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Hooper: Construction in Pampa at a high

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Homes sales are increasing in Pampa and construction appears to be at a high. "We went through I guess about a two year time period where we were receiving a lot of phone calls wanting to know information about Pampa," Danny Hooper, Pampa's public works director, said this week. Callers were wanting to know about infrastructure.



Hooper

is, but you know it's someone interested in bringing something here to Pampa or locating here in Pampa with their business."

All that fell off when the economy stalled, he said.

"Those calls pretty much stopped," Hooper said.

He said they've started back up again.

"In the past couple of months," Hooper said, "I've received about three of them."

He said interest is returning and most people are beginning to be more positive.

"Hopefully, we'll start getting some more growth," Hooper said.

He said that the projects that are now under construction in Pampa are the most that he's seen at one time since he moved here in the early 1990s.

"We have a lot of construction going on," said Hooper said.

Construction at Hampton Village is underway, he said.

"They will start pouring slabs sometime this CONSTRUCTION cont. on page 3

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FAIR PLAY



staff photos by **Andrew Glover**
TOP: Kaley Rainy (left), Carter Rainy and Brighton Avery enjoy the boat ride at the Band Booster Carnival in the parking lot of the M.K. Brown Center. **BOTTOM:** Casey Thomas smiles as she accompanies her son, Gunter, on the carousel Tuesday evening at the carnival. The carnival is in town through Saturday.



Youth Board members present 'Fragile' program

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Sara Ceyanes and Shayley Morriss with the Gray County Youth Board stood before the County Commission Tuesday and explained their Fragile: Handle With Care program.

The Gray County Youth Board is comprised of students from Pampa High School, Lefors, 4-H and home-schooled students. Overseen by Gray County Extension Agents Brandon McGinty and Joan Gray-Storta, the youth board adopted a program this past year dealing with alcohol use among teens in Gray County.

"The program they chose to pursue," Gray-Storta said, "was one we call Fragile: Handle With Care,

talking about young teens are fragile and that alcohol can affect their lives on a permanent basis."

In January, the Gray County Commission gave \$1,000 and Pampa EMS gave \$500 to the program, Gray-Storta said.

The youth board used the money to purchase the new program curriculum along with goggles and glasses that simulated how a person sees the world after a few drinks.

McGinty and Gray-Storta trained the youth board members in the curriculum and use of the 'drunk' goggles and glasses.

The board members then went in teams of two to Pampa Junior High and Lefors to talk to sixth grade students about the dangers



staff photo by **David Bowser**
Sara Ceyanes (left) and **Shayley Morriss** gave a presentation on their "Fragile: Handle With Care" Program during Tuesday's County Commission meeting.

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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 97 Low 67	High 100 Low 65	High 94 Low 66

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 67. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.


Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

Sibyl Mae Williams, 91

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Sibyl Mae Williams, 91, died, May 15, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday June 5, 2010 at Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed, with Leland Lewis of First Assembly of God Church, Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be at Alanreed Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Sibyl Mae Williams was born on July 8, 1918 in Alanreed to John and Era Hill. She married Claude Williams in 1936. He preceded her in death in January, 2002. She

moved to Pampa in 1952 and worked for Highland General Hospital. She was a member of the First Assembly Of God Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Gloria Bussey of St. Petersburg, Fla.; sons, Larrie C. Williams of Hemphill, Rex E. Williams of Riverside, Calif., and

Ted G. Williams of Grand Ronde, Ore.; sister, Virginia Woodrum of Arizona; several loving nieces and nephews; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD Continued from yesterday

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, May 28 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 1.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Hamilton Street.

An accident was reported in the 1000 block of S. Barnes Street.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of W. Somerville Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of E. Scott Avenue.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of S. Christy Street.

Found property was reported in the 1100 block

of S. Christy Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of W. Somerville Street.

A 911 hang up was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells Street.

Theft was reported in the 415 block of N. Christy Street.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of E. Murphy Avenue.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Nelson Street.

A fire investigation was reported in the 900 block of S. Faulkner Street.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

An accident was reported in the Hobart and Randy Matson intersection

Domestic Disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of S. Banks Street.

An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of N. Holly Lane.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells Street.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of S. Starkweather Street.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of N. Davis Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of W. Montagu Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the Buckler and West intersection.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of East 17th Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hamilton Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road.

A 911 hang up is reported in the 1900 block of N. Sumner Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the Hamilton and Pennsylvania intersection.

A threat was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee Street

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the Barnes and Cuyler intersection.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of N. Navajo Road

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East 14th Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 200 block

of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block of Perry Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of S. Nelson Street.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of N. Frost Street.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of N. Starkweather Street.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of S. Ballard Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the Varnon and Huff intersection

Violation of City Ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Drive.

An accident was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

An injured animal was reported in the 300 block of S. Tignor Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1300 block of N. Russell Avenue.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of E. Kentucky Avenue.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather Street.

Pitt bulls were reported in the 500 block of S. Barnes Street.

A runaway was reported in the 1500 block of N. Williston Street.

A 911 hang up was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Drive.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of E. Gordon Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of E. Murphy Avenue.

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

Officers reported 15 traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal control officers reported eight animal-related calls.

Pampa EMT reported five ambulance calls. Pampa Police reported one medical call. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical.

Tuesday, June 1

Officers made a welfare check at Georgia and Charles.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported to police.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of East

Browning.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1000 block of South Huff.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 200 block of East Brown.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of West Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2300 block of North Dogwood.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 1100 block of West Coronado Drive.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2000 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Neel.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of South Finley.

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

A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of North Lynn.

Wednesday, June 2

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

A sexual assault was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at Kentucky and Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose Lane.

