Green going up

Immigrants say it will be hard to pay price that's almost doubling

By AMANDA COVARRUBIAS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For Dalia Hernandez, a legal immigrant from Mexico who earns \$300 a week a stall in the downtown garment district, every penny counts.

Come Tuesday, she and millions of other immigrants will have to count more pennies for the privilege of staying put — the fees for work permits and immigration cards are scheduled to jump as much as 50 percent.

Mrs. Hernandez's children need permanent residency cards. "It's going to cost me almost

\$3,000 to pay for my two kids," she said. "You have to take pictures, get your fingerprints done -The U.S. Immigration and Natu-

ralization Service is raising its fees for the first time in four years. All except 10 of the agency's 40 fees will be increased, generating about \$1 million per day in new revenue. Last year, the charges raised \$652

"The fees that we've charged to \$220 from \$130. have not covered the costs for processing the forms," said Sharon Gavin, an INS spokeswoman.

The cost of becoming a legal Immigration, which provides legal applications — there were 1.7 milpermanent resident will rise from and educational services through- lion cases earlier this year - was

Advice

THE REA BILLY GRAHAM

Syndrome child

as gift from God

Dear Dr. Graham: The doctor has

iust told us our baby has Down's

Syndrome and will never be hormal.

How could God do this to us We are

so confused and disappointed. I don't

know why I'm writing you, but you

Dear Mrs. J.J.: Almost any parent

can understand why I feel the way I

can understand the disappbintmen

you feel. After all, you have looked

forward to the joys of parenthood

and now it seems like you will never

My prayer is that you will come t

look on this child as a gift, and not a

burden and with God's help you can.

I don't know why God allowed this

to happen to you. You can either meet

this challenge with anger and bitter-

ness or you can meet it with expecta-

tion and peace. Which way would be

better, both for you and you child? I

God can change your attitude,

you ask Him to help you see this

think you know the answer.

child from His point of view

do, can't you? - Mrs. J.J.

experience them.

Think of Down's



Dalia Hernandez of Los Angeles finishes a sale in her mini storefront in the garment district of Los Angeles on Friday. She is a legal immigrant from Mexico and is among millions who may feel the squeeze when the fees for work permits and immigration cards rise Tuesday.

The greatest concern we have is this barrage of obstacles that keep getting thrown in the way of people who want to ... become full-fledged citizens.

Seven-year

search ends

is discovered

The Associated Press

past as a contract killer.

when double life

LOS ANGELES — He had a win

ning personality and movie star

looks. But police say popular weight

trainer and aspiring movie stuntma

Graham Miller used an upscale, sub

urban health club to hide out from a

murderer of wealthy British busi

month when Neville Vandermerw

— Miller's real name — was arrest

ed in the parking lot of the San Fer-

life, police say, and is being held

Vandermerwe worked hard to stand

out, even as he masked a dark past.

where Vandermerwe worked. "He

Friends, colleagues and neighbors

was a popular guy.'

without bail pending an extradition pay personal trainers \$75 an hour.

World Gym in Woodland Hills, movie job or even had an agent.

In a town that thrives on images, an of the South African Army and

"Everyone liked him," said he was registered with the union but

The 28-year-old South African

nessman Simon Law ended

nando Valley health club.

The seven-year search for the

"The greatest concern we have The replacement cost for a resi- people who want to be naturalized \$95, or 137 percent. dency permit - commonly known and become full-fledged citizens of INS Commissioner Doris Meissas a green card — is rising to \$100 this country," said Juan Jose ner promised not to raise that fee

out California Fees for citizenship applications is this barrage of obstacles that will be unchanged until Jan. 15, keep getting thrown in the way of when they will jump to \$225 from

Gutierrez, director of One-Stop until a backlog of citizenship

contident young man was wanted by

"He carried himself with confi-

Porter Jordan. "He could have been

In fact, Vandermerwe's entire life

He lived in a small apartment

with his beautiful American wife,

Christine Miller, a few miles east of

the gym in a humdrum section of

Despite his middle-class exis-

He told colleagues he was a veter-

tence, Vandermerwe dressed sharply

and commuted in a BMW to the

exclusive health club, where patrons

had worked Hollywood stunt jobs.

