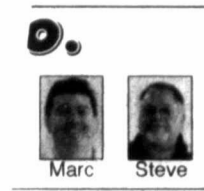


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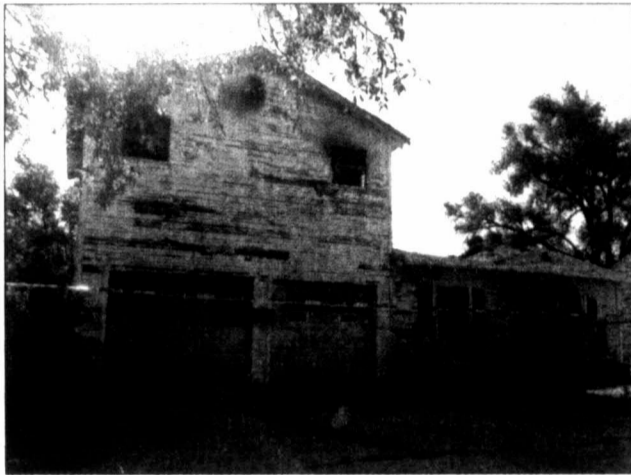
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Sunday afternoon fire demolishes local home



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

This house at 330 N. Wells was ravaged by fire on Sunday afternoon.

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Tragedy struck over the weekend for a Pampa family when their home and all of their belongings were destroyed by a Sunday afternoon fire.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the fire at 330 N. Wells at 11:28 a.m. The house was being rented by Janna Sims and her two sons, aged 16 and 3.

Firefighters fought the blaze for over four hours, finally containing the flames at approximately 3:30 p.m., according to Pampa Fire Marshal Michael Ryan. There were no injuries, but the fire left the house a burnt-out, empty husk.

"It was a big fire," said Ryan. "It was an old house, a heavy fuel load. It was a total loss."

Ryan said that the cause of the fire is still

under investigation, with representatives from the State Fire Marshal's Office coming in later today.

"From our preliminary investigation, the cause looks to be accidental," Ryan added. "There are no signs of arson."

The Pampa Fire Department, Ryan said, performed well in containing the fire given the circumstances.

"Considering the conditions — over 100 degree heat, the size of the residence and the number of people we had on duty — they did an outstanding job," Ryan said. "There were some houses close by, so for them to make sure that fire didn't spread, they did real good."

"Everybody chipped in and helped out," Ryan added. "We had DPS troopers blocking traffic, (along with) Sheriff's Deputies and Pampa PD. It could have FIRE cont. on page 3

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RIDE 'EM, COWBOY

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Tyrell Sparkman swings his lasso to try and catch his calf Friday in the White Deer Rodeo. Sparkman finished with a time of 12.5 seconds.

Pampa man nabbed on drug charges

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A Pampa man was in Gray County jail today after being arrested over the weekend on drug charges.

Bruce John Raines, 61, was arrested Saturday night after Gray County deputies found a bag of a crystal substance during a traffic stop.

Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said today that Raines was stopped about 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Gwendolyn for expired registration. DRUG cont. on page 3

Authorities investigating break-in

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Gray County deputies were today investigating the circumstances surround an apparent weekend break-in of a well service business.

Toby Lee Malena, 26, of Amarillo, and Peter Vargas Perez, 31, of Pampa, were in Gray County jail today after being arrested by deputies Saturday morning at C.L. Davis Well Service at U.S. Highway 60 and Gray County Road 5.

Gray County Sheriff's Office Lt. Joe B. Hoard said today that the BREAK-IN cont. on page 3

Pigskin & Discs Waggoner an EMS veteran



PHS two-a-days begin; photos from Saturday's disc golf tourney

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John Waggoner with the Pampa EMS has been a paramedic for 10 years now.

On any given day, he can be found on a Pampa EMS ambulance or flying with LifeStar across the skies of the Texas Panhandle.

Waggoner grew up in Dimmitt, southwest of Amarillo.

"I was going to go through nursing school at WT," he said, "but decided I didn't want to do that."

He wanted more excitement and to make more of an impact on people's lives.