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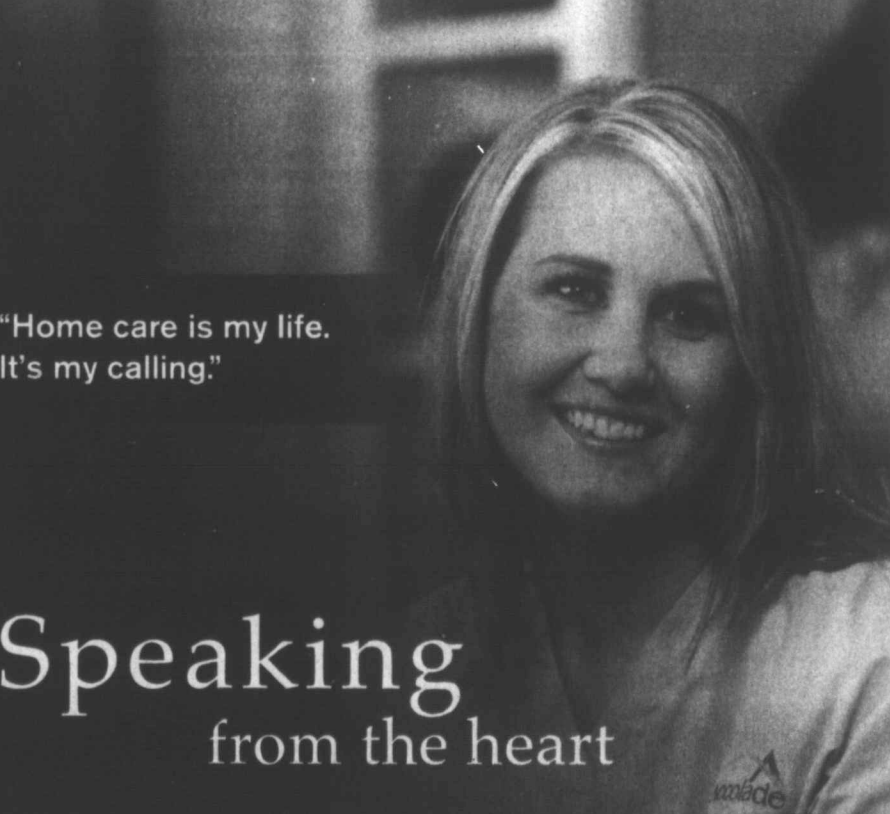
The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Tuesday, June 1

Bobby Ladell Dorsey, 47, was arrested by deputies on charges of tampering or fabricating evidence, possession of a controlled substance and evading arrest.

Freddie Ramirez, 18, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and evading arrest.

John Hiram Barnes III, 36, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check.



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AFTERNOONRUSH Quail numbers in Panhandle increasing

Giant weapons cache seized

McALLEN (AP) — Acting on a tip from the Webb County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, Laredo police stopped a vehicle containing 147 new, boxed assault rifles, 200 high-capacity magazines, 53 bayonets and 10,000 rounds of ammunition. Authorities believe that the weapons cache was headed across the Mexican border.

The seizure came less than two weeks after Mexican President Felipe Calderon asked Congress to help stem the flow of guns from the U.S. into Mexico.

Laredo Police Investigator Joe Baeza said when authorities laid out the cache in a conference room of the federal building in Laredo, it covered half the floor. It is believed to be the largest weapons seizure in a decade in the area around Laredo.

Knee surgery for Gov. Perry

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry will have surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the damage was caused by "normal wear and tear." Perry, an avid jogger, had the same procedure done to his right knee in 2001.

Dr. Carey Windler will perform the operation on Friday and Perry will temporarily transfer power to Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst while he is unable to serve. The surgery takes about an hour and will require two small incisions.

Business taxes below projections

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's business tax is coming in short of budgeted projections.

New revenue figures from the Texas comptroller's office show \$3.6 billion has been collected from the business tax as of the mid-May payment deadline. The Austin American-Statesman reported the figures in its online edition Wednesday.

State budget estimates projected the total collection for the 2010 fiscal year would be \$4.3 billion. More business tax revenue will roll in through August, but the experience over the past two years indicates about 95 percent of the total collection arrives in May.

If that trend continues, Texas would be down another \$500 million in revenue for the current budget.

Ft. Hood victim to Mayo Clinic

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — A soldier who was among the most critically wounded in the Fort Hood shootings has arrived in Minnesota for treatment at Mayo Clinic.

Twenty-nine-year-old Army Staff Sgt. Patrick Zeigler arrived at Rochester International Airport on Wednesday and was admitted to Saint Marys Hospital.

Zeigler was among 32 people wounded in a shooting rampage at Fort Hood last November. Another 13 were killed.

Members of the Rochester unit of the Minnesota Patriot Guard were among those welcoming Zeigler at the airport.

SMU cold case trial begins

DALLAS (AP) — The trial got under way Wednesday for a prison inmate charged in the 1984 killing of a Southern Methodist University student in her off-campus apartment.

Donald Andrew Bess, 61, was already serving a life sentence when he was charged with capital murder in the death of Angela Samota two years ago. If convicted, Bess could face the death penalty.

Samota was 20 when she was found in her bed with multiple stab wounds. For more than two decades the case went unsolved. Then authorities said they were able to match DNA evidence to Bess using technology that wasn't available when Samota was killed.

Bess is serving a life sentence for three unrelated sexual assaults.

Ladder on highway injures Kirk

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Police say U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk was injured when a metal ladder crashed through the windshield of the vehicle he was driving, striking him in the left arm.

Police say a tractor-trailer traveling ahead of Kirk's Mercedes struck the ladder that had been dropped onto the interstate, causing it to fly into Kirk's car. Kirk's passenger was not injured.

Kirk, a former Dallas mayor, was taken to a hospital after the Wednesday morning accident on Interstate 30. Kirk's office says he was treated for minor injuries and released.

His office says he currently remains in Dallas with his family.

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It's a good year for quail, according to Brandon Dukes, Roberts County Extension Agent.

Earlier this month, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service held a field day at T. Boone Pickens Mesa Vista Ranch north of Pampa focused on the future of quail management.

