Leon of Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, who directed the gamma radiation study, said he has eliminated that problem in more recent patients by limiting use of new stents and keeping patients on anti-clotting medicines for six to 12 months.

The technique means that many patients can be spared bypass surgery or repeated angioplasties, said Leon, who has worked as a consultant for Cordis.

Arora said the beta radiation system is more likely to pan out because it is easier to operate, the radiation is not widely dispersed and, unlike the gamma system, it has been shown to prevent restenosis after a patient's first angioplasty.

On the Net:  
New England Journal of Medicine site: <http://www.nejm.com>  
American Heart Association site on restenosis: <http://www.americanheart.org/Heart-and-Stroke-A-Z-Guide/sten.html>  
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute site on heart disease: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/other/chdfacts.htm>

### You say you want a resolution? How about improving your bones

If you made a traditional New Year's resolution to lose weight and exercise, you may lose pounds, but you may also strengthen bone in the process.

"Weight-bearing exercise can maintain bone density," says Dr. Howard Heller, assistant professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"The bone is believed to have mechanical sensors that are used to adapt the strength of the bone. So, for example, tennis players have a much higher bone mass in their dominant arm."

Low bone density can lead to osteoporosis, a thinning of bones.

Weight-bearing exercises like aerobics, weight training, walking and tai chi are effective at maintaining bone density. By exercising regularly and eating a well-balanced diet, women of all ages have a much better chance of maintaining their bone strength.

### Youth quest could be hazardous to your health

In their quest for the fountain of youth, some people are risking long-term health problems by injecting themselves with a daily dose of human growth hormone.

"Human growth hormone or HGH is a protein in the pituitary gland that is essential for growth and development in children," says Dr. Craig Rubin, head of geriatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "As we age, our bodies reduce the production of this hormone."

Initially, the Food and Drug Administration approved HGH to treat children with growth deficiencies. But now that the hormone is produced synthetically via genetic manufacturing techniques, many people are using it to combat aging.

What concerns Rubin is that people are taking HGH when there are no studies evaluating its long-term health effects. Preliminary studies, however, have shown that minimal use of the drug may cause diabetes or carpal tunnel syndrome.

"Studies of HGH given to older individuals have shown changes in body composition and increased muscle mass but most importantly, there was no significant improvement in muscle strength or exercise ability," Rubin says.

### Support groups lessen bumps on road to cancer recovery

Many cancer patients find that being involved in a support group helps them cope with their diagnosis and treatment.

Support groups allow patients to express concerns and feelings and to share their personal ways of coping with cancer, says Marla Hathcoat, a social worker at the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Some also incorporate psycho educational components and include teaching coping skills such as stress management, relaxation and problem solving," she says.

Studies have shown that participants in support groups derive benefits from the cathartic effects of self-disclosure, a sense of community and the feeling of altruism and worth that comes with both giving and receiving support, she says.

### To be healthy, be skeptical of supplements

Drugs that advertise enhanced sports performance through better concentration, increased muscle strength and stronger focus may actually be no better than simple athletic training, say doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Actually, says Dr. Patricia Chandler, an assistant professor of family practice and community medicine, some drugs and dietary supplements can be dangerous to your health, and athletes should be cautious about taking them even if the label says they are safe.

"Those drugs may temporarily enhance an athlete's performance, but they have dangerous side effects," Chandler says. Testosterone preparations can change the cholesterol makeup of your blood in a negative way, and drugs like ephedrine can increase blood pressure and heart rate to unhealthy levels. The long-term effects can be serious.

In 1994, the United States Congress passed a law allowing dietary supplements to be marketed without warning labels. That means a supplement could be labeled safe but still have some serious potential side effects.

"What I tell athletes is to eat right, get enough rest and train appropriately," says Chandler, who is certified in sports medicine. "Proper training is far better than taking drugs."

### Do the two step: Wash hands, drink plenty of fluids

Winter is here and so is another season of respiratory syncytial virus, better known as RSV, the leading cause of respiratory infections in young children and infants.

"Typically, people get their hands contaminated unknowingly and then rub their eyes or nose," says Dr. Hasan Jafri, an assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "The best way to avoid RSV is to wash hands frequently, and avoid places like busy daycare centers where it can be transmitted easily."

Symptoms include nasal congestion, coughing and some fever. In more severe cases, children suffer pneumonia, bronchitis and even respiratory failure.

Sufferers have few treatment options besides drinking lots of liquids.

Parents should make sure infants' noses are clear of secretions to ensure an open breathing passage and take very young infants, infants with chronic respiratory diseases and premature infants to a doctor to determine whether they have RSV or a common cold.

## Lethal bacteria becoming resistant to antibiotics

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
Associated Press Writer

A sometimes-lethal type of bacteria that causes many cases of pneumonia, bloodstream infections and other illnesses is rapidly becoming resistant to antibiotics, a government study found.