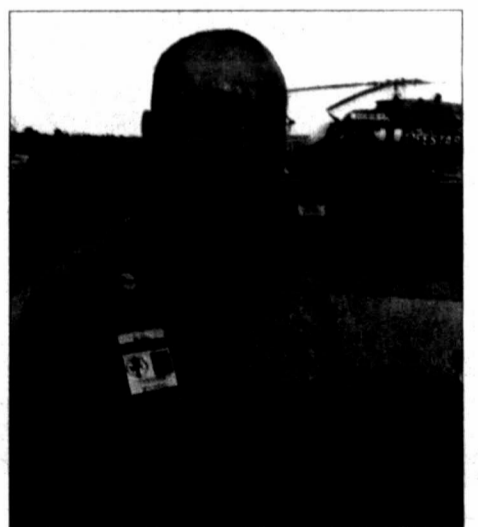


"I decided to go through paramedic school," Waggoner said. He went through Amarillo College and graduated from there.

Waggoner moved to Amarillo in 1993.

"I worked at Amarillo Medical Services for five years," he said.

Then he joined LifeStar, the medical air ambulance service run by Northwest Texas Hospital in WAGGONER cont. on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser
John Waggoner is a 10-year mainstay of the Pampa EMS.

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There are no obituaries today.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 100 Low 69	High 98 Low 69	High 94 Low 68

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Friday.

Police said there were five traffic-related calls.

Animal control officers reported 18 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported two medical calls.

Thursday, July 29
 An alarm was reported in the 600 block of W. Browning.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 300 block of E. Brown.

Police provided warrant service in the 2800 block of Perryton Pkwy.

Lost property was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of N. Mary Ellen.

An information call was received in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 400 block of W. Browning.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 2600 block of Cherokee Dr.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of N. Lefors.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 400 block of N. Magnolia.

Officers provided an agency assist at Magnolia and Harvester.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of N. Zimmers.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of N. Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of N. Dwight.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1800 block of N. Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of N. Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of W. Somerville.

Lost property was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

Police responded to an information call in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of N. West.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of W. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of N. Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of E. Murphy.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 1900 block of N. Christy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of N. Perry.

A suspicious person was reported at Harvester and Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported at Murphy and Finley.

Friday, July 30
 A suspicious person was reported at Finley and Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of E. Campbell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of E. Campbell.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Kentucky and Price.

A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Dr.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of E. Murphy.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of N. Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Kingsmill.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of N. Hobart.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2800 block of N. Perryton Pkwy.

A violation of city ordinance was reported at Lefors and Browning.

An alarm was reported in the 1600 block of N. Mary Ellen.

calls and Pampa EMS reported 14 calls.

Animal control reported 21 calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported two investigation calls, one hazmat investigation and one structure fire.

Friday, July 30
 Theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Hobart.

Forgery was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1400 block of N. Zimmers.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation at Ballard and Browning.

Warrant service was conducted in the 2800 block of Perryton Pkwy.

A welfare check was conducted in the 800 block of E. Browning.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of W. Alcock.

An agency assist was provided at Tignor and McColough.

A civil matter was reported at the 1200 block of N. Wells.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Warrant service was provided in the 1200 block of Dwight.

A suicide attempt was reported at Rham and Dwight.

An information call was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 60.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 3100 block of N. Perryton Pkwy.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of N. Russell.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of N. Christy.

A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of S. Elm.

A handicapped parking violation was reported in the 100 block of W. Russell.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1100 block of S. Neel Rd.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1400 block of W. Somerville.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1100 block of W. Cinderella Dr.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Beryl and Jean.

An information call was received in the 500 block of S. Barnes.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of N. Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of N. Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of N. Duncan.

Saturday, July 31
 Warrant service was provided in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of N. Wells.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of N. Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Duncan.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of W. Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of S. Cuyler.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of N. Christy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block

of W. Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at 19th and Dwight.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of N. Sumner.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1600 block of Fir.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of N. Magnolia.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hobart.

A civil matter was reported at Zimmers and Gwendolyn.

Police conducted a welfare check in the 1400 block of W. Somerville.

A civil matter was reported in the 1900 block of N. Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of N. Hobart.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1400 block of Coronado Dr.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Deane Dr.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of Tignor.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of N. Frost.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 1500 block of N. Hamilton.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 300 block of E. Brown.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 600 block of N. Lefors.

An information call was received in the 1600 block of N. Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of S. Huff Rd.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 600 block of N. Davis.

An information call was received in the 1100 block of S. Neel Rd.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of S. Banks.

Lost property was reported in the 500 block of N. Powell.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of N. Wells.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 600 block of N. Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of W. Brown.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 700 block of N. Wells.

Sunday, August 1
 A narcotics violation was reported at Starkweather and Yeager.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of N. Frost.