Speakers at the field day included Dr. Dale Rollins, professor and wildlife specialist from San Angelo

with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Ken Cearly, wildlife specialist from Canyon with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Keith Boone, Mesa Vista ranch manager.

Boone talked to the group about deferred grazing and prescribed burning on rangeland.

Rollins talked about using cattle as a tool for rangeland and quail management.

Cearly talked about Conservation Reserve Program, CRP, land that would be coming out of the govern-

ment program and what would need to be done to enhance that land for quail habitat.

As Roberts County agent, Dukes said he has done quail counts in the county, many of them on Mesa Vista Ranch.

"We've done some studies on water holes for quail as well," he said.

While the quail count has been down in the eastern panhandle for several years, Dukes said that the numbers appear to be increasing this year.

Volunteers sought for Sept. fishing tourney

LAKE MEREDITH — The National Park Service is recruiting volunteers for next September's Small Fry Fishing Tournament.

Park officials are holding a work session at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 6, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, in Fritch.

Committees will be formed for various aspects of the tournament, which is scheduled for Sept. 11 at the Stilling Basin in Spring Canyon at the lake.

Officials said volunteers are needed to help stuff gift bags and for tournament day activities such as registration, cooking and helping young novice fishermen.

For more information, contact Win Bishop at 806-857-2541.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Alana," and I have been married for 14 years. In many ways our marriage is good, but our sex life is horrible. In my opinion, it has never been good. As time passes, I feel more and more anger toward her. Alana is attractive and physically fit; I don't understand her lack of desire. When the subject of sex comes up, it makes us both clam up.

I have been thinking of leaving her. We have become more like best friends than husband and wife. Our two boys would be crushed if we split. I have not — and would never consider — an affair. What do you think about this? — **TROUBLED HUSBAND IN MISSOURI**

DEAR TROUBLED: Good sex is all about open communication. If the subject makes you and your wife both clam up, it's no wonder your sex life has faltered.

Before you and Alana can get on the same wavelength, you need to understand how each of you defines a good sex life. The reason sex therapy has become a medical specialty is that so many couples have the same problems you're experiencing.

Before deciding to call it quits, ask your doctor for a referral to a sex therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I am going to be a sophomore in college next year. I played basketball in high school and was offered a full scholarship to play at the college I attend now. I played ball during my freshman year, and I do not want to do it again next year. My heart is no longer in it.

My biggest fear is letting my parents down. I know having my education paid for has helped them out, but don't I have a right to do what makes me happy? Please help me come up with a way to convince them that I'm making the right decision. — **DROPPING THE BALL IN IOWA**

DEAR DROPPING THE BALL: Before you

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Construction

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week or the first part of next week for the first 13 homes," said Hooper.

Some 74 homes are planned for the development. A new custom home is being built on the north end of Holly.

"Clarendon College is building their new center right now," Hooper said.

"Pak-A-Sak is supposed to be complete by the middle of the month," said Danny Winborne, Pampa's building inspector.

A new liquor store on Price Road is complete and open, Winborne said.

"The aquatic center is probably going to break ground sometime the middle of this month," Winborne said.

"It will probably be the latter part of next week," Hooper said.

The city has been laying the water lines for the aquatic center.

"We saved a lot of money by doing the infrastructure ourselves," Hooper said.

He estimated a savings of \$30,000 to \$40,000 in savings. Plans have been submitted for an assisted living center.

A zoning change has been requested for a proposed salvage yard at Albert and Russell.

With renewed interest in wind energy and the power lines to carry that energy down state, Hooper is optimistic there could be even more construction in Pampa's future.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

6	3	8	1	5	4	2	7	9
7	4	9	6	2	8	1	5	3
1	5	2	7	3	9	6	8	4
9	2	5	4	8	3	7	1	6
3	1	7	5	6	2	4	9	8
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 3, the 154th day of 2010. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 3, 1808, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was born in Christian County, Ky.

On this date:

In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner.

In 1935, the French liner Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.

In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France.

In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting Hale Telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated.

In 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81; he was succeeded by Pope Paul VI.

In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1968, pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded in his New York film studio, known as "The Factory," by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist.

In 1983, Gordon Kahl, a militant tax protester wanted in the slayings of two U.S. marshals in North Dakota, was killed in a gun battle with law-enforcement officials near Smithville, Ark.

In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. SkyDome (now called Rogers Centre) opened in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

