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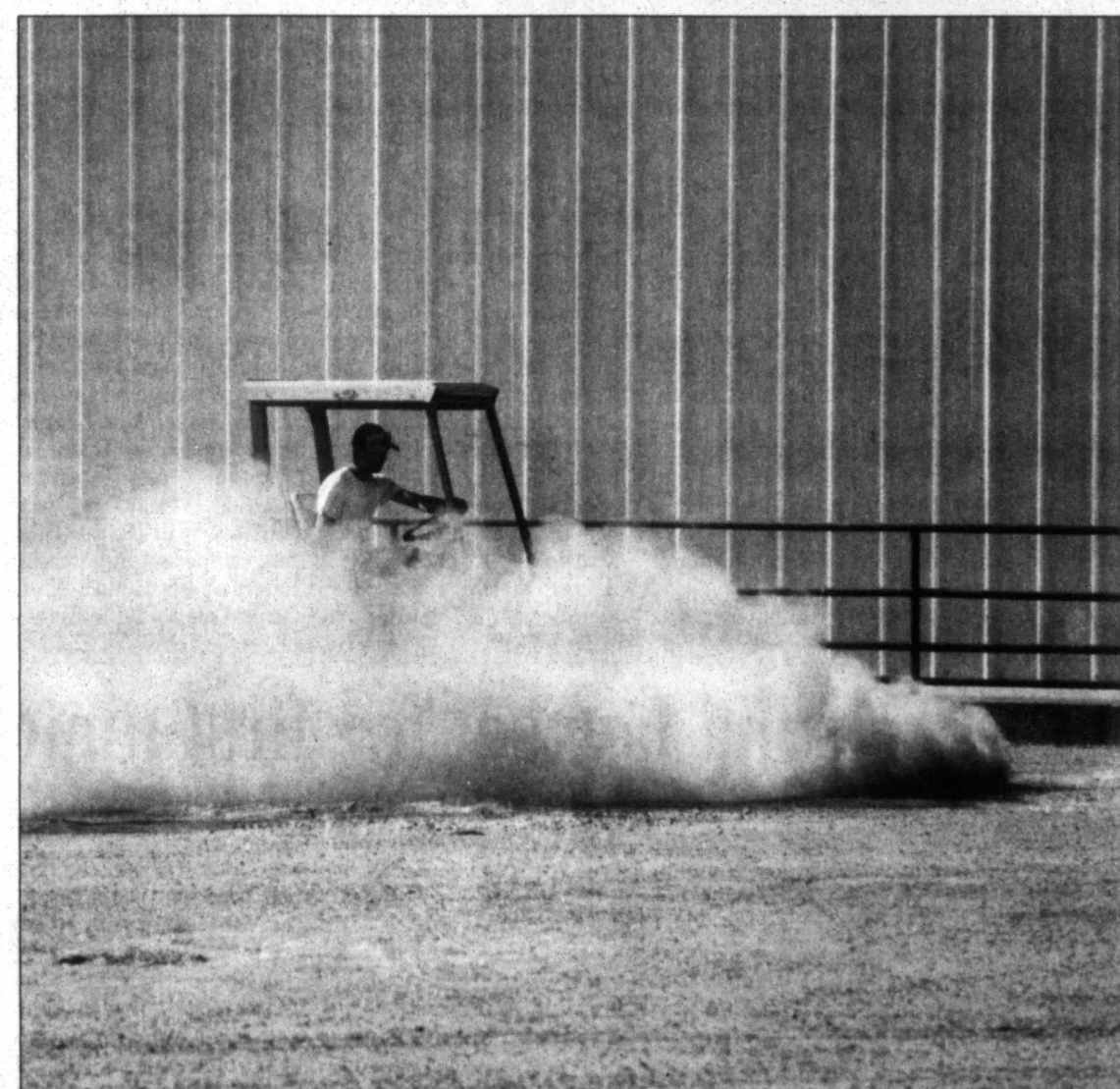
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DUSTING OFF THE LOT



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John Rogers cleans up today the Pampa High School band practice field behind Harvester Stadium. Using a street sweeper, Rogers was cleaning off the parking lot so it could be painted in time for the band to practice its routines before school starts next month.

With Pampa's help, Tri-State tourney healthy

ARNIE AURELLANO
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By co-organizer Roy Don Stephens own admission, the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament was in some pretty dire straits only two short years ago.

"It was just about to die," said Stephens, who is at the tournament's helm for the first time this year. "We were down to 35 entries in 2008."

Fortunately, Stephens said, a group of local businesses stepped up to help take the tournament off life support.

"We talked to a bunch of businesses in the area and they really helped us out," Stephens said. "Many of them chipped in and gave us a contribution, and with their help, we were able to make some changes and bounce back."

Those contributions, Stephens said, came in the form of funds and prizes that the tournament in turn used to keep costs down and draw more golfers to the event.

"Before, it was just a social event," Stephens said. "You'd go and you'd play and you'd win a set of crystals."

"Thanks to what the businesses gave us, we were able to give out some better prizes. Last year, we gave back \$2,000 for each flight, and a watch from Ken Rheams. We've been able to do some things different, and that's helped us a lot."

Stephens said that the development of more motels on the north side of town has also had a positive effect on the tournament's drawing power.

"For a long time, people just couldn't get any rooms around here," Stephens said. "Now that we have more hotels and motels in town, I think people are starting to come around again."