An agency assist was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of E. Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of E. Foster.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of W. Alcock.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of N. Wynne.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. Starkweather.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of E. Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of N. Christy.

A welfare check was conducted in the 500 block of N. Frost.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown.



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Thirteen hurt at Borger plant

BORGER — An incident at the ConocoPhillips oil refinery near Borger left 13 workers injured, though few details have so far been released.

The workers were brought to Golden Plains Community Hospital and treated for various injuries. All have since been released.

ConocoPhillips representatives were unavailable for comment.

Permanent spill fix coming?

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Engineers will start shoving mud and maybe cement into the blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday in what could be one of the final steps to plug it for good, BP said Monday.

BP PLC Senior Vice President Kent Wells said crews will likely start the so-called "static kill" attempt Tuesday if tests Monday determine the well can withstand the mud.

There's no guarantee of success, and BP PLC engineers still plan to follow up the static kill days later by sending a stream of mud and cement into the bottom of the mile-deep underground reservoir through a relief well they've been digging for months.

DFW crash memorial dedicated

GRAPEVINE (AP) — About 60 people attended the dedication of a granite memorial for the victims of the Delta Air Lines Flight 191 crash at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Surviving flight crew members, first responders and family attended the ceremony on Monday, which is the 25th anniversary of the fiery jumbo jet crash.

During a landing attempt, the jet crashed, leaving 137 people dead. The flight was from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The Delta crash, during a thunderstorm, drew attention to ways to better detect wind shear.

DFW airport spokesman David Magana says the granite memorial, placed about two miles west of the crash site, also honors emergency responders to the Aug. 2, 1985, accident.

UT admissions case goes to appeal

AUSTIN (AP) — An appeals court will consider a lawsuit that claims undergraduate admissions policies at the University of Texas at Austin violate the Constitution and federal law.

A three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday is scheduled to take up the case filed in 2008 by two white students who were denied admission.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks of Austin in August 2009 dismissed the lawsuit, ruling that the university's use of race and ethnicity as factors in admissions is constitutionally acceptable. The students appealed.

UT vice president for legal affairs Pitt Ohlendorf says the school believes its admission system is within U.S. Supreme Court guidelines.

Texas couple dies in climbing fall

WESTCLIFFE, Colo. (AP) — Authorities say a husband and wife from Texas died while rock climbing in Colorado, apparently after being caught in a severe storm.

The bodies of 57-year-old Duane Buhrmester and 56-year-old Linda Buhrmester of Plano were found Sunday afternoon on Crestone Needle. The mountain in the Sangre de Cristo range is a popular climbing destination with a summit over 14,000 feet.

The captain of Custer County Search & Rescue, Bob Pruiksmas, says the couple appeared to have been dead several days. The couple's son reported them missing Saturday after they failed to return from a camping trip.

The Custer County coroner says he believes a severe storm washed the couple off the mountain, causing them to fall about 500 feet into a mudslide area.

Gulf's dead zone one of largest

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Scientists say this year that the "dead zone" area that forms every summer in the Gulf of Mexico is one of the largest ever measured.

The large area of low oxygen that chokes marine life comes in addition to the massive BP oil spill.

Microbes that eat the oil can deplete oxygen in the water. But the researchers who measure the dead zone couldn't say there is a connection between the spill and the dead zone's size.

They say the dead zone is roughly the size of Massachusetts, or at least 7,722 square miles. The largest ever measured was just over 8,000 square miles in 2001.

The dead zone forms every year when bacteria feeds on algae blooms and uses up oxygen. The blooms are caused by the nutrient-rich waters from rivers that carry farm and urban runoff into the Gulf.

Baywatch's Anderson lifeguards dogs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — About 50 dogs, some of them abandoned by owners after the BP oil spill are on their way to new homes in Virginia, courtesy of an animal welfare group and actress Pamela Anderson.

Anderson, the honorary chairman of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, was among those walking the dogs at a news conference Monday at New Orleans' City Park.

Since the April 20 accident that sent millions of gallons of oil spilling into the Gulf, some southeast Louisiana animal shelters have reported large increases in the number of pets brought in. Many are brought in by people who have lost jobs or income because of the spill.

The shelter in coastal St. Bernard Parish reported 117 animals brought in in June, up from 17 in June 2009.