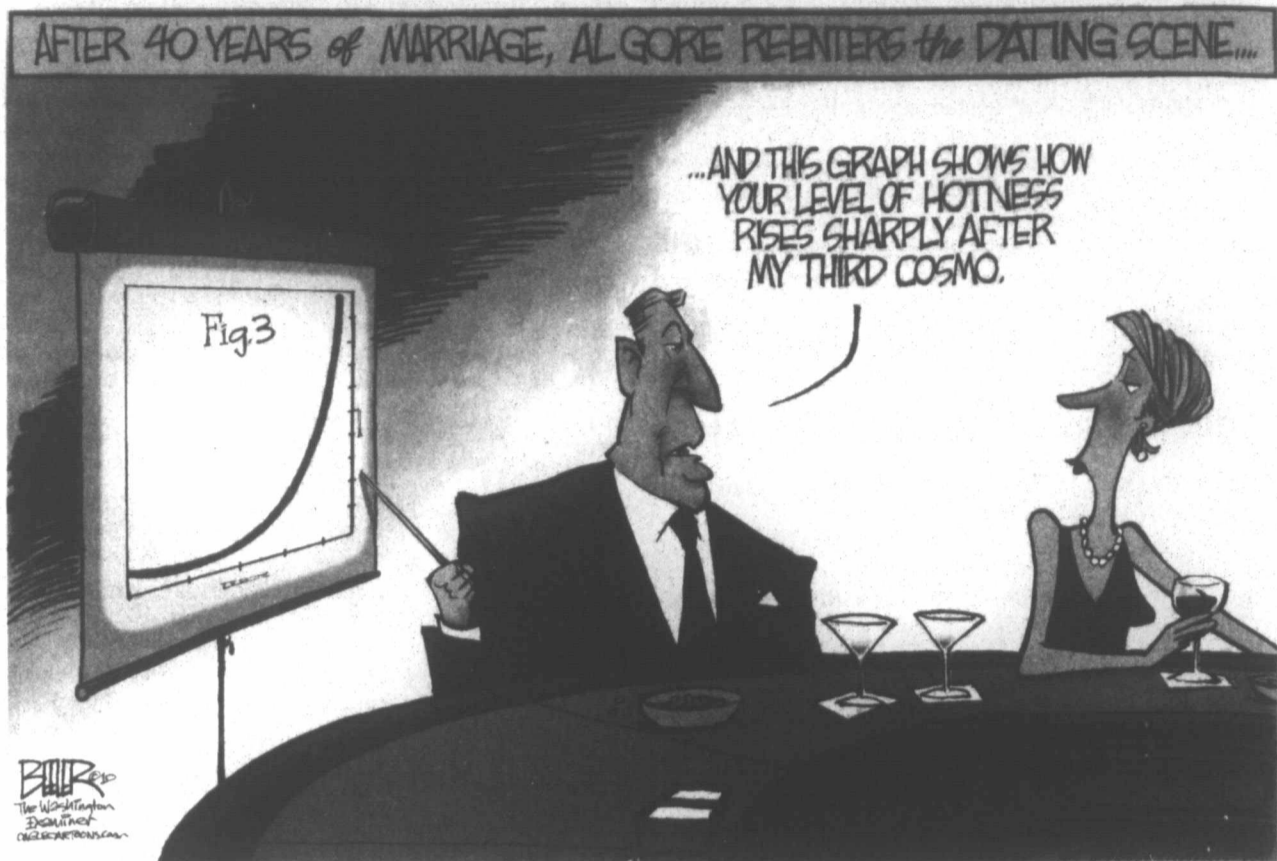
Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton held talks in Moscow with Russian President Vladimir Putin (POO'-tih) on topics including missile defense. Former Treasury Secretary and onetime "energy czar" William Simon died in Santa Barbara, Calif. at age 72.

Five years ago: U.S. military officials said no guard at the Guantanamo Bay prison for terror suspects had flushed a detainee's Quran down the toilet, but disclosed there were instances in which Qurans were abused by guards, intentionally or accidentally. The child molestation case against Michael Jackson went to the jury after the defense concluded its closing argument (Jackson was acquitted).

One year ago: New Hampshire became the sixth state to legalize same-sex marriage. The Organization of American States cleared the way for Cuba's possible return to the group by lifting a 47-year ban on the country. Death claimed Koko Taylor, 80, the "Queen of the Blues," in Chicago and Las Vegas saxophonist Sam Butera, 81, who'd teamed with Louis Prima and Keely Smith.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tony Curtis is 85. TV producer Chuck Barris is 81. Actress Irma P. Hall is 75. Author Larry McMurtry is 74. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 71. Singer Eddie Holman is 64. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 62. Rock musician Richard Moore is 61. Singer Suzi Quatro is 60. Singer Deneice Williams is 59. Singer Dan Hill is 56. Actor Scott Valentine is 52. Rock musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 46. Rock singer-musician Mike Gordon is 45. CNN host Anderson Cooper is 43. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 42. Singers Gabriel and Ariel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 39. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 24. Actress-singer Lalaine is 23.

Thought for Today: "Money can't buy happiness, but it can make you awfully comfortable while you're being miserable." - Clare Boothe Luce, American author, politician and diplomat (1903-1987).



To sleep or not to sleep? That is the question.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Another endless debate is in the computer world. The question is whether it is better to turn off your computer or to leave it on. The answer is as personal as the best place to eat or best way to get in shape. Let's start off by looking at the computer itself.

The computer is made up of components that move and some that don't. Computer components have varying life expectancy and failure rate. New computers are designed and manufactured to different specifications than older computers. Personal computers and workstations are designed to be turned off periodically while mainframes and servers are designed to run 24/7. The majority of computers fail when being turned on compared to failing while in operation.

A common reply when I ask clients to describe what is wrong with their computer is "It was working just fine yesterday, but today it won't even turn on."

Let's look at reasons for leaving the computer on. When the computer is turned on, some components get very hot and operated at a high temperature. The components are not damaged and are actually designed to work at those temperatures. The Intel Pentium M processor, for example, has a maximum core temperature listed of 100 degrees Celsius. When a computer is turned off, the components cool down to room temperature. This constant cycling of temperature causes thermal stress on the components. To put this in perspective, thermal stress is the same thing that occasionally causes a light-bulb to pop and burn out when it is turned on.

Most people do not like interruptions and prefer to perform virus scans, operating system updates, backups, and other maintenance items during off hours. By default, Microsoft schedules the Windows