Vandermerwe's

The Screen Actors Guild confirmed

police in three countries.

was something of an act.

Someone is missing and I am going to get

the blame for it. ... I've got to leave the

Some people have had to wait as long as two years to become citi-

Manuel Calles left his native El Salvador and has lived in the United States for 17 years. The father One-Stope Immigration director of five runs a fruit and vegetable and from a pickup truck in the garment district.

He earns about \$300 per week in the bustling district, where locals and tourists clog narrows streets and alleys in search of fashion bar-

But the higher fees are still "I can make more money here

Ms. Miller could not be reached

for comment, but a close friend,

anonymity, told The Associated

Press that Ms. Miller had not known

of her husband's past. "She is

Both Vandermerwe and

1991 when he and friend Glen Chait

traveled to Great Britain from their

homes in a well-to-do Johannesburg

In the small town of Elmsted, the

pair asked several people for direc-

had no record that he ever held a Simon Law, an accountant and vio- case open, and in 1996, her struggle

A suspicious neighbor jotted

appearance apparently did bring him down the car's license plate when it Chait committed suicide in jail

Vandermerwe was 20 in April his nervous and evasive son.

they drove through rural England in said, "And I've got no alibi. I will

the stylish red Vauxhall Astra they be traced here so easily I've got to

offers to work as a model, but he pulled into Law's driveway. About shortly after a South African judge dence to connect the businessman

lot lower.

had borrowed from South African leave the country."

floored," the friend said.

lawyer refused to comment.

Hispanies to work for feds

By ANDY CASTAGNOLA cripps Howard News Service

ic employees already in government. office as a model for other federal Hispanic employment in government is low across the board. Out of

panic. That percentage is only about half that of Latinos in the civilian workforce. No other minority group has a smaller percentage of federal versus civilian workers.

respect to Hispanics in the civilian

government labor force, OPM teamed panic enrollment. Students can use the kiosks to track new job openings,

managers will use Hispanic media word on federal jobs.

DNA testing to establish the blood

But Vandermerwe and Chait had

already slipped out of the country

home distraught. The elder Vander-

merwe knew something terrible had

happened but got few details from

Vandermerwe told his father.

"Someone is missing and I am

The two young men stood out as going to get the blame for it," he ins, the South African businessman

according to court documents

Vandermerwe fled to America.

fiancee, Tarn Phillips, kept up a

tions to the fashionable home of determined campaign to keep the with Jenkins and reject a secrecy

was rewarded when South African

ordered him extradited to Britain to

police found and arrested Chait

Law's body was never found. His

and gone back to South Africa.

Vandermerwe's father

split a large sum of money.

discuss how they would

tacts at universities and high schools belonging to the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. OPM

Texas, a member of the Congression-"There are high qualified people out there," said Ciro Rodriguez, D-

The plan also turns to Hispanics already in the federal workforce to join mentoring and development pro-

grams that will ensure that OPM

retains Hispanics who already are on

Total funding for the plan is \$295,000, including \$25,000 for

Manuel Oliverez, president of the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives, welcomed the plan. Only about 2 percent of upper "We found that we do not yet look level federal employees are Hispanic. like America," OPM Director Janice and other federal agencies need to Lachance said, "especially with replicate OPM's recruitment campaign, he said.

The National Association of Latino To attract more Hispanics to the Elected and Appointed Officials shares some of the plan's objectives.