Experts have warned for a decade that overuse of antibiotics is helping germs become resis-

tant to drugs, first to penicillin, then to newer antibiotics, raising the specter of more deaths and amputations.

"It's become even more worrisome in the last two years," said Dr. Cynthia G. Whitney of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There are definitely some strains that are fast learners."

The CDC study looked at

Streptococcus pneumoniae, the nation's most common bacterial cause of meningitis, children's ear infections and pneumonia. Also called pneumococcus, it is a frequent cause of bacteremia, a bloodstream infection that kills many elderly people.

Between 1995 and 1998, Whitney and colleagues collected 12,045 blood or other fluid samples from U.S. patients infected with Streptococcus pneumoniae. Each sample was tested against antibiotics from nine of the 10 or so classes that fight bacteria, with increasingly strong doses of the antibiotic applied until the bacteria were killed.

Over the three-year span, the percentage of pneumococcus samples resistant to three or more antibiotic classes grew from 9 percent to 14 percent. The percentage resistant to penicillin went from 21 percent to 25 percent.

Resistance was particularly high in children under 5 and in whites, two groups generally receiving more antibiotics than others, as well as in parts of the South.

However, the researchers noted that new vaccines, including one approved recently for use in babies, can protect against most

drug-resistant strains of the bacteria. Also, a few new antibiotics have been coming onto the market in recent years, and 19 more are in development and could go on sale over the next eight years.

"In fact, the researchers found that as newer antibiotics came into greater use, the prevalence of pneumococcus resistant to the older antibiotics decreased.

"It gives us hope maybe we can reverse this trend," Whitney said. The research was reported in the New England Journal of Medicine.

In an editorial, Drs. Richard P. Wenzel and Michael B. Edmond of Virginia Commonwealth University said that the rise of drug resistance "should cause great concern and incite a commitment to act responsibly."

"The antibiotic era is barely 60 years old, yet the inappropriate use of these drugs threatens our ability to cope with infections," they said.

On the Net:  
New England Journal of Medicine:  
<http://www.nejm.com>  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance>

## Some vital statistics on strokes

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Strokes, or brain attacks, strike 600,000 to 750,000 people in this country each year.

Someone in this country dies from a stroke every 3.3 minutes, with at least 160,000 deaths annually. It is the No. 3 killer, after heart disease and cancer.

Warning signs include:

—Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, usually on one side of the body

—Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding

—Trouble walking, dizziness and loss of balance or coordination

—Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes

—Sudden severe headache with no known cause

One-third of patients who suffer a transient ischemic attack, or ministroke, which

causes temporary symptoms, later have a stroke, so those people should see a doctor for preventive care.

Even an apparent ministroke should be treated as a life-threatening emergency, and patients should call 911 immediately, doctors say.

To be most effective in limiting permanent disability, anti-clotting therapy must be started within three hours of onset of symptoms. Before the appropriate treatment can be determined, the cause of the stroke — a clot or bleeding in the brain — must first be determined through brain scans and a physical examination.

Sources: American Stroke Association, National Stroke Association, physician interviews

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# Tax Preparer Offers Advice You Can Take to the Bank

**DEAR ABBY:** Tax time is approaching. As a tax practitioner, I am asking for your help. Please inform your readers:

(1) Same- or next-day "refunds" are *not* refunds. They are super-high interest loans with interest rates higher than some loan sharks charge! If you file early, you can get your money back in as little as two weeks.

(2) Allow the practitioner to use a direct-deposit refund. If you don't, your return could take up to 10 days longer to be printed, sorted and mailed. The IRS already knows about every bank account you have, so you have nothing to fear.

(3) Contact a practitioner who will be there after the end of April. Don't use a tax mill that disappears after three or four months.

(4) Make sure the preparer signs your return. *It's the law.* If he or she refuses, do not pay for or accept the return. Remember, you are just as responsible for your tax preparer's mistakes as he or she is for yours.

(5) Don't ask the preparer to do something illegal. (You could wind up as cellmates.)

(6) Just because somebody you know took a certain tax deduction does not mean you're also eligible.

(7) The IRS now requires Social Security numbers for each member of your family. Most hospitals arrange for numbers to be issued at birth. You can also obtain one from your local Social Security office. If you are a nonresident alien, the local IRS office will issue you a



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

temporary number for identification purposes while you are in this country.

Thanks for your help in getting this information out, Abby.

**TAX TIPS FROM A PROFESSIONAL**

**DEAR PROFESSIONAL:** As people scramble to get their tax filing done, it's tempting to take a few shortcuts. Thank you for your warnings and helpful suggestions. I hope my readers will take them to heart.