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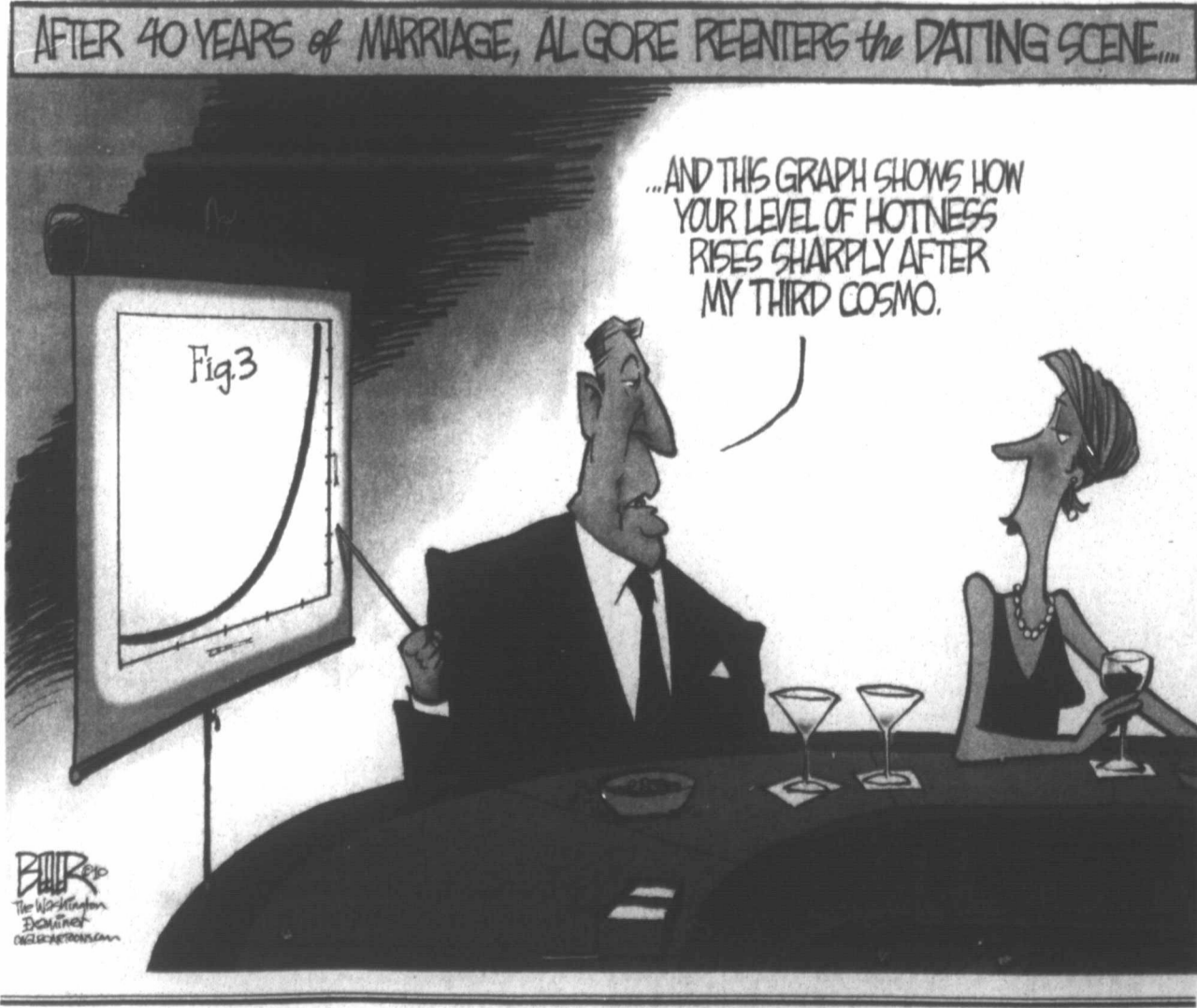
automatic updates for early morning hours to prevent interrupting the normal workday. For our client base, we typically go to work performing routine maintenance/troubleshooting when they leave work. In our case, then, it is important that their computers be on. The most common reason is convenience. A significant number of people leave their computer on to save time because the computer is always ready for work or play. Strange as it may seem, most computer components will last longer if you leave them on 24 hours per day for years, than if you only use them 2 hours per day every day.

Now, here are some reasons to turn off the computer. While leaving a computer on reduces thermal stress, it also causes wear on the components. Monitors are especially sensitive to wear and should be set to turn off automatically when not in use. Computers use electricity. Although they are more efficient than in the past, computers still use electricity and will increase your electrical bill. The computer also generates

heat and therefore increases cooling costs. The computer is designed to work at normal room temperature. If cooling is turned off at night and temperature rises significantly, the computer is at risk of overheating. Leaving your PC on for extended periods of time exposes it to the potential risk of power spikes and surges, brownouts, blackouts and other electrical problems. If you are using a good-quality UPS with power conditioning, then this is not really a factor.

You need to decide for yourself what factors are important to you and your computing habits. I typically turn my laptop off and on many times during the day. At work, our computers are never turned off. At home, our main PC is on during the day and turned off at night. So, if you think that you should turn off your computer when not in use, you are right. If you think you should leave it on, you are right as well.

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Robert Jacobs (from left), Bill Kindle and Bob Benyshek were among the local Kiwanis Club members who spent early Memorial Day morning decorating Pampa's streets with America's colors.

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Texas boating deaths down

AUSTIN — Deaths from boating accidents on Texas public waters decreased last year compared with the year before and Texas game wardens, boater education proponents and others hope to keep the numbers trending downward. The decrease in 2009 came after an unprecedented spike in boating accident deaths in 2008, the highest in more than ten years.

"We don't know for sure what caused the decrease in boating deaths, but we do think two contributing factors are saturation law enforcement and educational outreach," Parrish said.

Statistics compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department show that 207 boating accidents on Texas public waters in 2009 led to 139 injuries and 38 deaths, compared with 272 accidents, 175 injuries and 62 deaths in 2008. Of the fatalities last year, 25 of the deaths occurred in open motorboats. Only one death was attributed to a personal watercraft.

"While we hate that anyone died in a boating accident last year, we are very encouraged to see that the number of deaths fell so dramatically," said Game Warden Maj. Jeff Parrish, the state's marine safety chief. "The trick this year is going to be to keep

these numbers down and hopefully see them decrease even more."

Last year, in the course of 192,882 boating compliance vessel checks, game wardens issued 9,705 citations and 9,928 warnings. The most common violation was not having a sufficient number of life vests available. Wardens issued 2,488 citations for that offense. Additionally, they arrested 220 persons for boating while intoxicated.

One trend that continues to worry those in marine law enforcement is that most water deaths are connected to one-boat accidents — capsizing, running aground, collisions with fixed or floating objects or falls overboard.