So far, the numbers are supporting Stephens' observation. After about 80 entries last year, this year's tournament has over 100, including 50 or 60 new people who have never participated. Stephens expects that

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76th Annual Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament

When: First tee-off is Monday; tournament will run through Thursday

Where: Pampa Country Club

No bull: New 'rodeo' in area for linemen

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

AMARILLO - Electric linemen from across the region will showcase their work and safety skills at the 19th annual Lone Star Lineman's Rodeo on Saturday, July 17 at Xcel Energy's new Amarillo Technical Center on East Interstate 40.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting past lunch, the competition will feature contests in two traditional line competitions and three mystery events. The top three Xcel Energy Texas and New Mexico teams and apprentices from the Amarillo event will earn a trip to the International Lineman's Rodeo in October in Bonner Springs, Kan. just outside of Kansas City.

The participants represent Xcel Energy operations in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, where there's no shortage of friendly rivalries even among employees of the same company.

"Just like a regular rodeo, our event showcases and fine tunes the skills that are critical to the jobs these men work every day," said Dwayne Marchbanks,

manager of transmission line construction with Xcel Energy in Amarillo.

The event is being moved from Lubbock to Amarillo to take advantage of a new training facility, Marchbanks said. Xcel Energy's Amarillo Technical Center opened earlier this year at the site of the former Amarillo Auto Auction at 7801 E. Interstate 40. A training facility has been completed behind the facility for use in training transmission and distribution apprentice linemen.

The public is invited to view the competition, and soft drinks and food will be available, as well as games for kids.

Teams will compete in the Pole Climb with Raw Egg, Hurt-Man Rescue, and three mystery events.

The pole climb involves a lineman climbing a pole with an egg in a canvas bucket, removing the egg and placing it in his mouth, knocking loose an existing bucket atop the pole, and descending with the unbroken egg in his mouth.

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Wheat Conference coming to Pampa on July 23

KAY LEDBETTER
Special to The Pampa News

Fresh on the heels of one wheat harvest, producers can learn about management techniques that could help improve the quality and yield of their next crop, according to Brandon McGinty, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Gray County.

AgriLife Extension agents in Gray, Carson, Carson and Roberts counties will host a Wheat Crop Planning Conference on July 27. The meeting will run from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic Ave., in Pampa.

"There are 600 producers here in this area and right now, they're harvesting their wheat," said Gray County AgriLife Extension Office Manager Becky Bailey. "This conference will have a lot of information that farmers are going to need to know about."

"We just want to help our local producers stay on top of what they're doing," Bailey



added. "That's what the Extension is all about."

A highlight of the conference, Bailey said, will be a presentation on new drip irrigation techniques.

Also, three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - two general, one integrated pest management - will be offered to pesticide applicators.

Program topics and speakers will include: Variety selections, Dr. Jackie Rudd, Texas AgriLife Research wheat breeder, Amarillo.

• Texas Wheat Producers Board update, Kody Bessent, Texas Wheat Producers executive assistant, Amarillo.

• Issues of planting, i.e. seeding rates, soil

fertility, Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.

• Weed control and management, Bean.
• Disease control and management, AgriLife District 1 Cluster 4 Agricultural Agents.

• Irrigation management, Nich Kenny, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Amarillo.

• Marketing and price protection, DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension Risk Management, Amarillo.

A noon lunch will be sponsored by the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Attebury Grain.

Registration for the event is free, but producers are asked to RSVP on or before July 23 so that lunch preparations can be made.

For more information, contact McGinty at 806-669-8033 or b-mcginty@ag.tamu.edu; Brandon Dukes at 806-868-3191 or bkdukes@ag.tamu.edu in Roberts County; or Jody Bradford, 806-537-3882, jbradfo@ag.tamu.edu in Carson County.




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Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Hoyt LaRue, 83

Hoyt LaRue, 83, died July 14, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. LaRue was born January 9, 1927 in Choctaw County, Okla. He had been a longtime resident of Pampa and Gray County, and was a former resident of Eunice, N.M. where he worked for Albertson's for 15 years, retiring in 2007. He was a meat packer for

many years, working for packing plants in Pampa and Amarillo. Hoyt was a member of the Church of Christ and was a former member of McCullough Street Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving during World War II.

Survivors include a son, Dean LaRue and wife Phyllis of Mobeetie; daughter, Frankie Foster and husband Kurt of Pampa; sister, Anna Lee Abernathy of Denton; sister-in-law,

Ruby Schulz of Opp, Ala.; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. Hoyt was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary, his second wife, Elsie, and a son, H. D. LaRue.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

The family will be at 400 S. Main in White Deer.

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LaRue

Joe D. Hathaway, 75

Joe D. Hathaway, 75, died Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in Wheeler.

Services will be Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, Mobeetie, TX with Rev. Don McElroy officiating.

Burial will be in the Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie, under the direction of Wright Funeral Home, Wheeler.

Joe D. Hathaway was

born on February 20, 1935 in Mobeetie, to Thomas Whitson and Willie Ruth Lawrence Hathaway.

He attended school in Mobeetie and married Doris Dolson on January 8, 1960 in Pampa. Joe retired from Texaco as a field operator. He was a member of the Top O'Texas Masonic Lodge 32nd degree Mason and was a member of the First Baptist

Church in Mobeetie. Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Doris in 2008, his parents and three brothers, Vick, Britt, and Dan.

Joe is survived by one sister, Faye VonTunglen and husband Dale of Vernon, one brother Glen Hathaway and wife Barbara of El Reno, Okla., one step-daughter Linda Salerno of Edna, Kan., several step-grandchildren,

and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to your favorite charity, the Mobeetie Cemetery or the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie.