**DEAR ABBY:** My letter is in response to "Terrified in the South," who discovered her husband's interest in child pornography. "Terrified" asked whether you thought her husband could be a child molester and said that she couldn't stand the thought of her husband touching her "if he ... hurt a child like that."

Abby, her husband doesn't need to physically touch a child to "hurt a child like that"; his desire for child

pornography creates and fuels the demand for the sexual exploitation of children. Please inform your readers that the very act of downloading or viewing child pornography is a criminal act and creates the environment for children to be sexually abused by *someone*.

The U.S. Customs Service investigates the trafficking of child pornography via the Internet. If your readers suspect someone is involved with child pornography over the Internet, referrals can be made by calling 1-800-BE ALERT (1-800-232-5378) or via e-mail to c3@customs.treas.gov.

**GABRIEL HAGAN, SPECIAL AGENT, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE**

**DEAR SPECIAL AGENT HAGAN:** Thank you for your expertise on this subject. Child pornography is a vice that affects everyone whose lives are in any way touched by it. I suspect your letter will be clipped and saved by concerned readers.

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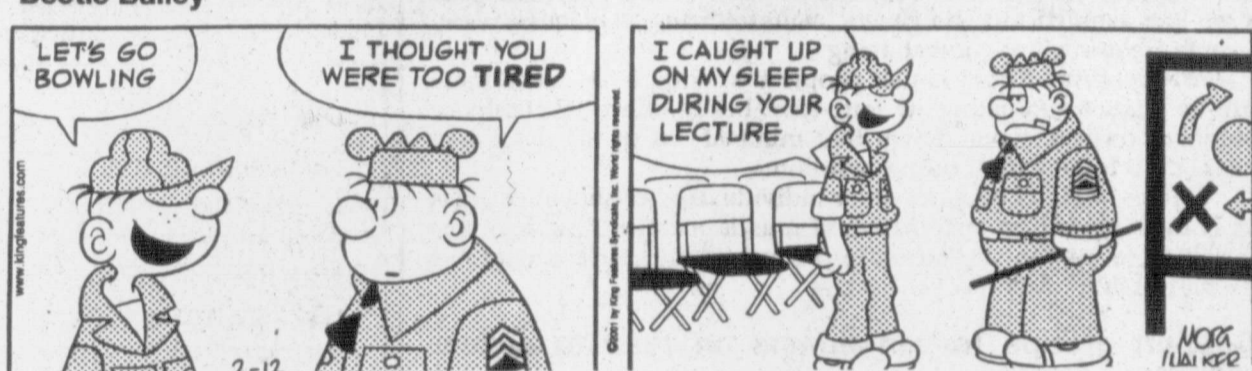
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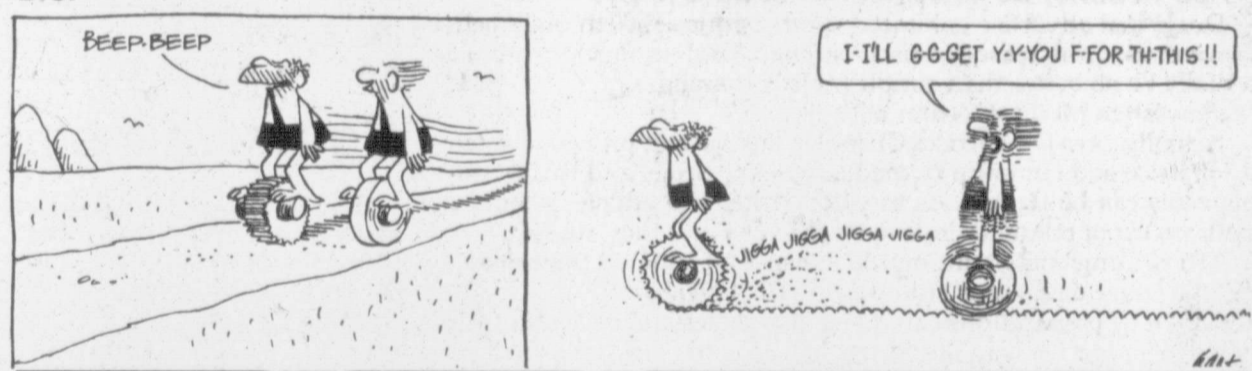
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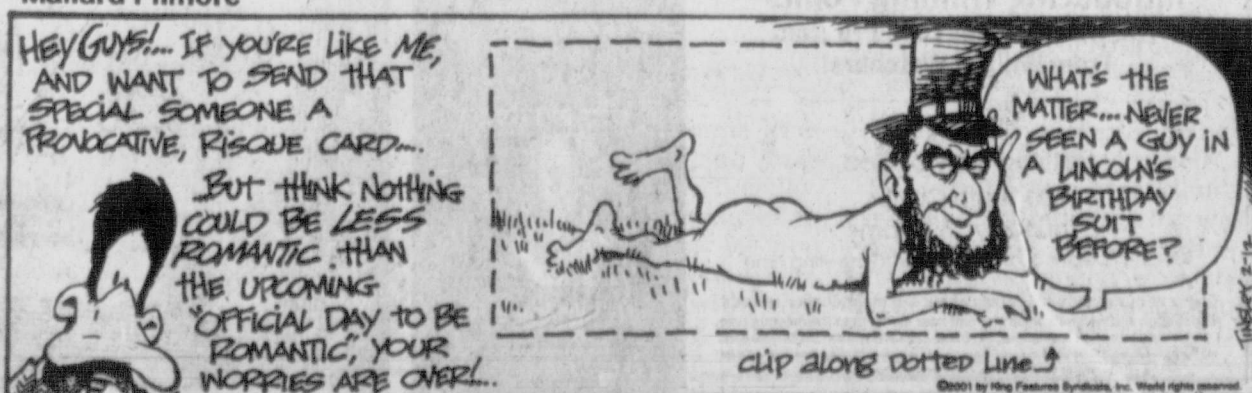
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## Horoscope

