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SPRING REPAIRS



On a cold, gray April day, Angel Ortiz (left) and Rodney Howell (behind "Thank You" sign) replace the plastic sheeting on DNC Greenhouse at Hobart and Gwendolyn as they prepare for the spring growing season. The clouds should begin to part this afternoon, only to return with a chance of showers for the rest of the week.

PHS' Savoior to compete at DECA event



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 Early Friday morning, Pampa High School senior Gabrielle Savoior and her teacher Donna Crow will fly out of Amarillo for Louisville, Ky.

They'll have to leave Pampa at 4 a.m. to make the 6 a.m. flight. Savoior will compete in the Entrepreneurship Participating Event at the DECA (Distributive Education Club of America) International Career Development Conference. "She's written a business plan to establish an event planner business," said Crow, the DECA teacher at Pampa High School. They'll be at the conference through next Wednesday. "It's the week before the Kentucky Derby," Crow said. "There are lots of things going on. It'll be cool." Next month, another Pampa High School 17-year-old will represent Pampa at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. "My student that is going to Anaheim, Calif., is Megan Gragg," said Gragg's teacher Beverly Jordan. "We're going May 5 through 9."

Gragg won first place in the State of Texas in advanced word processing. Jordan and Gragg will fly out of Amarillo at 8 a.m., May 5. They'll have to leave Pampa at 5:30 a.m. in order to make the flight, Jordan said. Crow said she's been teaching for 23 years and has had a student in the national DECA competition 21 out of those 23 years.

"Except they're now called the internationals," she said. "They call it international, because Mexico and Germany will be there." Jordan has had students in seven of the last nine national competitions. "I've only been here nine years," Jordan said. "I've gone seven." "It's quite an honor for the kids," Crow said. "It's very difficult to compete." Savoior, known as "Gabby" to her friends, had to write a business plan, present it in writing and have it screened. "Then they go through an inter-
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Meth lab bust sends local couple to jail

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 Arguments in a competency hearing in Gray County were in jail today following their arrest in Alanreed on charges of cooking methamphetamine. Delnita Ann Ray, 44, of McLean, and Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 43, of Alanreed, were arrested Monday night after a Gray County deputy smelled a chemical odor as he patrolled Alanreed.

Just before 8 p.m., Monday, Gray County Deputy Lynn Hudson smelled a strong chemical order at the intersection of First and Sixth in Alanreed, Chief Deputy Carey Rushing said today. Rushing said that there is a shop and several vehicles on the property at that intersection in Alanreed. Hudson found Alvarez and Ray in one of the vehicles, a minivan, with what appeared to be a methamphetamine labora-

tory. Rushing said five gallons of anhydrous ammonia was also seized at the site Monday night. The McLean Volunteer Fire Department was called out to clean up the site. Officers theorize that burning trash in a nearby 55-gallon drum was meant to cover the smell of the meth lab. Alvarez and Ray were arrested on charges of possession and transportation of chemicals with
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'Shine the Light for Youth' Wednesday at City Hall

MARILYN POWERS
 Special to The Pampa News
 "Shine the Light for Youth," one of the activities scheduled as part of the local observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday on the north lawn of City Hall, 200 W. Foster. The north lawn is located on the Kingsmill Avenue side of City Hall. The event will include a presentation of the story of Mary Ellen, a child who in 1874 became the first publicly acknowledged victim of child abuse/neglect in the United States and whose case

sparked the beginning of public concern for abused and neglected children. After Mary Ellen's story is presented, a moment of silence will be observed, followed by each person shining a light on the blue T-shirts currently on display on City Hall's north lawn as a way to "illuminate" the presence of child abuse and neglect. There is one blue T-shirt cutout for each of the 131 confirmed victims of child abuse and/or neglect

in the Pampa area this year. On display with the T-shirts is a sign with the slogan "No Excuse for Child Abuse," the theme for this year's Child Abuse Awareness Month. Youths, including youth groups, and adults may attend the "Shine the Light" event. Participants are asked to bring a non-flammable light source such as a small flashlight or cell phone. "It's an opportunity for the

youth of our community to make a statement saying they stand up against child abuse and neglect," said Ofelia Marszal, CASA volunteer coordinator. The local Child Abuse Awareness Month activities are being co-hosted by CASA of the High Plains and The Bridge children's advocacy center. Blue Sunday will be observed by participating churches on Sunday. Churches are asked to acknowledge child abuse and neglect during their services that day. A balloon release will be
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
20%	30%	
High 73 Low 55	High 70 Low 48	High 70 Low 43

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

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PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during over the weekend.