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Arizona law set for first major hearing

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal judge is scheduled to hear arguments Thursday over whether Arizona's new immigration crackdown should take effect later this month, marking the first major hearing in one of seven challenges to the strict law.

U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton also will consider arguments over Gov. Jan Brewer's request to dismiss the challenge filed by Phoenix police Officer David Salgado and the statewide nonprofit group Chicanos Por La Causa.

The judge said last week she wasn't making any promises on whether she will rule on the officer's request to block enforcement of the law before it takes effect July 29.

Hearings on the six other lawsuits, including one filed by the federal government, are set for next week.

The law requires police, while enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if officers have a reasonable suspicion that the person is in the country illegally. It also makes it a state crime for immigrants

not to carry immigration documents.

Supporters say the law was needed because the federal government hasn't adequately confronted illegal immigration in Arizona, the busiest illegal gateway for immigrants into the United States. Opponents say the law would lead to racial profiling and distract from police officers' traditional

roles in combating crimes in their communities.

Security was heavy at Phoenix's federal courthouse Thursday, with officers checking those lined up to get into court and others deployed around the courthouse. At least five police dogs were present, their handlers carrying mirrors to check under vehicles for suspicious packages.

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Settlement over rerouted pipeline

AMARILLO (AP) — U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson will consider approving the settlement of a lawsuit against property owners in the Bushland area following a fiery natural gas pipeline explosion.

The *Amarillo Globe-News* reported Thursday that settlement of the lawsuit filed by with Houston-based El Paso Natural Gas Co. would allow completion of a rerouted pipeline.

A Nov. 5 pipeline blast damaged some homes in Bushland, located 15 miles west of Amarillo, and left three people hurt.

Riley and Sharon Holmes had declined the company's offer to buy their land for an easement. Court records show the family said damage to their property values extended beyond the 5½ acres where the pipeline would be rerouted.

Settlement terms were not made public in Wednesday's filing.

U.S. transfers last prison to Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — The United States handed over the last detention facility under its control to Iraqi authorities on Thursday, a milestone in Iraq's push for complete sovereignty seven years after the U.S.-led invasion to topple Saddam Hussein.

Iraq's assumption of control over the base near the international airport on the southwestern outskirts of Baghdad also marks the end of a troubling chapter in the U.S. presence in the country — one defined for years by the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal.

With the handover, Iraq has now taken control of the last of three such prisons controlled by U.S. forces.

The American general in charge of detainee centers in Iraq said the Iraqis were ready for the added responsibility.

"There is overwhelming evidence they are equipped, prepared and poised to take over," Maj. Gen. Jerry Cannon said, stressing that the detainees still being held by the U.S. were under Iraqi jurisdiction.

Klansman's name gone from UT

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas regents have stripped the name of a former law school professor and early organizer of the Ku Klux Klan from a campus dormitory.

The vote Thursday in Austin was unanimous. The residence hall named after William Stewart Simkins will now be known as Creekside Residence Hall. The two-story brick building was constructed in the 1950s near Waller Creek.

Simkins, who was a Confederate colonel, helped organize the Klan in Florida after the Civil War. He taught law at Texas from 1899-1929 and gave speeches and wrote papers promoting the Klan and terrorizing blacks.

Regents also voted to change the name of Simkins Park, a small green space next to the dorm that had been named after Simkins' brother, Eldred Simkins, who served on the university board from 1882-1896.

Dallas expects 500 layoffs

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas City Manager Mary Suhm says efforts to balance the municipal budget will mean about 500 layoffs this year.

Suhm, during an appearance Wednesday before a service club, said she has reduced the expected gap between revenue and expenses from a high of \$130 million, to just under \$19 million.

Suhm next month is expected to present a roughly \$2 billion operating budget to the city council.

The *Dallas Morning News* reported Thursday that the cutbacks are expected to include city services, plus delaying the buying of new police and firefighting equipment. Sales tax revenue also could be on the rise.

Suhm declined to say which Dallas workers might lose their jobs. The city currently has 12,875 employees.

No more foster kids for center

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some trash talking in San Antonio is about cleaning up a popular tourist attraction.

The River Walk Watershed Alliance has launched a public education campaign called "River. Life. Love It."

The goal is to reduce certain pollution, such as food tossed in and around the San Antonio River by visitors wanting to feed birds, squirrels or other animals. Experts say such food contributes to more animal waste and the potential for dangerous bacteria.

San Antonio River Authority board member Sally Buchanan on Wednesday said the campaign means people "changing a few habits."

Hotels will post signs reminding guests not to feed river walk wildlife. Food service workers will be trained to use a broom and dustpan when possible, rather than spraying water to push waste into the river.

Alex gone, but roads still flooded

AUSTIN (AP) — Some south Texas roads remain flooded and closed more than two weeks after Hurricane Alex made landfall in northern Mexico and heavy rain swelled the Rio Grande.

The Texas Department of Transportation on Thursday reported several farm-to-market roads in Willacy, Hidalgo and Cameron counties were still shut down due to high water.

Heavy rain associated with Alex, which came ashore June 30, was followed by another tropical system that soaked parts of Texas.

Rio Grande flooding forced evacuations this week in the communities of Penitas and Los Ebanos.

Argentina OKs same sex marriage

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Argentina legalized same-sex marriage Thursday, becoming the first country in Latin America to declare that gays and lesbians have all the legal rights, responsibilities and protections that marriage brings to heterosexual couples.