Indonesian parliament gets porn

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesian lawmakers and journalists got a shock when an online porn video blazed across dozens of computer monitors outside the press room at Parliament. Witnesses say it took security guards 10 minutes to shut down the computers Monday.

The touch-screen monitors are used by visitors to check the Parliament agenda and other political activities.

House Secretary-General Nining Indra said the unwanted interruption was probably caused by someone trying to access a porn site on the computer system.

She said officials would use close circuit TV footage to investigate.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation. Authorities have been trying to crack down on porn ahead of the holy fasting month of Ramadan that starts next week.

Amarillo, about five years ago.

When Pampa EMS was established last year, he joined them, although he still flies with LifeStar.

He came to Pampa with the people that he knew at Amarillo EMS.

"I'm happy to be here," Waggoner said. "They're doing a lot of good things for the community and county both."

He said the reward for him is seeing that the care he and the other paramedics administer has a good outcome long term.

Waggoner said it's important to him that the patient gets better, not just in the short term, and the patient gets his life back the way it was before they were sick or injured.

"It doesn't always work that way," he said, "but it's always nice to see whenever they have a good outcome."

He said the best part is seeing patients getting better that he's treated

Fire

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been a lot worse."

Sims and her sons are staying with a friend until more permanent arrangements can be made.

If anyone is interested in contributing to help the Sims get back on their feet, a relief fund is being set up for the family at First Bank Southwest under The Sims Fire Relief Fund.

"We want to do all that we can to help," said Misty Harris, a friend and co-worker of Sims. "It's terrible what happened. If anybody wants to help out, we would really appreciate it."

Break-in

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Sheriff's Office was notified Saturday morning of a theft in progress at the well service company.

Arriving at the business, Hoard said deputies found two men there who said they have been given permission to remove some items from the business.

The owner of the business, when contacted by telephone, told officers that he had not given anybody permission to remove anything from the business.

Malena and Perez were taken into custody on charges of theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, while the investigation was being conducted, Hoard said.

Drug

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After gaining consent to search his vehicle, deputies said they found a small plastic bag containing a crystal substance.

Raines was arrested on charges of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

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that probably don't even remember him.

Waggoner often checks on people he's brought into the hospital and visits with their family.

"That's probably one of the greatest things," he said.

Waggoner said he'd explain to them what happened.

"Sometimes," he said, "they have no idea what

happened. They may wake up a few weeks later."

With an easy grin, he admitted that he stays busy.

"I work Friday night on LifeStar in Amarillo," Waggoner said.

Then he works a 24-hour shift on Sundays with LifeStar in Pampa.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, he works with Pampa EMS.

"I stay pretty busy," he

said.

That can be a pretty hectic schedule, he admitted, especially since he's married with two children, a three-year-old boy and a two-year-old girl.

Waggoner said his life as a Paramedic has been satisfying, but he wants his children to do better.

"I think all parents want their kids to do better than they did," Waggoner said.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2010. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

On this date:

In 1610, during his fourth voyage to the Western Hemisphere, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the "Indian Head" cent.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1943, during World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate coverup. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1980, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy.

In 1985, 135 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Ten years ago: Republicans awarded Texas Gov. George W. Bush their 2000 presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia and ratified Dick Cheney as his running mate. Former President Gerald R. Ford was hospitalized after suffering one, possibly two, small strokes. President Bill Clinton postponed the scheduled execution of Juan Raul Garza, a Texas drug kingpin and murderer (Garza was executed in June 2001).

Five years ago: An Air France jetliner from Paris skidded off a runway at Toronto's Pearson International Airport and burst into flames; all 309 people aboard survived. President George W. Bush signed a free trade pact with five Central American nations and the Dominican Republic. American freelance journalist Steven Vincent was found shot to death in Basra, Iraq, after being abducted by armed men.

One year ago: A mystery from the 1991 Gulf War was finally solved as the Pentagon announced that the remains of missing Navy pilot Michael "Scott" Speicher (SPY-kur) had been found. Catriona Matthew won the Women's British Open for her first major title, beating Karrie Webb by three strokes.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.) is 88. Actor Peter O'Toole is 78. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 73. Movie director Wes Craven is 71. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 67. Actor Max Wright is 67. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 65. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 60. Singer Andrew Gold is 59. Actor Butch Patrick ("The Munsters") is 57. Singer Mojo Nixon is 53. Actress Victoria Jackson is 51. Actress Apollonia is 51. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 48. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 46. Rock musician John Stanier is 42. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 40. Actor Sam Worthington is 34. Figure skater Michael Weiss is 34. Actor Edward Furlong is 33. Rock musician Devon Glenn is 30. Actress Hallie Eisenberg is 18.