TUESDAY, FEB. 13, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your interpersonal skills star. You sense confusion running through ideas and plans. Clean up mixed messages. Tonight: Talk to a trusted friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Defer to another rather than making a decision. Others think they are right. The real issue might be what is most effective, especially with a decision that involves others. You might not always see past present events. Someone in a position of authority confuses the issue instead of clarifying it. Tonight: Go along with plans.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines could make a big difference in what goes down at work or with an important project. Think about the real issue at hand. Efforts to reach out to another result in confusion. Minds aren't meeting. Tonight: Get on an exercise kick.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen carefully to someone who means a lot to you. You might not always understand what another is saying. This misunderstanding might not be your fault. Be diplomatic and ask astute, insightful questions. Answers don't come overnight. Tonight: Play the night

away. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense about a child or loved one. This person might not be able to tell you the "straight" story because he really does not know it. Stay on top of the big story while dealing with others. Honor family as your highest priority. Tonight: Opt for quiet and relaxing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others might be doing a wonderful job of muddling up decisions and ideas. You will be able to clear things up and get down to brass tacks. Don't worry so much about what is going on with you. Just stay focused. Jot down what could be a fleeting idea. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Keep talking and asking questions. You need more information in order to make important money decisions, and you might not be getting the full story. By asking questions, you get down to basics. Be careful that you don't take a risk and put yourself in a vulnerable position. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have a strong personality. Sometimes when you are unsure of yourself, it comes out in how you respond to others. Don't hesitate to step back if you feel unsure. Honor a change in perspective. A family member might be hiding some important information. Tonight: Be a sleuth to conquer a problem.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Take your time when making decisions. You might not be sure of yourself, as much as you would like to be. Think through all matters, correspon-

dences and decisions. Communication could sound like gibberish. That might not be far from the truth! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Stay focused on the main issues. Don't allow anyone to push you, especially financially. Know that right now, you aren't seeing the whole picture, and that is OK. Take your time when making decisions that involve your funds and long-term desires. Tonight: Follow your friend's lead.

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★★★★ Slow down, as you are working in a haze. Confirm important messages and meetings. Others might not be sure about what is happening. Remain optimistic with others. Your understanding and caring reach new levels with an important person in your life. Tonight: In the limelight.