After a marathon debate in Argentina's senate, 33 lawmakers voted in favor, 27 against and 3 abstained in a vote that ended after 4 a.m. Since the lower house already approved it and President Cristina Fernandez is a strong supporter, it becomes law as soon as it is published in the official bulletin, which should happen within days.

The law is sure to bring a wave of marriages by gays and lesbians who have found Buenos Aires to be a welcoming place to live. But same-sex couples from other countries shouldn't rush their Argentine wedding plans, since only permanent residents and citizens can wed in the country.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP engineers were back to the slow work of trying to choke the Gulf of Mexico oil gusher with an untested cap after replacing a leaky pipe Thursday, the latest delay in the uncertain fix.

Kent Wells, a BP PLC vice president, said at a news briefing in Houston that the overnight leak in a pipe on the side of the towering, 75-ton capping stack was fixed by replacing the assembly, called a "choke line."

The work sent the oil giant back to restarting preparations for testing whether the cap can stop the oil without blowing a new leak in the well. If it works, the cap will be a temporary fix until BP can drill into the gusher to plug it for good from underground, where the seal will hold better.

"Bear with us," Wells said. The leak was discovered after two of the three valves on the cap that can open or shut the device had been closed, bringing BP and government scientists, who are also watching, tantalizingly close to starting a 48-hour test of how the well and cap withstand the pressure.

Wells had warned that the process of getting ready and then choking the oil a mile below the sea, at a depth only submarine robots can reach, consisted of many precise, individual steps.

"Any one of these steps can take longer than anticipated," Wells said Wednesday, before the leak disrupted work.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the disaster, said at a briefing it's not clear yet whether the cap, which was mounted on the well Monday, will ultimately be used to shut in the oil or to channel it through pipes to collection ships overhead.

"I have a high degree of confidence we can substantially decrease the oil coming into the environment," Allen said.

The cap remains a temporary fix, he said, until one of two relief wells BP is drilling can reach the gusher underground and plug it permanently with heavy drilling mud and cement.

"Make no mistake, the number one goal is to kill the well ... to stop it at the source," he said.

The test will involve closing off all three openings in the cap to the Gulf, in theory stopping the oil leaking into the Gulf. BP will be monitoring pressure under the cap. High pressure is good, because it shows there's only a single leak. Low pressure, below 6,000 pounds per square inch or so, could mean more leaks farther down in the well.

BP expects to keep the oil trapped in the cap for 48 hours before it decides if the approach is working.

With the leaking pipe replaced, BP had to start from a few steps back to resume preparations for the test.

Preparations included letting more oil pour out of the cap temporarily and turning off a pipe that had been sending some of the oil to a collection ship, so that the full force of all the erupting crude would go into the cap. Engineers also had to recheck equipment and move undersea robots that perform the work back into position.

Wells was hesitant to give a firm timeframe for when the test could start, but expected it to be Thursday.

"We're going to keep moving forward with this," Wells said.

Golf

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number to rise again next year, when the tournament is projected to be moved to the last week in July, its traditional spot on the calendar.

It may yet be early to label the tournament's rebound as a complete turnaround, but Stephens said that he is optimistic for the future. It's a future, he added, that wouldn't have been possible without the help of Pampa businesses.

"It's just wonderful," Stephens said. "The town has helped us and hopefully, we can help the town back."

"We try to turn right around and give everything back to Pampa. Thanks to the community, we're moving in the right direction."

For more on the *Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament*, turn to the *Sports* page, Page 8.

Rodeo

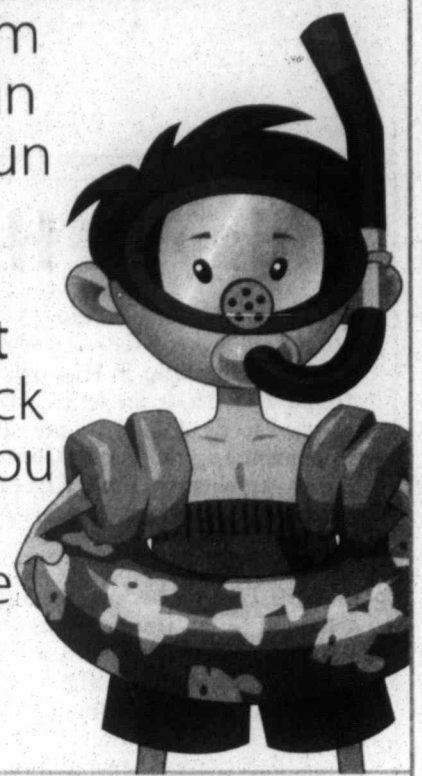
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Hurt-Man Rescue scores a lineman's ability to rescue a 165-pound, life-size dummy from atop a pole and bringing the dummy safely to the ground, secured in rescue rigging. Mystery events are unknown events that cannot be practiced ahead of the competition, but involve everyday job and safety skills expected of a utility lineman.

Teams consist of three participants - two climbing journeyman and a groundman. Scoring is based on correct work procedures and safety. Operations managers, coordinators, retirees, foremen, qualified journeymen and servicemen will serve as judges.

The competition also will include an apprenticeship division where individuals compete in five events: Apprentice Hurt-Man Rescue, pole climbing events, a written test, and two mystery events.

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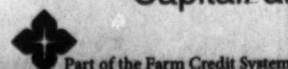


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Viewpoints

Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1910, the term "Alzheimer's disease" was used to describe a progressive form of pre-senile dementia in the book "Clinical Psychiatry" by German psychiatrist Emil Kraepelin, who credited the work of his colleague, Alois Alzheimer, in identifying the condition.