Thought for Today: "A beautiful soul has no other merit than its own existence." - Friedrich von Schiller. German author (1759-1805)

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Hope exists for immigration 'down payment'

There's not a prayer that comprehensive immigration reform will pass Congress this year, but there's a slim one that a smaller "down payment" measure might. And it should.

Many of the nation's most important Latino groups, plus Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., are now pushing passage of a package to legalize undocumented workers in the farm industry and young people going to college or the military.

What's needed now is some concerted leadership — from President Barack Obama, from Republican presidential wannabes (and maybe former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush) and business groups — plus some gumption (and simple humanity) on the part of GOP senators who have supported immigration reform in the past.

The problem, of course, is lock step GOP opposition to anything Democrats want to do — plus a political atmosphere inflamed by Arizona's effort to sic its police on illegal immigrants.

Republicans are fixed on a "border security first" immigration strategy, while "down payment" involves legalizing the status of about 2 million undocumented immigrants.

There's also resistance in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, many of whose leaders fear that passing an agriculture bill now will pull a key group — the grower lobby — out of the campaign for comprehensive immigration reform.

There's also fear that Republicans will try to attach harsh enforcement provisions to any "down payment" bill.

Still, it's worth the effort. "A small, good deal is better than no deal at all," says Antonio Gonzalez, president of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and a convener of the National Latino Congreso, a coalition of major Hispanic groups.

"We want comprehensive reform, but right now we need a lifeboat," he told me. "We need to take care of the people we can."

The National Latino Congreso includes the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The "down payment" strategy also has been endorsed by a huge coalition of groups organized as Reform Immigration for America, which includes the National Council of La Raza and the National Immigration Forum.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., may be interested in pushing only the Develop ment,

Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, but Feinstein wants the AgJOBS bill, too. Her staff counts no more than 56 votes for either measure separately but thinks the farm lobby can pull in enough Republicans to get to 60 for the two measures as a package.

The DREAM Act, co-sponsored by Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Dick Lugar, R-Ind., would offer legal status to young people brought to the U.S. illegally as children if they go to college for two years or join the military.

AgJOBS, sponsored by Feinstein and Lugar, would offer legal status (a "blue card") to workers with two years' experience in agriculture, and to their families, if they agreed to stay in farm work for another two years.

Each of the measures would legalize about 1 million of the 12 million undocumented people in the United States.

As policy matters, both measures make eminent sense. It's pure madness that the nation is denied the service of illegal immigrants who want to join the military.

And it's a waste of human talent — and simple cruelty — to depress the life chances of young people because their parents brought them to the U.S. illegally.

Meantime, up to 75 percent of the people working on farms in the United States — particularly picking fruits and vegetables — are here illegally. It's hot, back-breaking, low-wage work that American citizens almost certainly won't do.

The AgJOBS bill also would create a channel for foreign farmworkers to enter the United States temporarily. About 200,000 now enter illegally each year — and many stay because border enforcement has stiffened.

According to grower organizations, without adequate labor, crops are rotting, farms are closing down and food imports are increasing, costing jobs in farm-related industries.

In the late 1940s and 1950s, when the nation invited temporary farm workers through the bracero program, illegal immigration plummeted. Then it surged when the program was canceled in 1960 owing to union opposition.

In 2004, an AgJOBS bill

had 12 Republicans among its 62 co-sponsors, including Sens. Mitch McConnell (Ky.), Orrin Hatch (Utah), Thad Cochran (Miss.) and John Ensign (Nev.).

This year's bill has only one Republican, Lugar, although there are 11 Republicans in the Senate who have voted for immigration reform in the past.

They include retiring Senators such as Judd Gregg (N.H.), George Voinovich (Ohio), Bob Bennett (Utah) and Sam Brownback (Kan.), plus John McCain (Ariz.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), Susan Collins (Maine), Olympia Snowe (Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (Alaska).

The business community — not only agribusiness, but the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Roundtable and high-tech industries — ought to lobby Republicans to make a down payment on wider reform that might include

more H-1B visas for high-skilled workers and green cards for science graduates.

Republican presidential candidates have an interest in getting the divisive immigration issue "off the table" for 2012 and stopping the party's hemorrhage of Hispanic voters. So do party luminaries such as Jeb Bush.

