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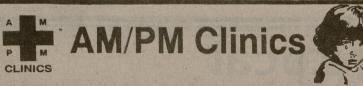
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Deserted baby grabs attention of Dallas public

DALLAS (AP) — Officials say an infant left for dead in a trash dumpster has emerged from the ordeal in supprisingly good shape, and Park surprisingly good shape, and Park-land Memorial Hospital is being flooded with donations and requests to adopt the city's Christmas season miracle baby.

There have been so many calls from people wanting to help that Karen Robbins of the Texas Department of Human Services decided the baby should be known by more

than a generic name.

She named the child Natalie Christine, a choice inspired by the

"It seemed kind of sad to send do-nations to 'Baby Girl," Robbins said. "She didn't have a very good start. Maybe her luck will change with a strong name."
"Natalie" was left in a trash bin be-

hind a south Dallas apartment com-plex just after birth, her placenta and umbilical cord still attached. Authorities said the infant survived, apparently because the trash which covered her helped insulate her from the cold.

"Right now she's just a normal infant — eating and sleeping," said Robbins, who was assigned to the ba-

by's case. "She appears real healthy."
The Department of Human Services, which was granted temporary custody of Natalie, is expected to place the child with a foster family within a few days. A judge should make a final decision about the girl's custody on Wednesday.

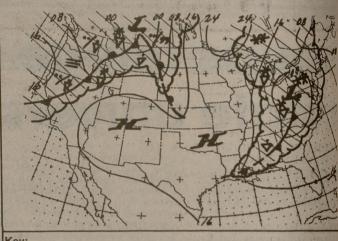
Valencia Gill-Hooper, the hospital's adoption social worker, said, "It's just been phenomenal. A lot of

people want to adopt this baby.

Authorities, meanwhile, have tried to locate Natalie's parents, but they say they have little information.
Parkland officials said many peo-

ple are calling the hospital to check on the girl's condition or to ask what they can do for her. Donations are being sent in care of Betty Sloan at the Dallas County Child Welfare

Weather Watch



Key:

= Lightning

= Thundersto = Drizzle

= Ice Pellets

Sunset Today: 5:23 p.m.

= Rain

Sunrise Wednesday: 7:06 a.m

Map Discussion: The south-central and southwest United States continue under the influence of high pressure at surface and aloft, resulting in fair to partly cloudy skies and mild temperatures. The Partly Cloudy skies and mild temperatures. Northwest and the northern Rockies again will experience overcast skies, rather cold temperatures and a combination of rain and snow. low pressure system from the eastern Canadian provinces into Virgin will produce snow from the central Appalachians northward to Maine while there will be a few rain showers from the western Carolinas to

- Snow

Today, tonight and tomorrow. Fair to partly cloudy with warm days and mild nights, with highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s. East winds will be at 5 to 10 mph.

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Teacher gets two-year term for sexually assaulting boy

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A former English teacher, who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting two boys, received a two-year prison sentence Wednesday, then was arraigned on additional charges that

arose during the investigation of a 14-year-old boy's death.

In addition to the prison sentence, Raymond Earl Watts, 37, was assessed a total of \$20,000 in fines.

The charges on which he was convicted were based on statements

from two boys, ages 13 and 14, that Watts had oral sex with them. "Needless to say, we are happy with the verdict (sentence)," Watts' attorney, Juan Jose Martinez, said, adding that two years was better than the 40 years the prosecution

had recommended. The jury deliberated about two hours Wednesday in deciding Watts' sentence.

He originally faced eight charges, including aggravated sexual assault

pleading guilty to two sexual assault

Two hours after his sentencing, Watts, a seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher in Brownsville until his suspension last March, was arraigned on two additional felony charges of sexual assault of a minor, one felony charge of indecency with a minor and a misdemeanor weap-

The new charges, filed last week, arose from an investigation by the Cameron County Sheriff's Department into the death of a 14-year-old Mexican national whose body was found near Russelltown. Sheriff Alex Perez said the victim apparently had been beaten, then set on

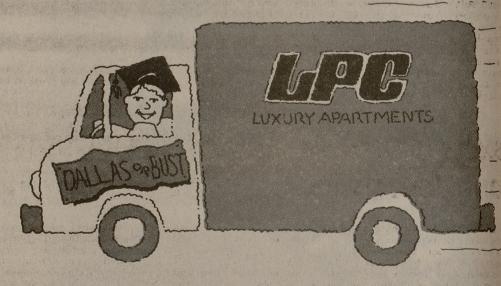
No one has been charged in the boy's death, Perez said.

of a minor, sexual assault of a minor. The sheriff said the three and indecency with a minor, before in the new sexual assault at cency charges were friends boy, whose charred body wa Nov. 22 near the Cameron community of Russelltown.

> Perez said the dead boy lieved to be an acquaint Watts. Statements read du trial, which ended Wedn cluded allegations by boys th picked them up at Market & downtown Brownsville, tool his apartment, engaged in acts and took nude photog

> > The sheriff recomm Wednesday that Justice of Tony Torres set high bonds four new charges against War "In my opinion, he's dan

our community," Perez said Torres set bonds \$152,500 on the four newd



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