On this date:

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

In 1918, the Second Battle of the Marne, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War I.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon startled the country by announcing he would visit the People's Republic of China.

In 1985, a shockingly gaunt-looking Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS).

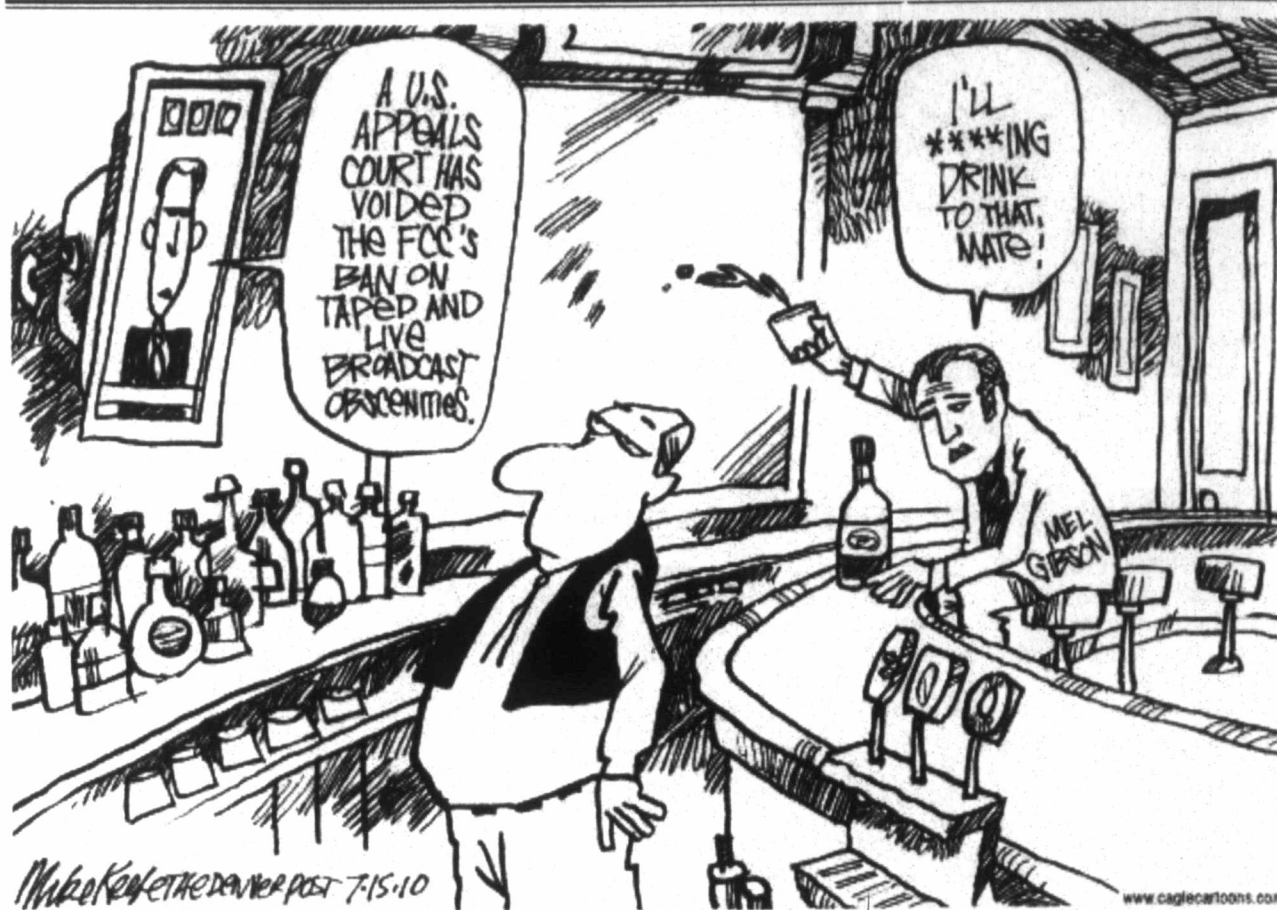
Ten years ago: The United Nations launched a successful military operation to help 222 Indian peacekeepers and eleven military observers break out of a rebel stronghold in Sierra Leone.

Five years ago: A federal appeals court ruled that a Guantanamo detainee who once was Osama bin Laden's driver could be tried by military tribunal. (However, the Supreme Court struck down the tribunals in June 2006, saying they violated U.S. and international law.)

One year ago: A Russian-made jetliner carrying 168 people crashed after taking off from Tehran, Iran, killing everyone aboard. After more than a month's delay, space shuttle Endeavour and seven astronauts thundered into orbit on a flight to the international space station.

Today's Birthdays: Author Clive Cussler is 79. Actor Alex Karras is 75. Actor Ken Kercheval is 75. Sen. George V. Voinovich (R-Ohio) is 74. Actor Patrick Wayne is 71. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 66. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 64. Actor Terry O'Quinn is 58. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 54. Rock musician Joe Satriani is 54. Model Kim Alexis is 50. Actor Willie Aames is 50. Actor-director Forest Whitaker is 49. Actress Lolita Davidovich is 49. Actress Brigitte Nielsen is 47. Rock musician Jason Bonham is 44. Actor Kristoff St. John is 44. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 42. Actor Stan Kirsch is 42. Actor Scott Foley is 38. Actor Brian Austin Green is 37. Rapper Jim Jones is 34. Actress Diane Kruger is 34.