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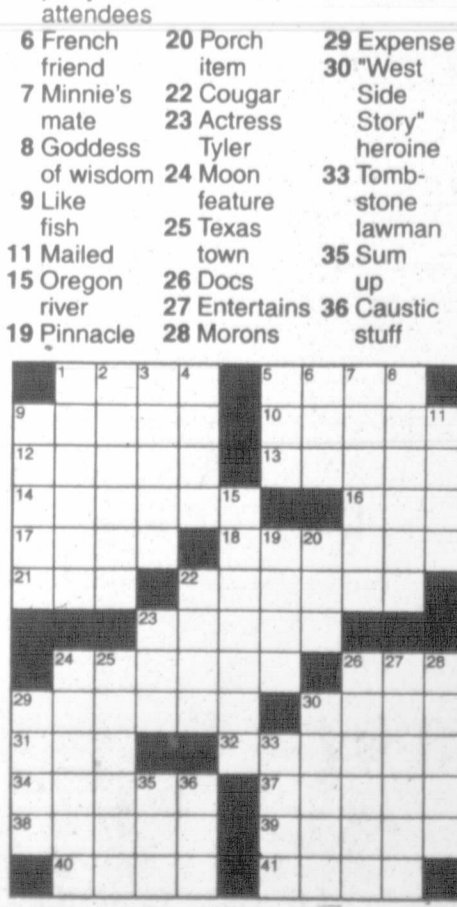
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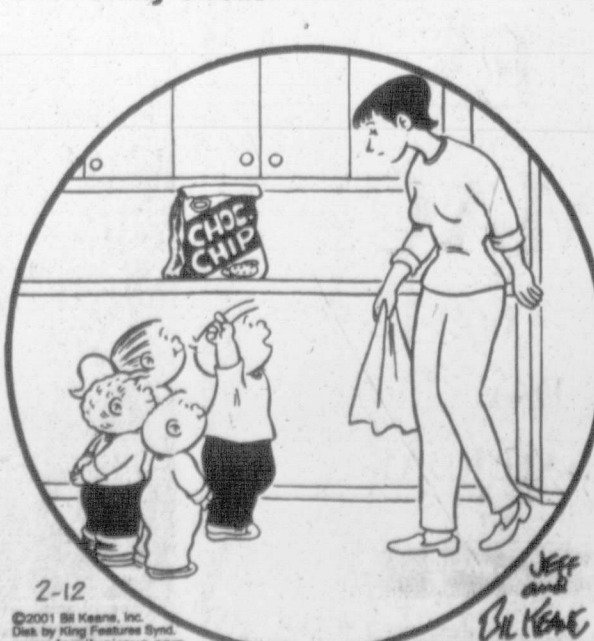
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### SOCCER

**PAMPA** — Registration for the Spring 2001 season of the Pampa Soccer Association will be held Saturday. This registration is only for players who did not sign up last August for the fall season.

New players may sign up at T-Shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill, in downtown Pampa between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Team practices will begin March 5 with the first game being held March 17.

Additionally, a Coaches "F-Level" Clinic will be held March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at place yet to be determined.

For additional information, call 665-3036.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Soccer Booster Club meets at 7 tonight in the Ready Room at the high school athletic building. The public is invited to attend.

**AMARILLO** — In between all the snow and ice that has plagued the area, the Pampa girls' soccer team finally got to play a match last weekend.

The results were good as Misti Northcutt's penalty kick gave the Lady Harvesters a 1-0 District 3-4A win over Canyon.

Danielle Martinez, Jessica Burns and co-captain Sarah Porter, in addition to Northcutt, had an outstanding game, according to coach Lori Patulea.

Patulea said seven great saves were made by goalkeeper Leslie McWilliams.

Pampa plays matches Tuesday at Borger and Wednesday at Caprock.

In another district match last weekend, Randall shut out Caprock 7-0.

## Pampa swimmers qualify for state meet

**LUBBOCK** — The Pampa girls' swim team came close to coming away with a team championship at the Region 1-5A Meet Saturday at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center.

Pampa finished with 70 points just 20 points behind first-place Pecos. The Lady Harvesters will send Andrea Branchetti, Misty Moman and 400-free relay squad to the state meet.

Branchetti won two individual titles and Moman one to lead the Pampa girls.

Pampa's 400-meter relay squad of Moman, Kelly Stowers, Tamra Henthorn and Branchetti won their event easily with a time of 4:01.59. Pecos was second in 4:04.46.

Branchetti won the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:18.04

and the 100 backstroke in 1:04.46. Moman took first in the 100 butterfly with a 1:09.90. She also placed third in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:10.76.

Henthorn took second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:13.44. She also placed third in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:01.07.

Stowers was third in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:15.52.

Pampa's 200-medley relay team of Branchetti, Megan David, Moman and Branchetti was second with a time of 2:04.73.

In the boys' division, Pampa placed fifth in the team standings with 22 points.

Pecos won the team title with 125 points. Willie Griffin was second in the

500 free with a 5:22.54. The 400-free relay team of Ben Whitten, Doug Warren, Clay David and Griffin finished third with a 3:42.07.

"Pampa qualified nine boys and eight girls for the finals," said Pampa coach Amy Howard. "Going into the finals on Saturday, the girls' team was sitting in first place. The final races were excellent."

The state meet will be held Feb. 23-24 in Austin.

David Fatheree has been assisting head coach Amy Howard with Pampa's diving program this season.

Pampa freshmen divers Jessica Hall and Jon Sturgill were entered in the regional meet. Hall was fifth in the girls' division

and Sturgill was seventh in the boys' division.

This is the first time in more than 15 years that Pampa has had a diving program.