"Recruitment efforts clearly don't Director Ingrid Duran. "If Latinos get in at the table, they can influence pol-Lorenzo Lopez, director of Hispan-

ic Affairs for the Republican National 10-point blueprint.

and paid advertisements to spread the offer so many jobs," he said. "We Managers also will cultivate con- involved as entrepreneurs.

ht trainer conceals past as a when he failed to appear at church face trial. But the search for Vander-

Cautiously slipping in and out of

Vandermerwe married Christine

in December, but his new life was

on the verge of unraveling. His

brother Graham Vandermerwe had

joined him in Los Angeles and regis-

tered a car in his own name, unwit-

tingly rekindling the search for his

fugitive brother. Within a few

months, an undercover policeman

was knocking on Graham's door

The officer spotted Neville in the

There is still one loose end: There

are no plans to prosecute Peter Jenk-

who authorities suspect hired Van-

dermerwe and Chait to kill Law over

Police say the dispute developed

when Law's attorney advised him to

back out of allegedly shady dealings

agreement Jenkins demanded he

The case against Jenkins was

dropped because of a lack of evi-

containing nitrates for heart disease

with the accused killers.

Warn your readers that Viagra can that Viagra could be fatal. I recently

with a bogus flower delivery.

fringes of Hollywood.

choir practice. Vandermerwe and merwe went cold when he escaped

But they missed a few drops of aliases, the body builder slowly

Police noted the spots and used first in New York, then on the glitzy

blood on the rubber seal of the trunk. developed a new life for himself.

Chait were seen washing down the to the United States in 1991.

How much of a competitive edge teams in half and give one group a year-round schedule so they can see

they know success when they see it. "The individual who comes in here, goes up 100

As in the colleges and the pros the program must be structured around the sport season. In football for instance, the heavier weight work can come in the summer before the athlete returns for preseason two-a-day practices. In season, the load is scaled back to maintenance levels, as coaches concentrate on game preparation and injury prevention. After the season, the cycle | have gone home if they hadn't may return to heavier weights and | turned it around so dramatically

However, high school has some different problems — among them, what to do with multisport athletes, edge going into tonight's Game 5 who are more common on the sec- but the Braves have their Big Three

multisport athlete to specialize too soon. It's the player who seems cut Another potential problem

up, the programs have to be varied, LaRosa said. "You have to make the programs fun," he said. "We have games in which we pit individuals against each other — strength-type | for (Monday), too," he said. games like you see in the World's Strongest Man contest.'

Quarterbacks get even action Sunday.

COMING UP

Staying in Shape Driver gets

vacation? Not any more. Even in high school, workouts are becoming a yearlong job for competitive athover, lost in one of the many wrecks

> 500 trailing Gordon by 174 points and seemed to have a shot at closing

And just like that his chance wa gone. Martin wound up 22 laps of the pace and finished 34th.

24th, worked his way back to contention and challenged race-winner place finish virtually wrapped up his third title in four years. "We were looking to maybe

make a few points up, but this is what happens," Martin said. "The That's about the only way Martin

urday night in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Gordon, who 16 straight top-5 finishes, needs only to finish 16th or

Braves stay alive in series

90s, which led the league with 106 Atlanta regains momentum with grand slam in win By BERNIE WILSON

The Associated Press SAN DIEGO - With a might grand slam from Andres Galarraga the Atlanta Braves stayed alive in the NL championship series.

The Braves weren't going any where because they hadn't solve San Diego's pitching, and would with Sunday night's 8-3 victory over

San Diego still has a 3-1 series "A lot of them find themselves in | ing with John Smoltz tonight. a maintenance program all year | face Andy Ashby in a rematch of

> And they can thank the Big Cat for the momentum swing. He was the only Atlanta batter to rediscover his swing, but his performance was by far the most dramatic.

the seventh inning, the Braves rallied for six runs, capped by Galarraga's 459-foot grand slam to left-center off Dan Miceli. Galarraga has hit 332 homers in

13-plus big league seasons, but none "It's probably the best, keeping

the team alive, to give more emotion

The Braves will need it. No team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the playoffs. Then again, this is the Team of the

confident right now. I don't think we feel like a team that is down 3-1."

was down 3-0," said left-hander

Denny Neagle, who gave the Brave

a good effort. "Everybody feels

victories and reached the postseason

"We didn't feel like a team that

for the seventh straight time.