"Staying safe while boating is simple as one, two, three," Parrish said. "First, wear a personal flotation device. The new inflatable jackets are lightweight and comfortable, and they save lives. Second, don't drink and boat. Third, take a boater education course."

Parrish said studies show that taking a boater education course can cut accident rates in half. Even seasoned boaters can benefit from the 6-hour basic course, plus earn possible boat insurance discounts. Last year, 36,014 participants benefited from water safety programs sponsored by TPWD.

History to come to life at PPHM

CANYON — Characters from throughout history will come to life at the Panhandle Plains History Museum tomorrow and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., and everyone is invited to see it.

Similar to the blockbuster movies "Night at the Museum" and "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," 20 historical

figures, including Bonnie Parker, Don Harrington and Ace the Allosaurus, will come to life in the PPHM exhibits and interact with visitors.

"Magic happens at PPHM when the lights are off. This great event is full of surprises," Special Events Coordinator Becky Livingston said.

The museum will be

dark, so visitors will need to bring their own flashlight. The event is not a "haunted house," but a chance to explore in the dark and meet historical characters along the way.

Cost for the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information call Becky at 806-651-2259 or email blivings-ton@pphm.wtamu.edu.

Program

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of drinking.

"They are the ones that chose the sixth graders," Gray-Storta said.

The program talks about how alcohol affects every cell in your body, she said.

"It kills brain cells," Gray-Storta said. "When you choose to drink, the bad decisions start pulling out parts of your foundation which can crumble."

She said they talk about peer pressure and how to say no.

Plastic bowling pins, radio controlled cars and the drunk goggles are used to show how their perception is affected.

Wearing the special goggles, the students try to shoot baskets with a basketball.

They also have a series of roles students are asked to play.

Several of the classes included Texas Department of Public Safety Corporal Jesse Cerda or other DPS officers talking

to the students about the legal ramifications of drinking.

Gray-Storta said they started the program in Pampa the first week of May. Lefors soon followed.

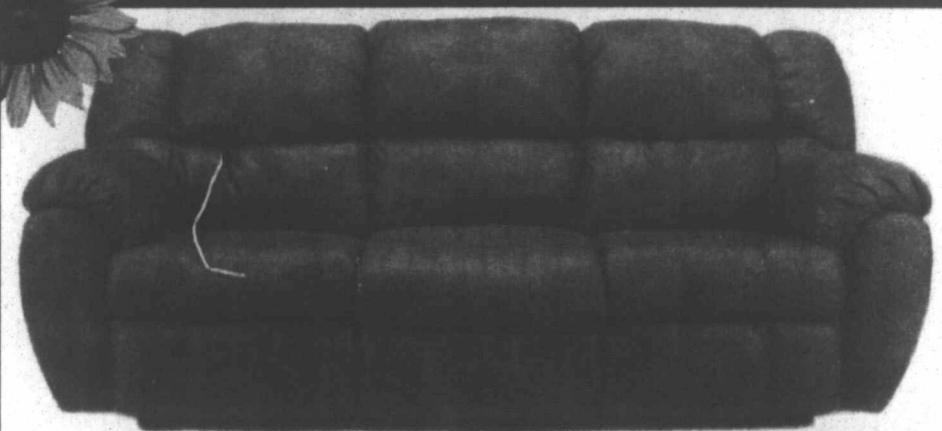
The youth board members taught four lessons.

Gray-Storta said that a lot of the sixth graders responded favorably to the lessons.

She said that having peer educators proved to be a good teaching relationship. "It's not adults coming in and lecturing them," Gray-Storta said. "It's youth leaders coming in and talking to them. We're very fortunate that we have some very outstanding youth that had been recommended to us to serve on our youth board."

Eight of the youth board members taught the classes, she said. There were three adult advisors.

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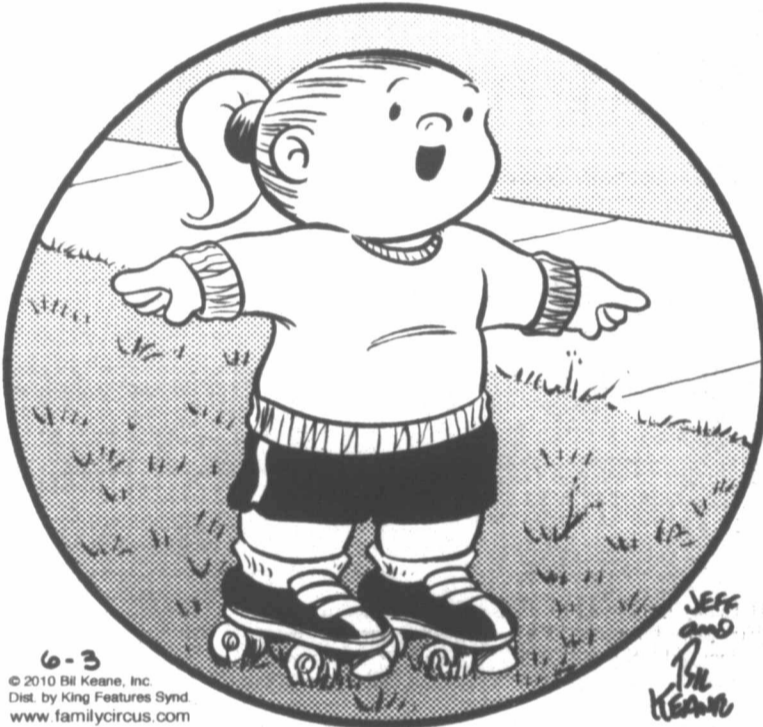
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"You should be ashamed of yourself -- letting him run that red light!"