### Region 1-44 Swim Meet Pampa results

**Girls**  
**200-medley relay**  
 Second place: Andrea Branchetti, Megan David, Misty Moman and Tamra Henthorn, 2:04.73, State Qualifier.  
**200 freestyle**  
 Second place: Tamra Henthorn, 2:13.44, State Qualifier; Third place: Kelly Stowers, 2:15.52.  
**100 backstroke**  
 First place: Andrea Branchetti, 1:04.46, State Qualifier; Third place: Misty Moman, 1:10.76.  
**100 freestyle**  
 First place: Andrea Branchetti, 1:01.07, State Qualifier; Third place: Ben Whitten, Doug Warren, Clay David and Willie Griffin, 3:42.07, State Qualifier.  
**200 medley**  
 First place: Michael Eskridge, 2:23.40.  
**100 butterfly**  
 Eighth place: Ben Whitten, 1:04.78.  
**100 freestyle**  
 Fourth place: Willie Griffin, 0:53.40; Seventh place: Clay David, 0:54.59.  
**500 free**  
 Second place: Willie Griffin, 5:22.54, State Qualifier; Fourth place: Joe Johnson, 5:29.09.

**100 butterfly**  
 First place: Misty Moman, 1:09.90, State Qualifier.

**100 freestyle**  
 Third place: Tamra Henthorn, 1:01.07; Seventh place: Kelley Stowers, 1:02.21.  
**200 freestyle relay**  
 Sixth place: Desiree Vigil, Jessica White, Megan David and Kelley Stowers, 1:57.34.

**Boys**  
**200-medley relay**  
 Seventh place: Doug Warren, Willie Griffin, Ben Whitten and Clay David, 1:59.05.  
**200 freestyle**  
 Fifth place: Clay David, 1:58.60; Eighth place: Joe Johnson, 2:05.56.  
**100 backstroke**  
 Sixth place: Kody Kirkland, 1:04.17; Eighth place: Doug Warren, 1:06.51.  
**400 freestyle relay**  
 Third place: Ben Whitten, Doug Warren, Clay David and Willie Griffin, 3:42.07, State Qualifier.  
**200 medley**  
 Eighth place: Michael Eskridge, 2:23.40.  
**100 butterfly**  
 Eighth place: Ben Whitten, 1:04.78.  
**100 freestyle**  
 Fourth place: Willie Griffin, 0:53.40; Seventh place: Clay David, 0:54.59.  
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Weston Teichmann, 13, of Pampa shot this 8-point buck Nov. 26 in Wheeler County. The buck had a 17 1/2 inch inside spread. Weston was hunting with his dad, David.

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## Specter: Clinton 'technically' could be impeached again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton, who survived a Senate trial on whether to remove him, could technically face new impeachment charges over his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee says.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, interviewed on "Fox News Sunday," said legal research led him to believe a former president "technically could still be impeached." He did not suggest what the specific charges might be.

Clinton spokeswoman Julia Payne shot back: "Give me a break. What's clear here, by the continued piling-on of the Republicans on President Clinton, is that what they'd like to impeach is the eight great years of progress and prosperity the American people enjoyed under him."

Legal scholars were divided on whether the Constitution allows Congress to pursue an impeachment case — either over a president's use of his pardon power or against a chief executive who has left office.

The Senate's second-ranking Republican leader, Don Nickles of Oklahoma, opposed a new impeachment case. But he did raise the possibility of using other methods to reduce the former president's pension, office rent allowance and other administrative expenses.

Under questioning, Specter said, "I'm not suggesting that it should be done, but President Clinton technically could still be impeached." He added, "I don't think that trial would take too long."

Specter said Clinton "avoided a conviction on impeachment the last time around because he had not lost the confidence of the American people, and we didn't want to shake up the government, but he's not in office anymore."

In impeachment proceedings, the House brings charges and the Senate tries the case. Specter said

"someone" in the House could soon talk about possible articles of impeachment. "No, I don't have anybody in mind," he added.

Clinton was impeached by the House in December 1998 on allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice involving testimony about his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. In February 1999, the Senate voted to acquit Clinton, with Specter opposing his removal from office.

Rich was among 140 Americans pardoned by Clinton two hours before he left office on Jan. 20. He has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in the United States in 1983 on charges he evaded more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and participating in illegal oil deals with Iran.

Republicans have noted that Rich's former wife, Denise, was a major contributor to the Democratic Party and to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign. Denise Rich also reportedly donated some \$450,000 to the former president's library foundation.

Democrats have not defended Clinton's pardon decision.

"I think either the president had an incredible lapse in memory or he was brain-dead when he did that one," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, told Fox.

Clinton has insisted that Rich deserved the pardon on the merits.

Specter suggested the former president could be stripped of "the emoluments of office, such as the substantial sums being spent on the library, such as the bodyguards, such as his pension."

At a Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday, Specter plans to seek support for a constitutional amendment that would give Congress the power to overturn a presidential pardon by a two-thirds vote. The president's power to pardon is absolute under the Constitution.