Officers reported 21 traffic-related incidents and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 21 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 14 ambulance calls. Lefors Volunteer EMS reported one call. Pampa Police Department and Pampa Fire Department each reported one emergency medical call.

Friday, April 16

A theft was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

An alarm was reported in 1500 block of North Banks.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Officers performed welfare checks in the 2700 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A vehicle was reported burglarized in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Reid.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Burglaries were reported in the 1300 block of North Charles and the 500 block of North Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of South Wilcox.

A suspicious person was reported at Brown and West.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather.

Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 300 block of North Starkweather, the 900 block of North Duncan, the 500 block of North Naida, the 1900 block of North Nelson, the 600 block of West Buckler and the 700 block of North Banks.

Officer performed a welfare check in the 400 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 300 block of North Banks.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of South Huff.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 700 block of North Hazel.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of East Sunset.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1900 block of Dogwood.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of South Varon.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Williston.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 1000 block of South Farley.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

A missing person was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Hill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Starkweather and Browning.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen.

Officers performed a

Obituaries

Leslie Shinn Kenney, 96

Amarillo—Leslie Shinn Kenney, 96, died April 18, 2010 in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kenney was born May 17, 1913 in Willow, Okla., to Estelle and Frank Shinn. Leslie and her twin sister Layla were married to brothers John and Oscar Kenney. They were two of six sisters in the family.

Leslie Shinn and John Kenney were married December 22, 1931 in Sayre, Okla. John preceded her in death on February

27, 1996. They had three daughters, Eldine, Doris and Yvonne. Leslie was a homemaker, taking care of her family. She loved to cook everyone's favorite dish, especially pies and homemade rolls. She loved to crochet and give the items to family and friends.

Leslie was a longtime resident of Skellytown before moving to Amarillo in 1994. She was a former member of First Baptist Church in Skellytown where she taught girls Sunday School classes and sang in the church choir. She was presently a member of Second Baptist Church in Amarillo. She was a fifty-year member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

The family would like to thank the staff at Craig Retirement Community for the loving care of their

mother. Leslie appreciated everything they did for her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five sisters and brothers-in-law, Nina Williams and her husband Arbra, her twin Layla Kenney and husband Oscar, Christine Merrick and husband Walter, Jean Mixon and husband Clint, and Georgia Strother and husband Charles.

Survivors include her daughters, Eldine Oglesby and husband Bob of Sweeney, Doris Nash and husband John of Wellington, and Yvonne Nunn and husband Ross of Scottsboro, Ala.; eight grandchildren, Ralph Oglesby and wife Carolyn, Vicki McClellan, Larry Oglesby and wife Peggy, Karen Follett and husband Pat, Clint Nash and wife Tonya, Darrell Nash and wife Debbie, Stephanie



Kenney

McFall and husband Steve, and Shawn Nunn and wife Yuko; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Memorial may be made to Craig Methodist Retirement Community, Windflower, 5500 W. 9th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Troy Brewer, 69

Pampa—Troy Brewer, 69, died April 19, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

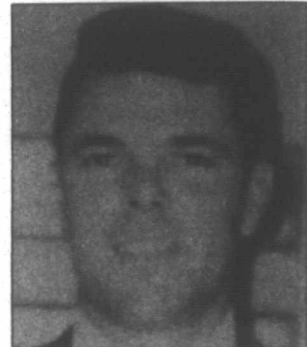
Mr. Brewer was born July 11, 1941 in Ecourse, Mich. He attended Pampa schools. He married Dorothy Musick on April 11, 1972 in Pampa. Troy worked for Serfco for 10 years as a mechanic and shop foreman. He owned and operated Gray County Trading Post for six years. He loved being with his four-legged companion "Shy." Troy was a self-taught mechanic and he enjoyed working on cars for

friends and relatives in his spare time. He especially loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Brewer of the home; seven daughters, Angie Brewer and significant other Sarah Medley, Rhonda and Van Hagan, Melinda Brewer, Alisha Stroud and husband Greg, Becky Willis and husband Lynn, Staci Proctor and husband Tim, and Vicki Leshner and husband Tim, all of Pampa; one son, Troyce Brewer and wife Michelle of Pampa; son-in-law, R. K. Blalock; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren;

three brothers, his twin, Roy Brewer of McLean, Charles Brewer and wife Margaret of Mount View, Ark., and Bobby Brewer of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Charlene Havron and husband Rondel, and Mary Alice Stanley, all of Mount View, Ark.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends, including Donnie Wood and Donna Murphy. Troy was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Mitzie Blalock; and two grandsons, Tanner Woodruff and Jimmie Blalock.