Manager Bobby Cox practically predicted before the game that Galarraga — who had zero RBIs in the series until his slam - would

"I just thought the odds were with us (Sunday) on his bat," Cox said. 'He's like everybody else. He can get cold for four or five days, and then he can get hot and carry you. had to happen sometime, and boy, i was a big one (Sunday)."

Even the Padres knew it wouldn't be that easy to sweep the Braves and they've got one more chance t do it before the loud home fans. "We thought we had it," Padres turned to watch Galarraga's shot and

postseason hero Jim Leyritz said. "But we still feel good. It would have been nice to sweep, but we're talking the Atlanta Braves and it's not easy to sweep them.'

After Leyritz hit a solo homer off face a lot of tough pitchers Neagle in the sixth that put the Padres ahead 3-2, Javy Lopez tied it with a leadoff home run in the seventh off loser Joey Hamilton, who was chased by Andruw Jones' sin-

The Braves went on to load the bases against Randy Myers before Galarraga, who had just one single in his 12 previous at-bats in the

previous three games, hit Hamilton's first pitch of the seventh over The Big Cat stood at home plate Atlanta's Dennis Martinez, 43, seats in left-center, hushing the got the final out in the sixth with a crowd of 65,042 that had come to runner on second to get the win.

something like that happen to Mark, but anything can happen to us in

Yankees take 3-2 lead in ALCS. -- 10B

Lost in the points race was Jarrett's win, his third victory of the season. He held off a pack of challengers over the last 13 laps to get the win and pick up a \$1 million

As an eight-car pack battled behind him, Jarrett kept his Ford Taurus out front on the 2.66-mile tri-

His Robert Yates Racing entry averaged 159.317 mph in the race slowed by just four cautions for 20 laps. He beat Gordon to the finish line by 0.14-seconds - about three

He won a total of \$1,110,125, thanks to the No Bull 5 bonus from series sponsor Winston. Jarrett was one of five drivers - the top finishers in the Southern 500 - eligible for the bonus. Gordon won the bonus at both Indianapolis in July and Darlington, S.C., in September.

"I've been in the front trying to chase some of these guys and tried might not be. The same thing could all different scenarios to win and happen to Jeff in a couple of races." hadn't accomplished that," Jarrett

"But I figured my best chance of make them pass me." Jarrett took the lead on the 176th

Dale Jarrett of Hickory, N.C., celebrates in victory lane after Sunday's Winston 500 at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala. Jarrett held off a pack of challengers during the last 13 laps to get the win and pick up a \$1 million bonus. Oilers hold on



Oilers would have preferred an inspired, flawless performance in a Atlanta's Andres Galarraga game they desperately needed to watches his grand slam clear the wall in an 8-3 win Tennessee did beat Baltimore 12over San Diego in game 4 8 Sunday, snapping a three-game

of the NLCS on Sunday. losing streak. Yet the victory can be attributed mainly to a shoddy effort y the Ravens and the Oilers' ability "You go 0-for-2, 0-for-3, you to overcome their own mistakes. start swinging at bad pitches. decided to be more patient and think it worked (Sunday)," Galarra-

The Oilers (2-3) were penalized on third down and could muster only two field goals in the final 46 vide an offensive spark, was on third base after his go-ahead single. He

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - The Tennessee

I don't even want to think about the alternative, based on the way we played," Oilers coach Jeff Fisher

The Ravens (2-3) were even worse, going 1-for-15 on third down and mustering a team-record low to yards on the ground. Even punting became an adventure for Baltimore

as Harper LeBel sent five bad snaps to punter Kyle Richardson. Ravens running back Priest Holmes, who ran for 173 yards in his starting debut against Cinconati

two weeks earlier, gained 29 vardon 14 carries. "Offensively, we never got into

synch," Baltimore coach led "We just couldn't totally find ourselves and we couldn't get any 13 times for 141 yards and scored drives going. I think third down burt

the game's lone touchdown on a us as much as anything.' broken play. Tennessee was 4-for-16 Eddie George ran for 121 yards and quarterback Steve McNair had a 40-yard touchdown run for the Oil ers. But that was the extent of len

"The bottom line is that we won.

more chance to reach \$10 million By The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Skip Away needs a Classic finish of at least third place to become the first racehorse to earn

Chances seem good that he will get a shot at the Breeders' Cup Classic despite a right-front ankle injury sustained while having his nine-race winning streak snapped Saturday in the Jockey Club Gold Cup.