Obama ought to be in the lead working on legislative strategy — partly to repair his own reputation with Latinos disappointed at his failure to push comprehensive reform.

The "down payment" strategy will hardly fix America's broken immigration system, but it's a step in the right direction.

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Sports

Pampa football, volleyball teams start two-a-day workouts

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It's the beginning of August and school is around the corner, which means, among other things, that the Pampa High School football and volleyball team began their two-a-days workouts today at Harvester Field.

The football team enters 2010 coming off a 2-9 season last year, though they still made the playoffs for the first time since 2005. Reid Miller, who is likely to replace Alex Clendening as the starting quarterback, practiced his passes on the field. The

rest of the team broke into their position groups and worked with their respective coaches. The Harvesters will have a lot of positions to fill, as only three offensive starters return and five defensive starters.

The volleyball team enters 2010 coming off a 17-16 season and was one game short of the playoffs for the second consecutive season. They were doing conditioning work before their practice started at 9 a.m. The Lady Harvesters lost four seniors in Kara Stephens, Emilie Troxell, Cheyanne Collins and Natalie Parker.

Both teams will play their first season in 3A after the UIL realignment in February.



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Offensive and defensive line players work on technique in their first practice of the fall season. Two-a-days began for fall sports at 7:30 a.m.

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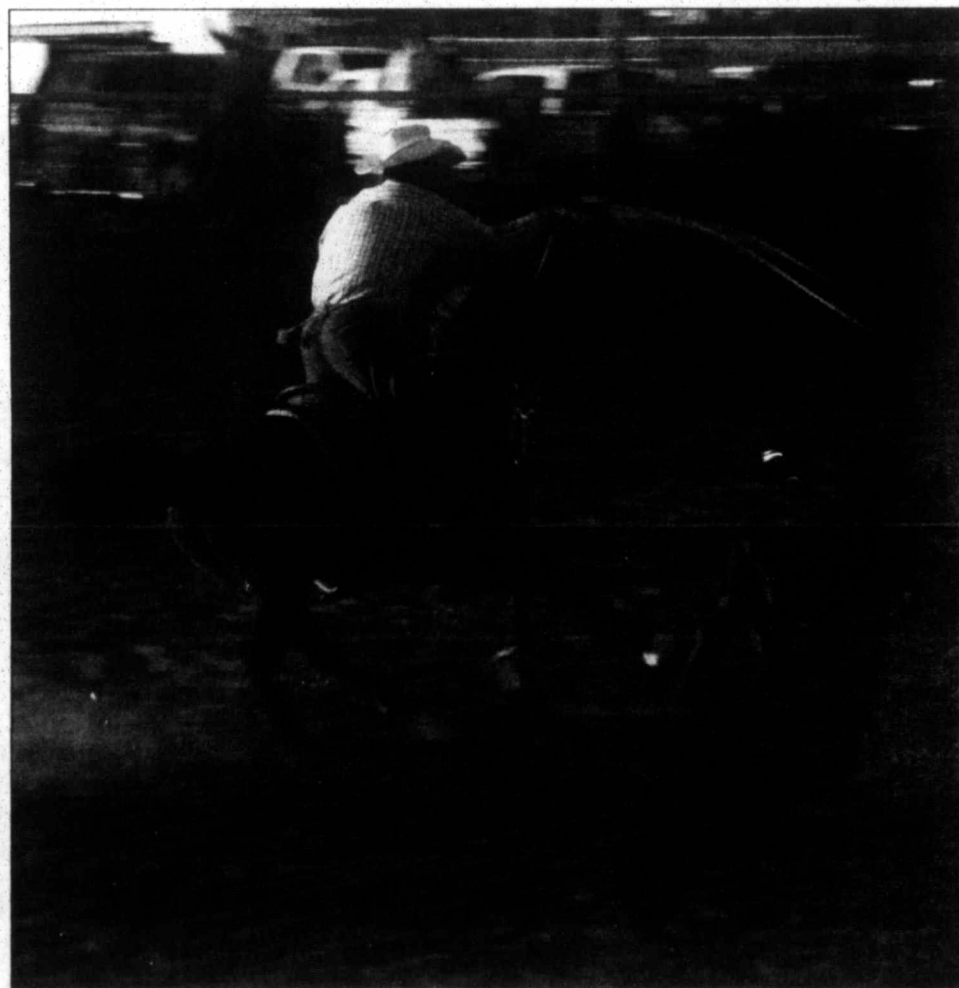


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Austin Garcia, 11, launches a disc towards the basket Saturday in the Sponsor Day Open Golf Tournament Saturday at Highland Park.