Thought for Today: "Advice is a free gift that can become expensive for the one who gets it." — Armenian proverb.



Not all computers are created equal

A common mistake that we make when purchasing a type of product is assuming that they are equal. For instance, cars come in so many styles, sizes, and functions. The automobile manufacturers design cars to meet different requirements and applications. The same process is taken by computer software and hardware manufacturers. The computer products are designed for different markets and applications. The computer products will also vary greatly in price depending on the target market. Let's look at the most common types of computer markets.

The largest segment of computer products is the consumer market. The primary drivers are cost and features. This market is very competitive. The computers are designed to be used occasionally and in a home or personal setting. Since cost is a factor, the quality of the computers is not very high. I know many people that buy a new computer every 1-2 years because their old computer doesn't work. Typical locations that sell consumer level computers are retail outlets that sell non-computer related items as well.

A small but growing segment of the computer industry is the gaming market. This is an extension of the consumer market but the primary driver is performance. Typical consumer desktops average around \$500 while gaming computers average around \$1000. Gaming computers use the latest computer components and are designed to be easily upgradeable. The gaming machines require more power and more cool-



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ing to keep them running well. The segment which we typically deal with is the business grade. A computer designed for the business segment is more expensive than a computer designed for consumer use. The computers use higher quality components and are designed for daily business use. These computers are designed to be used many years. Typically, we replace business machines because better performance is required and not because they fail. A typical business grade computer will give 3-5 years of trouble-free service. Although a consumer grade computer may have the same specifications as a business machine, the quality is not the same.

A step up from business grade is enterprise grade. Enterprise grade machines are designed to be used 24/7. Examples of these machines are servers for business. The components used are designed for durability and performance. Enterprise grade machines cost thousands of dollars. If you need high reliability and high availability, then enterprise

grade is required. There is redundancy built into these products. All the servers we sell are designed to run 24/7.

When we get a call asking about a new computer, the first thing we ask is "What are you going to do with the computer." The answer can vary widely depending on the use and the features required. The mistake many business users make is purchasing consumer grade products and using them in a business setting. They typically are not happy with the performance and reliability of the computer. It is not the computer's fault, it wasn't designed to be used in that setting. One last item that varies among computers is the support. Consumer level products typically have limited support while enterprise level products have the greatest support. The reseller of the product also varies. Consumer level resellers typically do not have high expertise in computers while business and enterprise level resellers are experts.

Before buying your next computer, make sure you decide how you are going to use it. If you are unsure, ask a computer professional. Not only will you not receive the appropriate level of support, but your computer will perform as expected and you will be happier with your purchase.

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Coppell mayor's death a murder-suicide

COPPELL -- The mayor of an upscale Dallas suburb apparently shot her teenage daughter to death before fatally shooting herself, but only after leaving notes at their home warning officers about the scene they would find and outlining how to manage family affairs, police said Wednesday.

An envelope taped to the front door of Mayor Jayne Peters' home contained a key to the house and a note advising police they would discover something unpleasant inside, Coppell Deputy Police Chief Steve Thomas said.

Three other notes contained instructions for handling affairs, such as taking care of the family dogs, but did not provide explanations for the deaths of 55-year-old Peters and her 19-year-old daughter, Corinne.

"It appeared to me that there had been some thought," Thomas said. Police found the bodies Tuesday after the mayor

failed to show up at a city council meeting. They said the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Wednesday that the case should be officially classified as a homicide-suicide investigation.

"Forensic tests [and] procedures performed point to Corinne being the victim in this tragedy, with Mayor Peters subsequently taking her own life," police said in a statement. "Both of the fatal injuries are a result of a single gun shot wounds."

Thomas said the weapon was a semiautomatic handgun and there were no signs of a struggle.

"Everybody in the room is like, 'Did we miss a sign?'" Bob Mahalik, mayor pro tem who is now acting mayor of the city, said of council members' reaction to the deaths. "It's hard to wrap your arms around it."

Mahalik said he had a gut feeling something wasn't right when the mayor didn't turn up for

the meeting. "But nowhere in your wildest dreams did you think it would be that far not right," he said.

A collection of flowers, wreaths and cards decorated the front porch of the Peters' 3,850-square-foot brick home, where the mayor and her daughter lived alone. A printed letter said: "Please know that you are loved no matter what happens. I know that God is with you and giving you comfort. You both are with Don, a wonderful husband and father. A family again."

The mayor's husband, Donald Peters, died of cancer in 2008 at the age of 58.

Jayne Peters was a contract software developer who served as mayor of Coppell, a city of about 40,000 located 15 miles northwest of Dallas, for the past year. Her term was to expire in 2012. She had been a council member since 1998.

"This is a tremendous loss for the city, the com-

munity and the region," said City Manager Clay Phillips.

The elder Peters attended Miami University in Ohio. In her official biography on the city's website, she said "Coppell is a community with a huge heart, and we take care of one another."

"She enjoyed what she was doing as mayor and she was good at what she did," said Mahalik, who last saw Peters waving and passing out candy at the city's Independence Day parade. "She attended almost everything, every ribbon-cutting, speaking at the schools, the chamber, regional meetings."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Nineteen-year-old "Hopeless in Chandler, Ariz." (May 21), said he doesn't know what he wants to do with his life. When I was his age, I didn't know what I wanted to do, either. I didn't want to go to college, the military didn't interest me, and nothing I could think of seemed appealing.

My parents had factory jobs — Dad in quality control and Mom in assembly. They talked me into filling out an application at the plant. I did so grudgingly, and was hired. I figured I'd stay one or two years and then find something I liked better.