## McVeigh called 'delusional,' for seeking public execution

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Relatives of those killed in the Oklahoma City bombing rebuked Timothy McVeigh's suggestion that his execution be publicly broadcast.

"Are citizens going to see this sitting in a bar?" asked Tom Kight, whose daughter, Frankie Merrell, died in the explosion.

"What about the people who follow him, the right-wing anti-government people? I think Tim would like to go out a martyr," he said.

McVeigh, 32, is set to be executed May 16 by injection at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The bombing killed 168 people and injured 500.

In a letter published in the Sunday Oklahoman, McVeigh suggested that for all who wish to view the execution to have fair

access, "a reasonable solution seems obvious: hold a true 'public' execution — allow a public broadcast."

Federal Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said a national broadcast was not an option.

"It hasn't even been considered. It won't happen," he said.

McVeigh wrote the letter in response to a lawsuit filed by eight survivors and victims' family members asking for a closed-circuit telecast of the execution. The prisons bureau is considering such a telecast. Several states have allowed relatives of murder victims to watch executions on closed-circuit television.

"It has ... been said that all of Oklahoma was a victim of the bombing. Can all of Oklahoma watch?" he wrote in the Feb. 1 letter.

Paul Heath, a psychologist who worked for the Department of

Veterans Affairs on the fifth floor of the building, said he was concerned about McVeigh seeing himself as a hero.

"I believe he is a delusional revolutionary who believes he is Earl Turner," Heath said, referring to the main character of the anti-government book, "The Turner Diaries." A copy of the book was in McVeigh's car when he was arrested.

Although Heath was involved in pushing for a closed-circuit telecast of the execution, he said he vehemently opposes a public broadcast.

"I would withdraw all eight names off the petition to keep the execution off television," he said.

Bud Welch, whose daughter, Julie, was killed in the bombing, said he thinks McVeigh is suicidal and the execution would be similar to assisted suicide. Welch has become a vocal opponent of the death penalty in recent years.

"He is obviously not of a stable mind, and I think we can all agree on that," Welch said.

McVeigh would be the first federal inmate executed since 1963. He dropped all appeals in January and has until Friday to seek clemency from President Bush.

## Texas round up ...

### Texas seeing red ink as Bush pushes national tax cut

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Some Texas legislators are questioning the legacy of tax cuts George W. Bush left as governor amid a current revenue crunch, even as Bush as president is pushing his national plan for a \$1.6 trillion reduction over a 10-year period.

As governor, Bush pushed through the Texas Legislature a package of \$1.85 billion in cuts to property, business and sales taxes two years ago. The state had predicted a large surplus for the coming two-year budget cycle.

But with some saying that higher-than-expected costs on Medicaid and other unanticipated expenses have essentially wiped out projections of a surplus, state Sen. Eddie Lucio is calling for emergency legislation that would undo the property tax cuts Bush championed.

"We should consider bringing that to an immediate halt," said Lucio, a Brownsville Democrat. "Politically, it was the right thing to do ... (but) from a fiscal standpoint, I think we put ourselves in the hole."

The legislation would require the approval of current Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Kathy Walt, a Perry spokeswoman, noted that the governor "does not believe there is a fiscal crisis" and thinks the Legislature can pass a balanced budget that meets Texans' needs.

Walt did not want to address aspects of the legislation, which has not yet been filed.

But Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, is questioning the wisdom of the tax-cut package pushed through the Legislature in 1999 with Bush's enthusiastic backing.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office had earlier predicted that half of a \$2.9 billion surplus over the next two years will be eaten by cost overruns in the current budget.

### Two inmates charged with murdering another prisoner

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Two Texas prisoners, one serving a life sentence for capital murder and the other jailed for aggravated robbery, have been indicted by a Polk County grand jury and charged with murdering another convict.

Authorities said James Wilson, 27, was a minimum custody inmate at the Terrell Unit who had no cell mate when he was murdered July 17 by Ennis Coleman, 23, and Christopher Alford, 28.

Wilson was found lying on his back as guards made their rounds, a shoestring tied around his neck. Corrections officers unsuccessfully attempted to revive Wilson, who was pronounced dead at the Livingston-area unit's infirmary.

Wilson arrived in prison Nov. 20, 1998, on a five-year sentence for burglary in Lubbock County.

Coleman and Alford will be arraigned March 9, and both are expected to enter pleas of innocence, the Huntsville Item reported in Sunday editions.

Coleman, who was serving a life sentence for a capital murder conviction from Harris County, was charged with murder and capital murder.

Alford, who was serving a Dallas County sentence on an aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon conviction, was charged only with murder.

Violent attacks in Texas prisons have increased more than tenfold in the past decade, figures from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice show.

The trend is blamed on lengthier sentences, elimination of mandatory parole, fewer paroles and the strengthening of prison gangs.