Memorials may be made to Briarwood Church, 1800



Brewer

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13, and my "first kiss" just broke up with me. My dad says it's just puppy love, which may be true, but I have a feeling that I need to be with him. What hurts even more is he had a new girlfriend the next day.

I have tried moving on, but I don't think I want to. I want to try to get back with him, but I don't know how. Can you help me? — ACHING HEART IN IOWA

DEAR ACHING HEART: If your "first kiss" broke up with you and had a new girlfriend the next day, what it shows about him is that he has a short attention span. I know you would like to get him back, but the word from here is: Don't waste your time. While the end of a romance is painful, chalk it up to experience and a part of growing up. There is no growth without a little pain; and it only hurts for a little while. Trust me on that.

Now a little advice woman-to-woman: Once it's over, all the note writing, phoning or conniving will not help your cause. Accept that it's time to forget him. The longer you linger, the more foolish you will appear. So stand up straight, smile and move on. There are better days — and better boys — ahead.

DEAR ABBY: Would you please print this to educate your readers about something I witness every summer — parents encouraging little kids to take native wildlife.

I watched a 6-year-old girl show off the two palm-sized baby turtles her dad had "given" her from the lake, and put them into a plastic container to take home. Abby, they were snapping turtles! Mom won't be pleased when those "pets" snap a finger.

Then there was the mom who thought it would be fun for her 7-year-old boy to play with a few frogs in their dry, dense, sun-drenched backyard. Within an hour, the amphibians had escaped and, best guess is, they died and became dehydrated, sun-dried critters or dog food.

Abby, not only is it illegal to take wildlife on a whim, but it's also selfish. At a time when we're already damaging our planet for our recreational pastimes, we need to be teaching our kids that living beings are not toys, but rather a valuable part of natural ecosystems. It's so much more fun to observe and learn from a turtle swimming free in the lake. Please urge parents to stop being so thoughtless, or they may end up with a ticket or a missing digit. — WILDLIFE PRESERVER IN LAFAYETTE, COLO.

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I-40 traffic stop leads to DPS meth seizure

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A Department of Public Safety trooper seized over 900 grams of methamphetamines from a vehicle this past weekend after a traffic stop search in Carson County.

At 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, a trooper working patrol on I-40 in Carson County stopped a 2002 Chevrolet passenger car for a speeding violation approximately two miles east of Conway.

The driver was Saul Fernandez, 51, of Los Angeles. He was traveling to Siloam Springs, Ark.

During the stop, the trooper asked for consent to search the vehicle and it was granted. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 908 grams of methamphetamines valued at \$82,700.

The drugs were concealed inside of the windshield wiper cowl of the vehicle. The driver was then arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail for possession of a controlled substance.

Texas Death Row inmate wins appeal

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court Monday ordered a new sentencing trial for one of the longest-serving inmates on Texas death row.

The ruling by 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans leaves intact the capital murder conviction for 50-year-old Anthony Leroy Pierce but orders a new punishment trial. Pierce has been on Texas' death row for 32 years. Only three prisoners have been there longer.

Pierce has been tried three times for the Aug. 4, 1977, robbery and murder of Fred Johnson, a 40-year-old Houston fried chicken restaurant manager. Pierce's first two capital murder convictions were overturned on appeal.

The appeals court declined to consider Pierce's claims of ineffective trial counsel and mental retardation making him ineligible for execution. In a seven-page dissent, however, Circuit Judge James L. Dennis said he would have ordered an evidentiary hearing on Pierce's retardation claim.

In ordering a new sentencing trial, the three-judge federal panel said the Harris County jury in Pierce's third trial in 1986 was kept from considering mitigating evidence as required by law. Such evidence could have persuaded jurors he didn't deserve a death sentence.