This September I'll have worked there 32 years. I have survived layoffs and reorganizations, a move to another town and the sale of the product line I started on. I consider the job I'm doing now to be my dream job, and I enjoy going to work every day.

My advice to "Hopeless" is to try something he may think he won't like, give it a chance, and see how he feels in a couple of years. He may be surprised by what he discovers. — **HAPPY AND SATISFIED IN OHIO**

DEAR HAPPY: Great advice! It never hurts to give something a try before deciding you don't like it. Read on for more suggestions:

DEAR ABBY: I would encourage "Hopeless" to take college transfer courses at a community college. This often leads to finding an interest. Volunteer and/or get a part-time job. If nothing else, those experiences can eliminate some fields of endeavor or spark an interest in something he has not yet considered. — **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR IN MURPHY, N.C.**

DEAR ABBY: "Hopeless" should sign with a temp agency. I worked as a temp during my college breaks and was introduced to various office settings, technologies and career opportunities. One summer's temporary placement — answering phones and do-

ing clerical work — led to a higher-level position the following summer after graduation. I took it and couldn't have been happier.

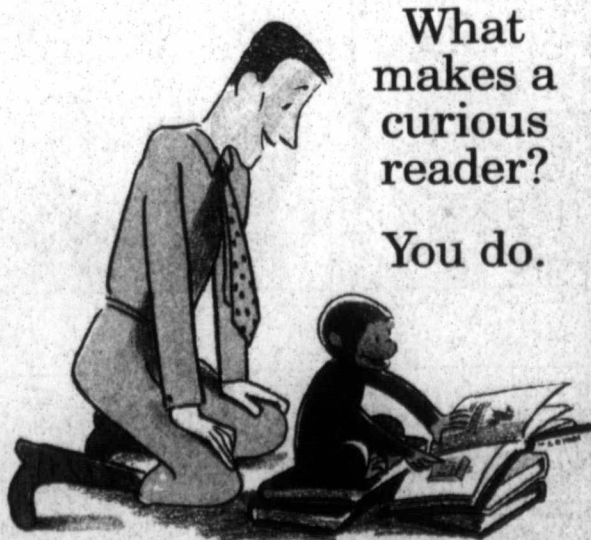
"Hopeless" shouldn't wait for others to tell him what he should do — he should just get out there and do it! If nothing else, he may discover what he does NOT want to do and can direct his college course accordingly. — **BARBARA IN KATY, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Life is what happens while you're busy making plans. "Hopeless" should choose something he enjoys doing, do it well and enjoy the experience. Most important, he should stick with it until he's sure a change is needed. Career planning works for some, but for most people life has a funny way of taking us down roads we never saw coming. — **"DOC" IN LOS OSOS, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago I never would have thought of becoming a professional organizer, but that's what I am now. This is not a career that appears in any career counselor's tests, but I'm sure you wouldn't find many unusual careers in a book or test. I advise "Hopeless" to join volunteer groups and ask friends if they need help with anything. He may discover an aptitude for something he wasn't aware he possessed. — **JAN IN CARLSBAD, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: There are hundreds of jobs that provide a good living — plumber, electrician, bricklayer, construction worker, appliance repairman, stonemason. The list goes on. These are jobs that keep the world spinning and keep us in the comforts we enjoy.

If "Hopeless" doesn't know what he wants, he might consider taking a year to work with AmeriCorps, the Peace Corps or Habitat for Humanity. If he uses his imagination, he can make a difference in the world. — **KEEPING IT REAL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**



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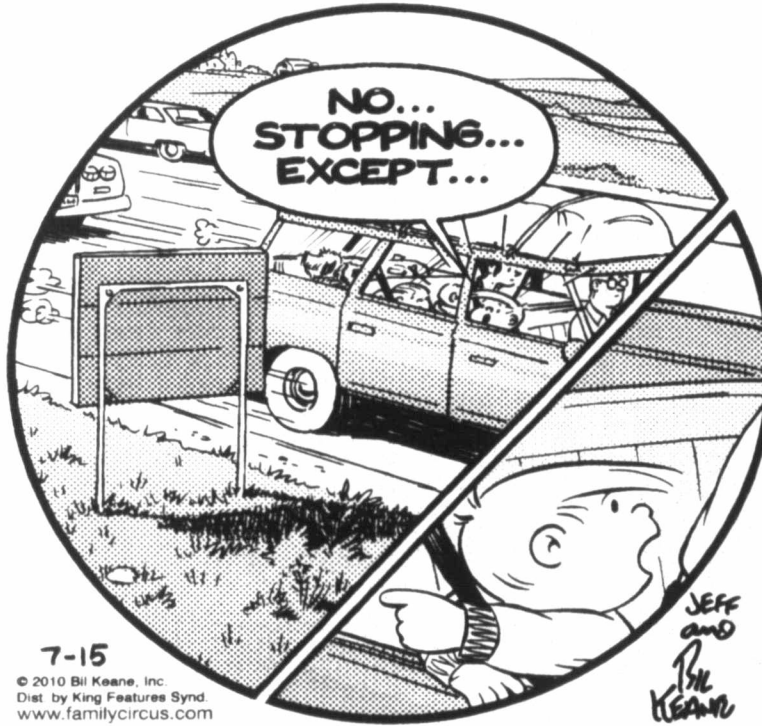
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"You still have to listen to me."

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"Daddy! Will you back up so I can finish reading that one?"