Third place in the Gold Cup was worth \$130,000 and boosted Skip Away's earnings to \$9,626,360 "I'm 95 percent sure we'll run in the Breeders' Cup," trainer Sonns Hine said Sunday, "The ankle tok w up three or four times as big as it

The Breeders' Cup Classic on

Nov. 7 at Churchill Downs will be

worth at least \$4 million and it it is

third place will be worth \$480 (HH)

was and there was a lot of hear and inflammation, but he's sound. The Classic would be Skip Away's last chance to pass Ciral record of \$9,999,815 before he is

retired to stud.

A quick take on the world of sports

Colbert wins Transamerica: Jim Colbert shot a 5-under-par 67 to win the The Transamerica b one stroke over Senior PGA Tour rookie David Lundstrom.

Colbert, who won for the first time since successful prostate cancer surgery in July 1997, also moved ahead of Lee Trevino and became the leading money winner in the entire history of the senior

Lundstrom (69) finished at 10

Kelly Robbins closed with a 2under-par 70 on Sunday to win the LPGA Tournament of Champions Sunday marked her first victory since the opening event of this year's LPGA season. Robbins finished the tourna-

Robbins victorious in LPGA:

ment with a 12-under 276 total, four shots better than runner-up

Offer depends on success: The price of Cablevision's proposed offer for the New York Yankees ham was hospitalized in good condidepends on the team's success this tion Sunday and recovering from a October, The New York Times neck sprain he suffered in Satur-Cablevision, which owns the tele-

threw his hands in the air as he head-

"I think I was more happy for the

scored more runs. We're going to

Atlanta, batting just .200 in the

Galarraga hit 44 homers this year.

but only two in September and none

gle put the Padres ahead. But Lopez,

who hadn't driven in a run in the

Leyritz's one-out homer off Nea-

in October until Sunday.

first three games, finished with 12

tract that expires after the 2000 season, has oftered to buy the team and Sherri Steinhauer (71) was at let George Steinbrenner remain in charge, perhaps for several years, perhaps as long as he wants.

Most reports say a deal would be worth between \$600 million

Carolina defensive end John Abraday's 33-28 loss against Kentucky.

Abraham expects to return to the Green, Ky. 42102 or brought is vision rights to Yankees games Gamecocks' roster, but probably not 813 College St. under a \$486 million, 12-year con- in time to face Arkansas this week-

coach Brad Scott, who talked with Abraham by telephone Sunday morning from University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. "He felt very relaxed, very comfortable there.

Abraham in recovery: South Reaching us

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Sex potency drug double-edged sword Viagra bringing new life and new problems to some older couples

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to the woman with the 62-year-old geezer husband. She has never been much interested in sex and is concerned about the renewed vigor that Viagra might give her husband. Perhaps this woman should be thankful her husband

Many of us have lost our mates And she should be especially appreciative of his sexual prowess. A lot of men drop out in their 40s

and 50s, and prostate trouble has Your correspondent suggested there are thousands of woman like her who do not appreciate the pill responsible for giving renewed years of wedded bliss?

vigor to old coots who fizzled out years ago. She may be right, but please tell her there are millions of us who would enjoy an old-fashioned roll in the hay with a real man like her old geezer. - Concord, Calif

"miracle drug" that has given their

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told friends he turned the jobs down. the time Law was reported missing

flagging sex lives a second wind, I suspect an equal number see no reason for celebration. Keep reading for another point of

impotency pill is going to make life recommended a psychiatrist. hell for middle-aged women. month, and I am totally worn out. He says, "If it's too much for you,