TDCJ figures show the 923 percent increase in reports of violent crimes, from 1,434 in 1990 to 14,669 in 1999, has outpaced the jump in the inmate population.

### Texas students look to give NPS first 3D Statue of Liberty view

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — At 151 feet tall and a weight of 225 tons, the Statue of Liberty is among the world's most recognized ladies.

To ensure the statue's stately image remains intact, the National Park Service is calling on a team of Texas Tech students and faculty to survey her copper skin.

The team will use a laser to measure the statue's surface, said Paul Dolinsky, chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey, an NPS division. The group will run a test case in March to try some new laser measuring technology with a Cyrax laser, he said.

"And once we know that this approach will work ... we'll establish a budget to fund the survey project," Dolinsky said.

The survey will give the Park Service its first three-dimensional, measured drawing of the statue, Dolinsky said.

John White, professor and assistant academic dean at Tech's College of Architecture, has worked

with the Park Service every summer for 27 years. The laser, used in conjunction with a computer-imaging technology, will produce highly accurate measurements of the statue's exterior, White said.

The statue's copper sheeting "skin" is only 3/32nd inch thick.

The Park Service wants to know its condition, White said.

The laser will let the surveyors avoid using scaffolding. Instead, the architects will stand at ground level and scan specific sections of the statue, marked with targets strategically placed on the copper surface. Images will be stored on a laptop computer at the site, and later developed into drawings in the College of Architecture at Tech.

### Atlantis astronauts gear up for second spacewalk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A day after opening the doors to Destiny, astronauts aboard space shuttle Atlantis had two main tasks: move a docking port and continue outfitting the new lab during a spacewalk.

On Monday, astronaut Marsha Ivins was set to use the shuttle's robotic arm to place a docking port at the end of Destiny, the international space station's new science laboratory.

The port, which will serve as the primary shuttle docking location for the next several missions, had been moved to a temporary location during the mission's first spacewalk Saturday so the lab could be attached to station Alpha.

Spacewalkers Thomas Jones and Robert Curbeam Jr. were expected to help Ivins with her task and also attach various equipment and fixtures to the exterior of the \$1.4 billion lab, including the future connection point for the space station's robotic arm — due to be brought up in April.

If the docking port can't be attached to Destiny, it would halt future space station construction. Another mission would have to be scheduled or the next one in early March would have to be revamped in order to get the docking port connected, flight director Bob Castle said.

### Mexican president's hometown prepares for Bush, but many already in U.S.

SAN CRISTOBAL, Mexico (AP) — When President Bush comes to this village baked by dust and sun on Friday, he will see newly planted grass, freshly painted walls and gleaming telephone poles that soon will connect San Cristobal to the world.

What he is unlikely to see are the village's poor peasants and the bleak choice they have long lived with: Work for the family of President Vicente Fox for subsistence wages, or cross illegally into the United States to try to make their fortune.

Illegal immigration is expected to figure at the top of the agenda when Fox and the former Texas governor meet on Bush's first foreign trip as U.S. president. It would be hard to find a more appropriate place to discuss it.

Rita Cruz, 23, said almost all the men in San Cristobal are either in the United States or have spent years there. Seven of her nine brothers are there, as are two uncles and countless cousins.

It's hard to do much with the wages paid by the Fox family, which is pretty much the only employer in town. Laborers currently make about \$8 a day, better than in many rural communities in Mexico, but hardly a living.

Auscencio Nila, 80, sat in front of his house holding a cowboy hat and a warped wooden cane. He is crippled by rheumatism, he says from more than 40 years of working in the fields of the Fox family.

Six years ago, when he could no longer walk, he said he asked his boss — Fox's brother Jose — whether he could retire.

Fox has said he plans to lobby Bush for a visa program that would allow Mexican workers to cross legally into the United States to work temporarily — an idea that has received support from the Bush administration and Republican members of Congress.

### Elsewhere

SPIN CITY: They were described as a violent gang of murderers, robbers and abusers with nothing to lose. The seven escaped convicts inspired fear and panic during their month on the lam, accused of staging several robberies, killing a police officer and amassing an arsenal of weapons before their arrests last month in Colorado. Just how bad are these bad guys? "I never wanted bloodshed in the beginning," insisted ringleader George Rivas. "It wasn't supposed to happen." Explanations, excuses, claims of "I didn't do it on purpose." Experts say they're all part of the escapees' deliberate attempts to reshape their image and invite sympathy before facing capital murder charges in the death of Irving officer Aubrey Hawkins. ...

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This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Thursday, February 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at the Borger Chamber of Commerce, 613 Main Street, Borger Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as their criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently being planned or any additional projects that might be proposed: however speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 2708) Amarillo, Texas 79105. Comments must be received no later than March 8, 2001.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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