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Rating unit
 - 3 Scope
 - 4 Soothing
 - 5 Set out
 - 6 Like
 - 10 Take on
 - 11 Sound system
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 - 13 Sense of taste
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 - 23 Understand
 - 24 Put up
 - 25 Shrek's love
 - 27 Building wing
 - 28 Dramatist Ben
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 - 36 Highway strip
 - 39 Promise
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 - 41 Galileo's home
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 - 43 Verve
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 - 19 Sax great
 - 20 Cain's victim
 - 21 Hold power
 - 22 Arizona river
 - 25 Cavalry base
 - 26 Fit
 - 28 Popular pants
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 - 35 Symbol of grace
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 - 37 Juan Perón's wife
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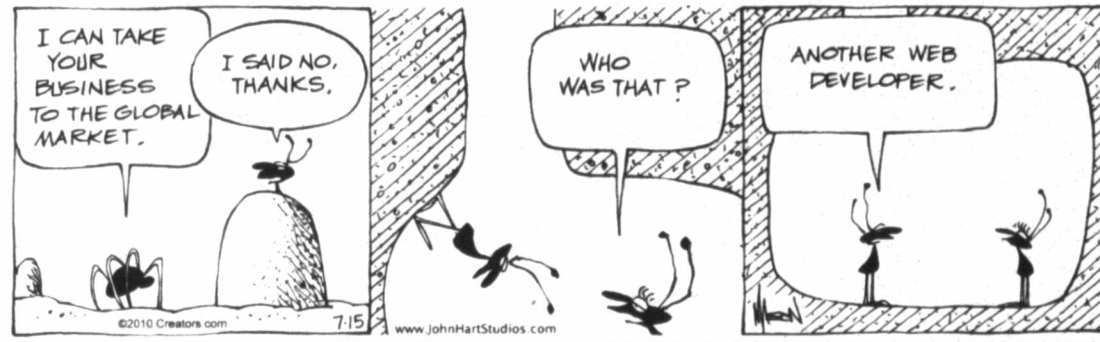
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Zero in on what is important, and leave the rest for another day. A child, a potential sweetie or a heartfelt project might suddenly demand your attention. You will want to be there for this person. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Understanding evolves to a new level if you can express yourself and share some feelings. Someone reveals a very intriguing side to him- or herself. Avoid being controlling with others. You could experience a backfire. Tonight: Late. Very late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You have frequently experienced Friday like you do today. You have already mentally departed for the weekend, but you are still there at your desk. Try to look focused, at least. A phone call or a talk could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Opt for something very different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** A partner makes it clear how very important you are to him or her. A business associate might do the same. Realize that you don't have to return the compliment, and simply say "thank you." Tonight: Happiest around one person rather than a crowd.

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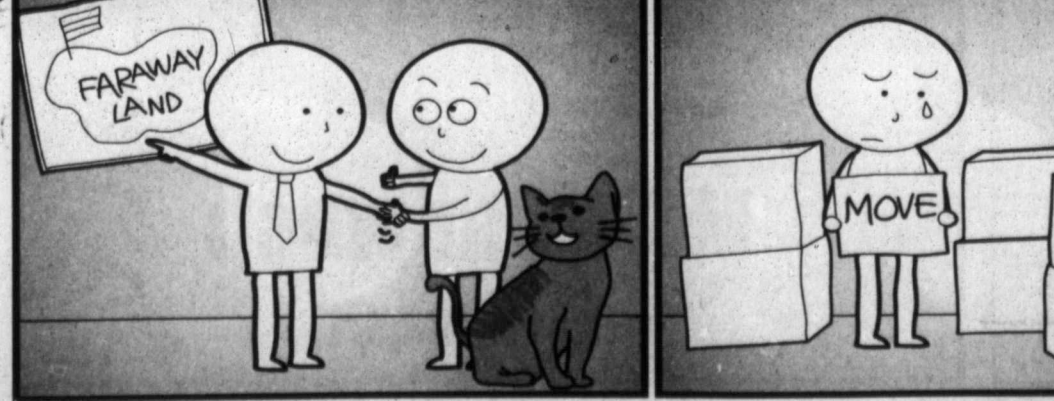
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Sports

Oldest senior tournament in U.S. starts Monday

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The oldest senior tournament in the United States is about to begin at the Pampa Country Club.

The 76th Annual Tri-State Seniors golf tournament and starts Monday and will go through

Thursday. The tournament has been in Pampa for at least 20 years. People from all over Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma have participated in the tournament. Tournament co-organizer Roy Don Stephens said the tournament has grown in popularity the last few

years. "The year before last we only had 30," Stephens said. "Last year we had 80 entries and we are hoping for over a 100 this year."

Entrants must be 50 within a calendar year to participate and the entry fee for the tournament is \$200 and covers all

events for players and their spouses. Stephens said each entrant will receive \$100 in Pampa Bucks. "They will be able to spend this in Pampa," Stephens said. "It's good for the city."

Stephens said there are several events for spouses. "There is going to be

luncheons every day," Stephens said. "There is going to be a treasure hunt with over 20 businesses. Each business will give prizes. The chamber will have hors d'oeuvres on Sunday. On Tuesday there will be hors d'oeuvres and a dance. Wednesday we will have

the prime rib banquet." Entrants will be flighted by age and each flight pays net and gross winners: \$400 for first, \$200 for second and \$100 for third. Each flight winner will receive watches from Ken Rheams. Anyone who hits a hole in one they will win a new car.

Hidden Hills senior golf results July 14

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