How do you like that after 42 I am not a violent person, but it was all I could do to keep from

experience erectile dysfunction.

many woman are applauding the Sounds good? Well, not exactly.

spinal cord injury. Kansas City: After 30 years of a miracle drug as far as 1'm conmarriage, my husband began to

He now isn't sure he wants to be readers who are taking medicine

woman with a crowbar after she Viagra-induced Viagra for an 89-year-old fool like

Nevada City, Calif.: I recently

allegedly clubbing a 34-year-old

an 89-year-old woman had

asked her doctor for something to

enhance her sex life, he would have

From Livonia, Mich.: The new laughed her out of his office - or Bismarck, N.D.: If a man will My husband started taking it last just take the time to talk nicely to his woman, be sweet and tender and maybe buy her flowers and take her just say so. There are a couple of out to dinner when it isn't their women at work who would be glad anniversary, he wouldn't have to

> Worcester, Mass.: I am a diabetic and have had several surgeries for a poignantly insightful. Send a self-spinal cord injury. poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size enve-For several years, I was impotent. My doctor suggested Viagra, and it's

I buy four pills for \$40. They last The doctor put him on Viagra and two weeks. It's the best money I Dear Concord; While a great our sex life was wonderful again.

Los Angeles: Please warn your

affect the mind as well as what's a read that the Food and Drug Administration has reported 69 deaths which resulted from that "wonder read that an 89-year-old man was drug," and it is especially dangerous charged with attempted murder for to people who are on heart medica-Baltimore, Md.: You told a

Philadelphia reader that good sex depends on how a woman feels abut What kind of doctor prescribes her man. Garbage! I thoroughly enjoyed sex with my first husband (now deceased), but my current husband doesn't have a clue. We had counseling, but it didn't help. After years of putting up with his bumbling, I was relieved when he Now, here comes Viagra, and he

is sexually excited all over again. I've told him if he doesn't improve his technique, he can try out the Via-Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from

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Workouts a better in each of the remaining four races to win the title. Jarrett earns an yearlong job extra \$1 million in "I really want this championship to come down to pure fighting on Winston 500 race the race track with competitivefor athletes ness," Gordon said. "I hate to see WASHINGTON - Summer

By JENNA HALVATGIS The Associated Press TALLADEGA, Ala. - As quickly as it looked like Mark Martin had

Year-round physical training. long the norm in pro and college Talladega Superspeedway is known sports, is growing in secondary schools, where offseason time is a chance to get stronger and faster for

strength coach at Cypress Lake High School, Ft. Myers, Fla. "In due time, it will spread out more and more. It will slowly increase around the country, just like mostly every-

thing else does." leges, high schools are hiring job is done right. Pressure to win will drive the movement year-round workouts, because athletes who do them will muscle the part-year athletes into the loss columns, the trainers believe

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the season.

Mesquite, Texas, who is the 1998 high school strength and condition- can catch Gordon, who takes a 288ng professional of the year of the National Strength and Conditioning

harder to quantify. Coaches prefer foing drills to doing research and tend to go with what they think works. They do not divide their if this group does better than a group

by the time they graduate and go four year ne individual bench

pounds," LaRosa said.

round because they go from one Game 1, won by the Padres 3-2 in 10 intensity. It may be their heavier training may come in the summer." However, he would not pressure a

conditioning's intensity, he said.

- Staying in shape runs each Monday in the Daily News.

turns down Dodgers to stay with Expos.

Coverage of girls' high school soccer.

Fourth quarter IN SPORTS Montreal manager Alou

under 206 — one stroke ahead of Jay Sigel (70), Bruce Summerhays (64), Leonard Thompson (68) and Jose Maria Canizares (68).

Juli Inkster (69). pion Annika Sorenstam (70) at

was at even par.

Se Ri Pak finished with a 72 and \$650 million.

"He was in great spirits," said

staff and wire articles.

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