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Cullen Allen follows through as he tossed his disc into the basket Saturday at Highland Park. Allen finished with a 191. Results from the tournament are on page 8.

PLAYING CATCH-UP



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Tyler Moore tries to rope a calf during the White Deer Rodeo Friday at the city's rodeo grounds. Moore finished with a time of 26.7 Friday.

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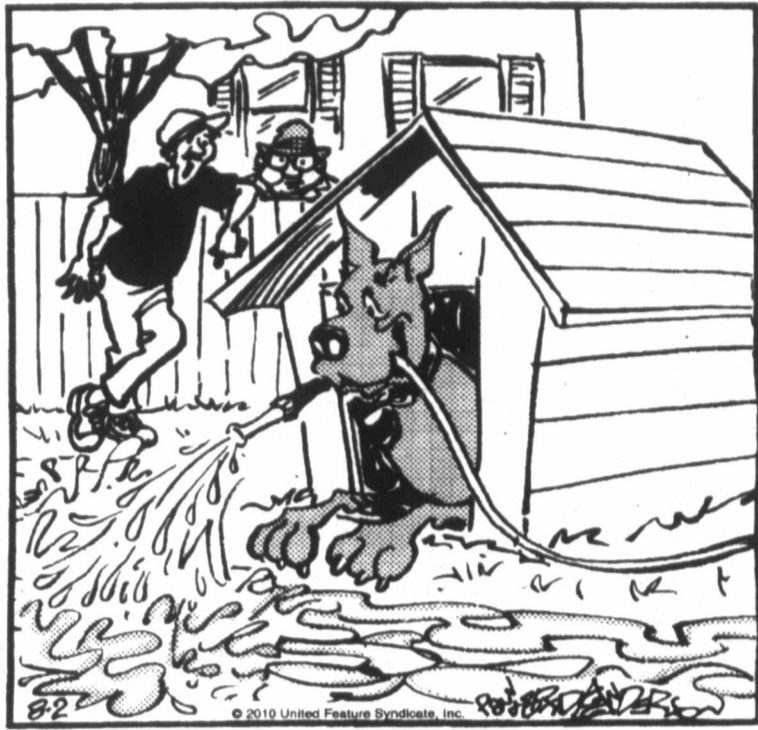
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 - 13 "Ars Amatoria" poet
 - 14 See the world
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 - 17 Reverent wonder
 - 18 Cloying sentiment
 - 19 Jar top
 - 20 Curved letter
 - 21 Join the choir
 - 22 Yokels
 - 25 Chain of hills
 - 26 Swelled heads
 - 27 Cereal buy
 - 28 — Arbor
 - 29 Long-distance correspondents
 - 33 Mythical bird
 - 34 Fights
 - 35 Claire of "Key Largo"
 - 37 Volcano shape
- DOWN**
- 39 Patella's place
 - 40 Ranch animal
 - 41 Dispatch
 - 1 Baseball or hockey
 - 2 Crowbar
 - 3 Stand
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 - 7 Isle sur-rounder
 - 8 Not binding
 - 9 Worrying
 - 12 Big hammer
 - 16 Frozen desserts
 - 21 Beer buys
 - 22 Trick-taking game
 - 23 Pays no heed to
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 - 32 Spirited horse
 - 36 Victory sign