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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 11 Director Kurosawa
- 12 Blizzard bit
- 13 Authentic
- 14 Fixed the piano
- 15 Young cow
- 17 Mimic
- 19 Vacuum lack
- 20 Bleachers part
- 23 Wild ones
- 25 Music's Salt-n-—
- 26 Foolish
- 28 Deuce beater
- 29 Trick-taking card game
- 30 Brick bearer
- 31 Bruins legend
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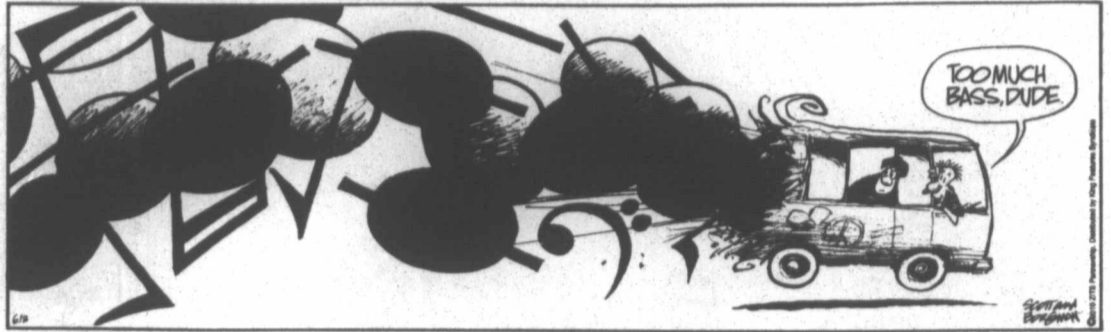
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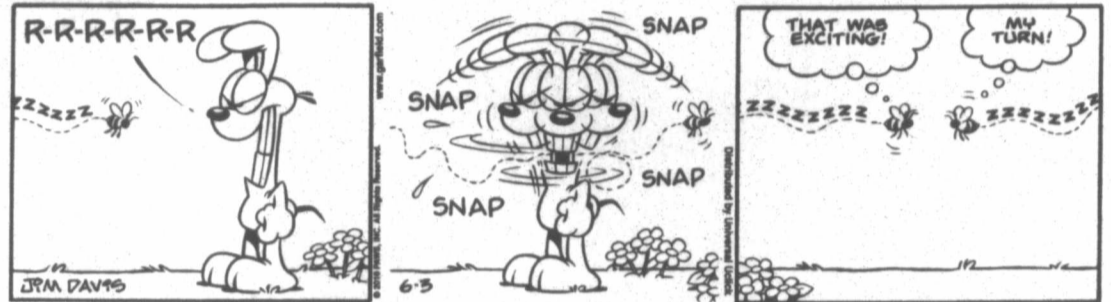
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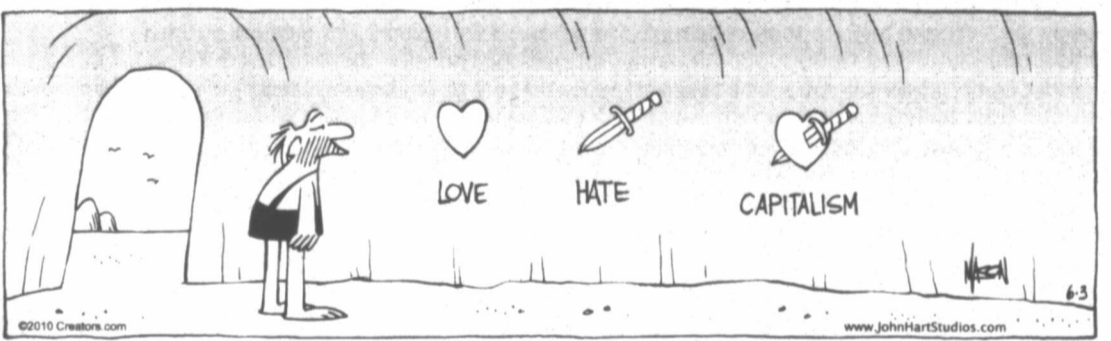
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Sports

Pampa Harvesters golf and Hidden Hills hold clinic

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Pampa Harvesters golf coach Alan Segura and Hidden Hills manager David Teichmann held a two-day golf clinic at Hidden Hills Tuesday and Wednesday.

The camp was for children between 7 and 14 years old. Segura said they had a great turnout with 46 kids.

"It was exciting to have a lot of kids come out," Segura said. "It was fun and we had a good time."

Segura said on the first day he worked with camp-

ers on putting and chipping, and Teichmann worked with them on driving balls. Teichmann said he thinks the camp went well.

"I think everyone came away with good basic swing, chipping and putting," Teichmann said. "It's really going to help them."

Teichmann has a junior high program after school and said it will help develop their skills when they get to high school.

"The middle school having a program gets them where they are in the off-season a year before they're freshmen," Teichmann

said. "It gets them acclimated to golf and practicing. It's just going to benefit the program."

Segura told the campers they have to keep playing to get better.

"Everyone out here has potential," Segura said. "It's exciting for me to see so many kids out here. So, keep playing. Everyone has potential I can see it in everybody. Don't get frustrated, you guys are young and have a long way to go. This is a lifelong sport."

