

Fire down below



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Lockhart, Texas firefighter Cary Roccafort, and his son and Lockhart Fire Department mascot Cory, age 7, get a sky-high view of the Texas A&M campus from a 100-foot ladder truck on display at TEEX's 69th Annual Municipal Fire Training School at Reed Arena on Sunday. The week-long fire school is expected to draw over 2,000 students from all of the nation's states and several foreign countries to the A&M campus to learn a variety of firefighting and rescue skills.

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One illegal immigrant makes treacherous journey despite knowledge of others' deaths

Carrying only a 2-liter bottle of water that he refilled from yard sprinklers, the illegal immigrant plodded in scorching heat through thorny brushland and rocks.

Finally his water ran out. Afraid he would die in the desert, Martinez sought help at a ranch, where security officers called the U.S. Border Patrol and he was captured.

On Sunday, as Martinez awaited deportation at the Falfurrias Border Patrol checkpoint 80 miles north of the border, he vowed to rest up for a few weeks at home and try maybe with a bigger bottle

FALFURRIAS (AP) - It took 15 days for boy found dead Saturday was expected to shirts and sweaters left on nearby bushes.

'Knowing that, I still risked it," Martinez, who had hoped to find work fishing or working on a ranch, said. "I'm scared, but I need to risk my life.'

The area around the Falfurrias border checkpoint on state Highway 281 is a combination of shaded pastures and wild country. Part of the storied King Ranch is here, along with other sprawling spreads.

In the wild brushland, bushes taller than an average person provide plenty of cover for immigrants who are dropped off by smugglers in Brooks and Kenedy counties. They then try to navigate the terrain to a 13-year-old boy who died as he and his oldmake it to a rendezvous spot north of the er cousins tried to walk north. The two oldcheckpoints.

But since those same paths are watched by the Border Patrol, some immigrants head out into the thick tangle of cactus and mesquite. Some are guided by signs marking oil and gas pipelines. At night, the twinkling lights of distant microwave towers beckon. But many get lost.

They don't know the terrain," Francisco Z. Camacho, supervisor at the Falfurrias border patrol station, said. "They get dropped off at night. They walk all night. Suddenly it's daylight, the sun comes up, they get dehydrated and sick."

On Saturday, Camacho said, agents found

No evidence place former cadet at cri 19 scene, attorney sa

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) Former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora tried to blame her ex-fiance, David Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, for the murder of Adrianne Jones.

That failed. Zamora, convicted of capital murder in February, is now serving life in prison for the shooting and bludgeoning death of Jones in the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie in December 1995.

Now, he's pointing the finger at her, accusing Zamora of being intensely jealous of Jones as a romantic rival for his affections.

After the first week of testimony, Graham attorney Dan Cogdell and a court analyst said Graham's case remains intact.

"Up to this point, there is no concrete evidence that David Graham was at the murder scene," Cogdell said.

Bill Lane, a Fort Worth attorney who has provided commentary on both Graham's trial and Miss Zamora's trial, agrees.

"I think it's a draw after week one," Lane said. "And that's not good for the state. They were never behind in the Zamora trial.'

But Lane was quick to point out that the state this week was likely to introduce the confessions of both Graham and Zamora to the killing of Jones.

The state also was likely to introduce more forensic evidence that may link Graham to his house," Lane sa the crime

Cogdell has said he will prove that Graham wasn't at the murder scene and that Zamora alone plotted and carried out the murder.

Bridge used for napalm trans reopens after support replace

CAMERON (AP) - A railroad detour along U.S. Hig bridge was reopened Sunday after crews replaced a support that collapsed when a train derailed Friday evening, officials said.

Powers said the highw Officials began letting trains use bridge is blocked by fill d the bridge in Milam County shortly after midnight, Burlington Northern porting the overhead Santa Fe spokesperson Jim Sabourin said Sunday. The railroad bridge was the same one used Thursday by a train carrying two cars of napalm to the Houston suburb of Deer Park for recycling. Motorists still face a roundabout

Graham shot Jones Cogdell has yet

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He said he pla jurors that Graham to the crime because shiped" Zamora had agreed to help crime if Zamora caught.

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Cogdell said.

Lane said Gra lice found the alleg weapon, a 9 millin Graham's residence

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David Graham wa near the scene whe Jones was murdered

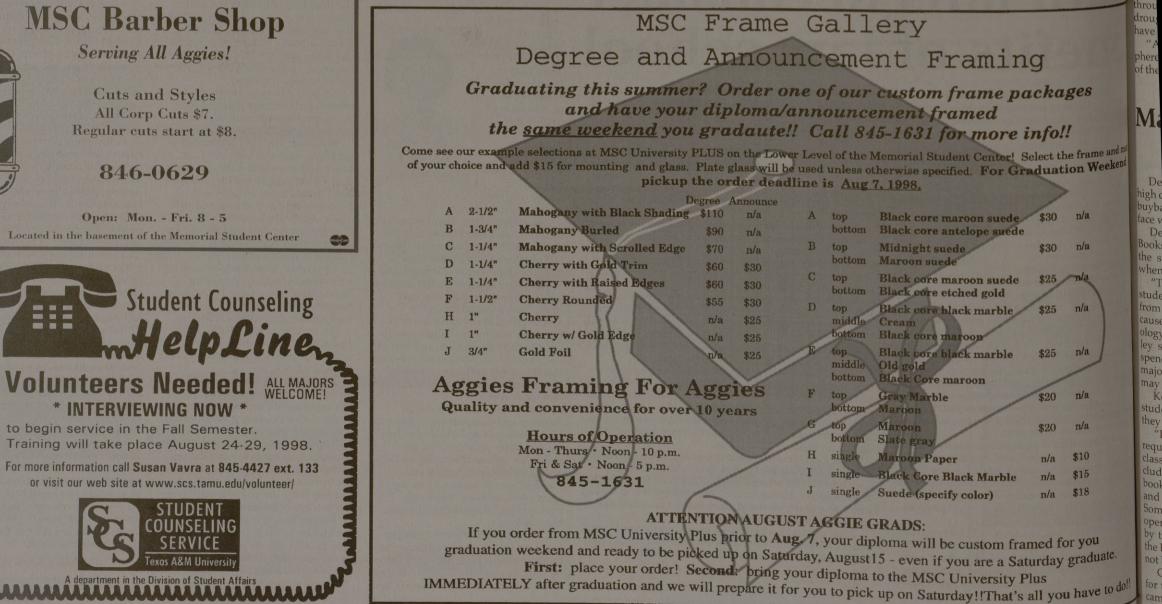
He was unfazed by the knowledge that 43 illegal immigrants have died on the same journey from heat exhaustion, dehydration

There are some well-marked sand paths used by immigrants, evidenced by footprints and other heat-related causes. A 13-year-old in the soft soil, discarded water jugs and through," Camacho said.

er men were deported to Mexico after they were caught.

"It's just the same old need to get

railroad has had troub a detour that would hav torists only 1 mile out of Instead, motorists will a detour involving farm roads until at least late after day, Powers said Sunday.



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