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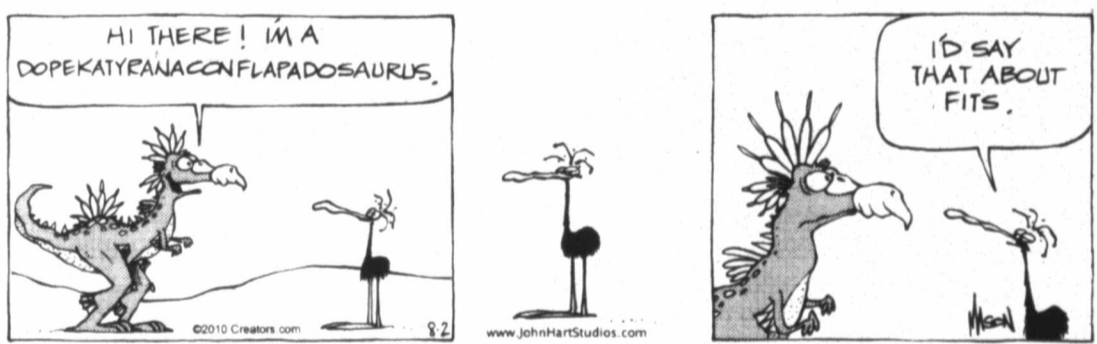
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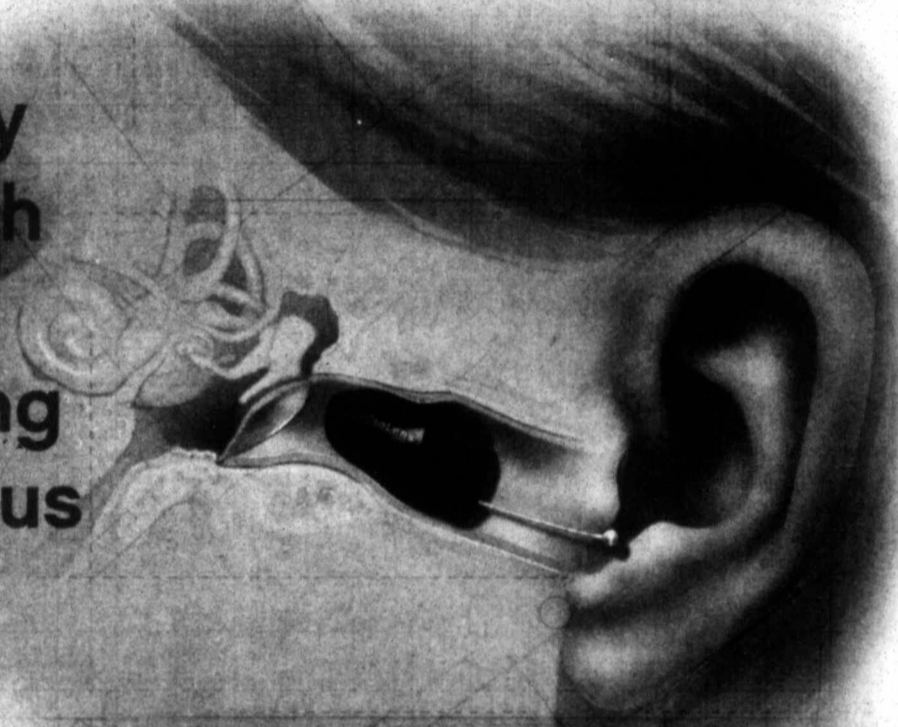
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- Stud Muffins - 0
- Sandy's - 17
- Tangles - 11

Angels beat Texas

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Seven of the Angels' final 14 regular-season games are against the Texas Rangers, who lead them by eight games in the AL West and are on the verge of ending Los Angeles' run of three straight division titles.

What happens over the next six weeks will determine whether those last two weeks will mean anything in baseball's most lopsided race.

Jered Weaver outpitched Cliff Lee with seven sharp innings in a matchup of the AL's strikeout and ERA leaders, and the Angels took the rubber game of the series with a 4-1 victory over the Rangers on Sunday.

"Every game against those guys is important, and every game for us here on out is important," Weaver said. "This is the first time since I've been here that we've been in this kind of deficit. But we've got guys in this clubhouse that know how to take care of business and know what it takes to win an AL West championship."

The Angels have won eight division titles in their 50-year history — five in the past six years — but have never erased a deficit of more than 5½ games to do so.

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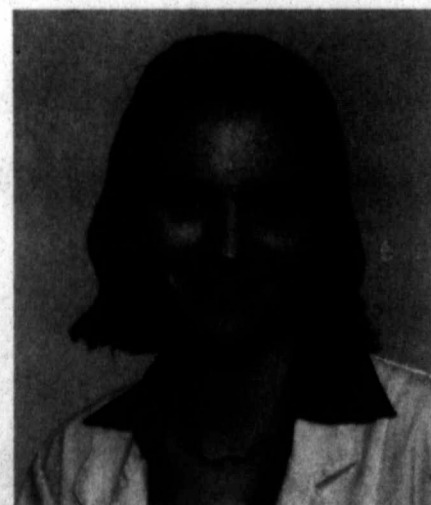
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