A message left with a spokeswoman for the Harris County district attorney's office was not returned Monday night. Paul Mansur, one of Pierce's attorneys, said he had

not finished reviewing the ruling the declined to comment Monday night.

An employee at the fast-food restaurant testified she recognized Pierce as the gunman. A 12-year-old boy walking by the restaurant testified Pierce was the gunman he saw inside the place and then running away. The robbery netted about \$80.

A Texas Department of Criminal Justice summary of his case indicates that after the shooting, Pierce went to a bar and stabbed a man and that he was arrested in front of his apartment a few hours later while bragging about the attacks to friends.

The conviction from Pierce's first trial was thrown out by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because of a jury selection problem. A similar jury problem got his second trial result tossed on appeal. He was tried a third time in 1986.

Besides his capital murder conviction, Pierce has been convicted of manslaughter for fatally stabbing a fellow death row inmate in August 1979. According to prison records, the victim in that killing was Edward King, 37, who had been condemned for the slaying of a Dallas police officer.

Caprock Canyons to celebrate Earth Day

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

In honor of Earth Day, Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway will be hosting a weekend of guided activities and events to celebrate our planet.

Thursday, April 22

• 5:00-7:00 p.m., Backyard Habitat Crafts: Make and take home bird nesting boxes and native plant seed balls to provide continuing food and shelter for wild birds. All supplies and help with assembly will be provided at the Visitor Center pavilion.

Saturday, April 24

• 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Nature Hike: Come along for a moderate-difficulty hike for a fresh look at the spring flowers in bloom. Let's see what animals have been out after the rains and take a look at the power of water in building and eroding the landscape. Meet at South Prong parking lot.

• 8:30-9:30 p.m., Paleoindians of the Panhandle Plains: Humans have called this area home for thousands of years. Learn about important archeological discoveries and what life might have been like for the ancient ones.

Slide show begins at dusk at the Amphitheater. Bring a flashlight.

• 8:30-11:30 p.m., Moonlight Ride: Explore the dark side of nature on your mountain bike by cruising down the Trailway under a big, bright moon. Take breaks to learn about the history, geology, plants, and animals of the canyonlands. Bikes and helmets are required and available for rental at the Visitor Center before 5:00 p.m. The route is about 9 miles round-trip, flat, and rocky. Reservations are required by noon the day of the ride.

The Children's Discovery Center will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 1:00-5:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. This is an indoor space with hands-on activities that families can enjoy together. The Discovery Center provides fun ways that teach about the natural and cultural history of the park.

All events are subject to cancellation due to weather. Caprock Canyons State Park is located 3 miles north of Quitaque on FM 1065. The Trailway covers 64 miles of old railroad beds between Estelline and South Plains. For more information and reservations, call 806-455-1492 or visit the park website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

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Savoir

view with the judge," Crow said. "They go through and do their presentation to the judge."

At the national conference, Crow said there would be about 150 students in Savoir's event, but on the first round of competition, that number will be narrowed to 16.

"If you make the top 16, you get to compete again," Crow said. "You go through another round. It's a little tough."

There will be at total 15,000 students in all the events at the national competition.

Savoir is representing Pampa High School in the State of Texas.

"We have a delegation of 850 going from the state," Crow said. "It's quite an honor."

Gragg got first place out of 45 contestants in state competition earlier this year.

The competition can

be rewarding, Crow and Jordan agreed. Crow said that as their teachers, they enjoy getting to see their students do well.

"It's quite an experience for them," Crow said of the trip. "It's quite exciting."

Crow noted that the contest in Louisville will be the week before the Kentucky Derby.

"It's very competitive," Crow said. "People don't realize it until you actually

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see what these kids do." She said the preparation is unbelievable and it is amazing what's expected of the students. "They do perform well," Crow said.

Shine

held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Recreation Park, east of Pampa off Highway 60. The balloon release will honor the 131 current area child abuse/neglect victims.

"Thankfully, we will release 131 blue balloons but no white ones for the first time in a few years. We are very thankful for that," said Janet Watts, CASA executive director.

White balloons represent deaths of child abuse/neglect victims.

The "No Excuse for Child Abuse" sign and the 131 blue T-shirt cutouts will be moved to Walmart Supercenter, 2801 Charles, for display there next week. The sign and cutouts have been at a different location for each week of the month. Earlier locations were at the office of Dr. Gregory T. Kelly, DDS, 1835 N. Hobart, and United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart.