Carlyn Teichmann and Jim Furgason also helped with the camp



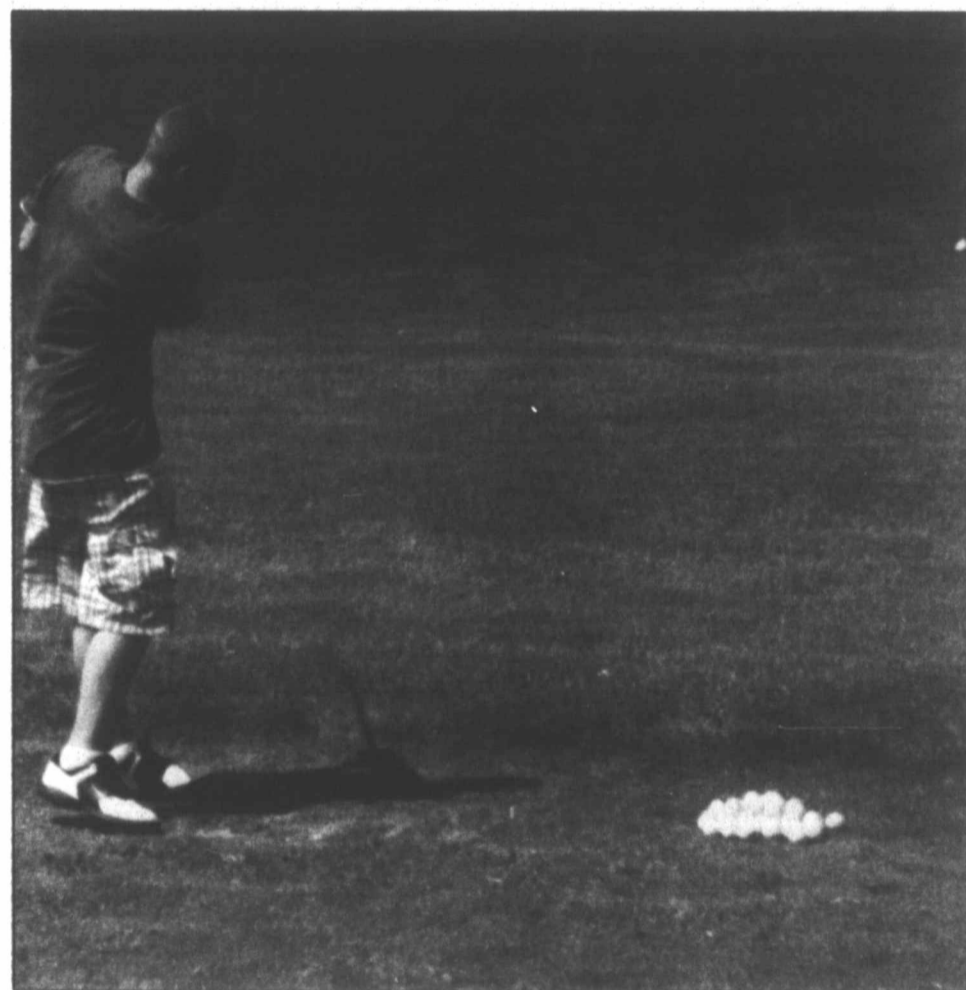
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Savanah Valentine drives a ball during the second day of the golf clinic at Hidden Hills Wednesday. Pampa head golf coach Alan Segura and Hidden Hills manager David Teichmann taught the clinic. Campers learned how to swing, chip and putt.



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Kayla Dewey practices driving during the second day of the golf clinic at Hidden Hills golf course Wednesday.



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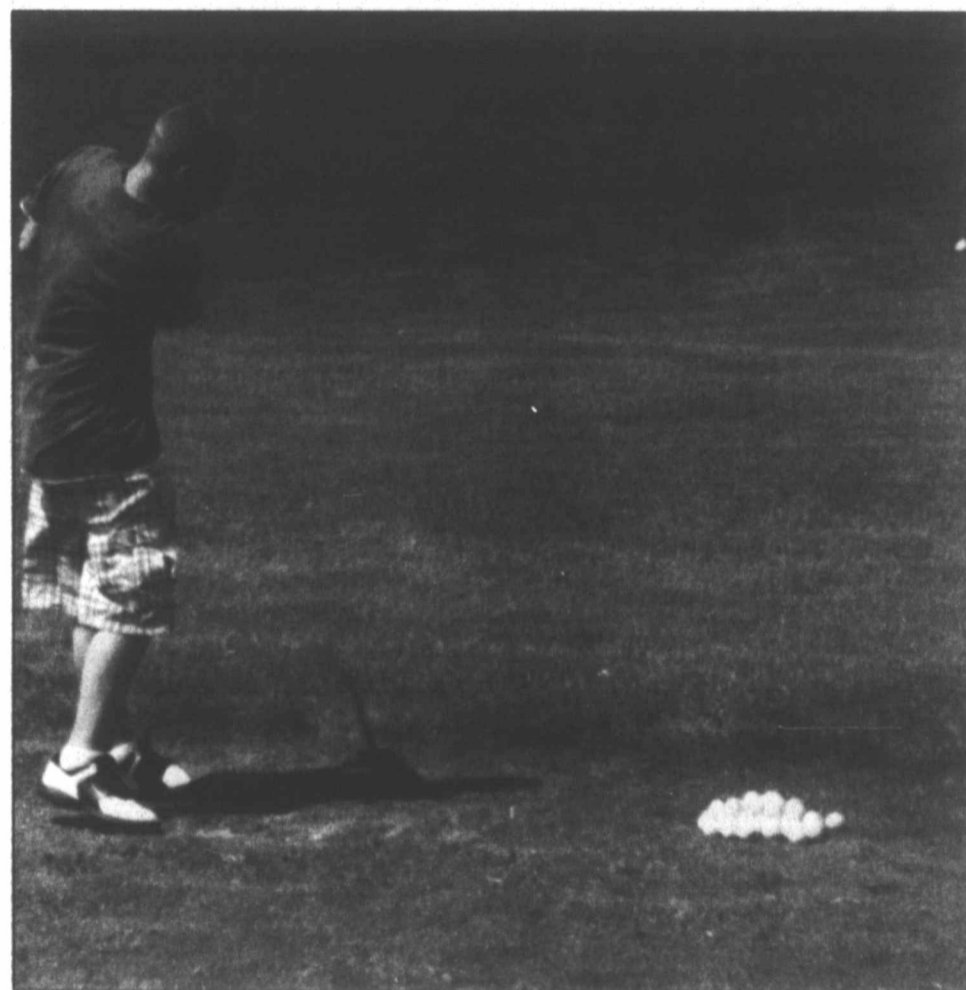
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