CASA and The Bridge, both non-profit United Way agencies, provide community services concerning child abuse and neglect. CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, trains volunteers to become court-appointed advocates for children who have been removed from their

homes due to abuse and/or neglect. These volunteers work to help the children, who range in age from birth to 18 years, secure permanent placement.

CASA volunteers interview people who have information regarding child abuse and neglect cases, monitor the family's compliance with service plans, and advocate for services for the child. The local CASA chapter serves Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties, and has a current caseload of 104.

The Bridge coordinates the investigation, prosecution and intervention efforts involved in child physical and sexual abuse.

There were 558 reports of child abuse/neglect in 2009 in the eight counties served by CASA. Donley County had 26 reports; Gray, 321; Hansford, 42; Hemphill, 21; Lipscomb, 21; Ochiltree, 92; Roberts, four; and Wheeler, 31. There were 131 confirmed victims, including Donley County, seven; Gray, 85; Hansford, eight; Hemphill, seven; Lipscomb, three; Ochiltree, 10; Roberts, two; and Wheeler, nine.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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the intent to manufacture a controlled substance and brought to Pampa where they were locked up in the Gray County jail.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 20, the 110th day of 2010. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 20, 1980, Cuban President Fidel Castro invited any of his countrymen who wanted to leave their country to do so, sparking the massive Mariel Boatlift from Cuba to the United States.

On this date:
In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 72, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.

In 1836, Congress voted to establish the Wisconsin Territory.

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria.

In 1940, RCA publicly demonstrated its new and powerful electron microscope.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court, in *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*, unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

Ten years ago: Littleton, Colo. paused to remember the victims on the first anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed a bill making it harder for debt-ridden people to wipe clean their financial slates by declaring bankruptcy.

One year ago: In Geneva, the United Nations opened its first anti-racism conference in eight years; dozens of Western diplomats walked out as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called Israel the "most cruel and repressive racist regime." (Nine countries, including the United States and Israel, had already boycotted the conference.)

Today's Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 90. Actor Leslie Phillips is 86. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kansas) is 74. Actor George Takei is 73. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 69. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk; Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 62. Actor Gregory Itzin is 62. Actress Jessica Lange is 61. Actress Veronica Cartwright is 61. Actor Clint Howard is 51. Actor Crispin Glover is 46. Actor Andy Serkis is 46. Actor Shemar Moore is 40. Actress Carmen Electra is 38. Reggae singer Stephen Marley is 38. Rock musician Marty Crandall (The Shins) is 35. Actor Joey Lawrence is 34.

Thought for Today: "Taste. You cannot buy such a rare and wonderful thing. You can't send away for it in a catalogue. And I'm afraid it's becoming obsolete." — Rosalind Russell, American actress (1911-1976).



Will Dems use immigration as weapon?

There's every reason for Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform this year. But if it proves politically impossible, Democrats ought to go for a "leaner" bill that can pass.

Democrats will be sorely tempted to use failure to pass sweeping reform as a political weapon against Republicans, but they ought to do the right thing and fix as much of a broken system as they can.

Specifically, they could take an "Ag-plus" approach, passing legislation to reform immigration in the agricultural sector, help immigrant students go to college, shorten wait times for families and keep highly skilled workers in the United States.

The reasons for comprehensive reform are practical, political and moral.

As Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., wrote in the *Washington Post* last month, "Our immigration system is badly broken."

"Although our borders have become far more secure in recent years, too many people seeking illegal entry get through. ...

"And employers are burdened by a complicated system for verifying workers' immigration status."

That's not all that's wrong. As the Immigration Policy Center put it in a recent paper, "under the existing system people are dying at the border, immigrants are living and working in abject conditions, families trying to reunite legally are separated for many years. ...

"U.S. workers suffer from the unlevel playing field shared with exploited immigrant workers and law-abiding U.S. employees are in unfair competition with unscrupulous employers who increase profits by hiring cheap and vulnerable labor."

Schumer and Graham are trying to put together a new comprehensive reform package, including tougher border security and interior enforcement — requiring everyone to have a tamper-proof biometric Social



MORTON KONDRACKE

Security card — while creating a process to admit temporary workers and an "earned legalization" process for illegal immigrants.

Politically, there's every reason for both Democrats and Republicans to pass a comprehensive bill this year.

First, as a candidate for president, Barack Obama promised it would be a first-year priority, and Latino groups are angry that he hasn't pushed it.

Latinos overwhelmingly supported Obama in 2008 — by 67 percent to 31 percent for Republican Sen. John McCain (Ariz.) — but there's a danger that they won't turn out to vote in 2010 if action isn't taken on immigration reform.

Republicans have every incentive to support reform, too. The reason McCain did poorly among Latinos — down from 40 percent support for George W. Bush in 2004 — is that McCain's Republican colleagues defeated a bill he co-sponsored in 2007.

Moreover, they did so after right-wing radio talk-show hosts whipped rank-and-file conservatives into a frenzy against "amnesty" for 10 million "illegals" that often sounded anti-Latino.

Every analyst of political demographics agrees that if Republicans don't get right with Latinos, the fastest-growing voter group in the country, they risk long-term minority status.

And practically every national poll shows that the public increasingly supports immigration reform despite the high unemployment rate.

And yet it may be impossible to pass comprehensive reform this year. For one thing, Graham is having difficulty finding another Republican to join him in co-sponsoring the

Schumer bill.

Some Republicans are scared by the prospect of being assailed by Rush Limbaugh and Tea Party nativists. Others are caught up in the GOP's post-health care strategy of denying Democrats any further victories in 2010.

Democrats may well resort to a cynical political maneuver — push ahead with a comprehensive bill knowing that it can't get 60 votes in the Senate and use failure as a stick to beat the GOP.

That might energize Latinos and perhaps hold down anticipated Democratic losses in November — but it would do nothing to repair the nation's immigration system.

The better alternative would be to pass ag-jobs legislation sponsored by Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., and Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Dick Lugar, R-Ind., offering 1.2 million agricultural workers a path to legal status and opening the way for more temporary workers to harvest crops.

They could add the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, a measure to enable young people brought to America illegally as children to attend college and measures to give green cards to high-skill workers and foreign students who earn advanced degrees in science.

They could also provide federal aid to local communities affected by immigration burdens, stop state and local police from enforcing immigration laws, stiffen penalties for hiring illegal immigrants and reduce the years-long backlogs for family reunification.

Comprehensive reform is long overdue, but Democrats should remember that passing something is better than passing nothing. And, if they handle it right, they can get credit for what they do and also blame Republicans for what they can't.

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Texas meets student readiness for college, career

"Go to school and study hard" is something Texas students have been told for generations. In today's world, with the U.S. Department of Labor estimating that 90 percent of new high-growth, high-wage jobs are requiring some level of postsecondary education, it's more important than ever for Texas high school students to have the foundation they need to successfully complete college courses and compete in the workforce. Fortunately, Texas is doing a good job in this area. Recently, the Lone Star State was recognized for increasing curriculum standards to ensure our students will have the skills they need to succeed once they leave high school.

According to Achieve, a bi-partisan, non-profit organization created to raise academic standards and grad-



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uation requirements, Texas is the first and only state to meet all college and career readiness measures. Texas gets an "A" for having the most comprehensive approach to college and career-ready accountability, and is one of only 21 states to increase graduation requirements.

While Texas makes strides in preparing students for college, the reality is many students will not pursue higher education, and instead, go straight into the workforce. Through a program called Parallel Pathways

to Success, the Texas Department of Agriculture is helping prepare students for their futures by funding projects in rural Texas communities that help them earn job training, and in some instances college credit, prior to graduation. In 2009, TDA awarded more than \$500,000 to help fund such programs.

Sure, I would like to see every high school graduate pursue higher education, since we know those with bachelor's degrees earn approximately \$20,000 more than those without them. But for students who choose not to go for that degree, it is critical that we put them on a track to success through skills training.

Todd Staples is the Texas Agriculture Commissioner. His column appears every Tuesday in The Pampa News.

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Sports

Four girls soccer players, one boy earn District 5-4A all-district honors

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Four Pampa Lady Harvesters and one Harvester soccer players earn all-district honors for the 2010 season.

Senior Leonel Madrid made the District 5-4A first team. Head soccer coach John True said Madrid was a three-year starter that led by example.

"Leonel was very coachable and also improved dramatically from last year

to anchor a much improved defense," True said.

Senior Cindy Meza made first team for the girls District 5-4A team. True said Meza was a great leader for a team that was very young and inexperienced.

"She played in many positions for our team this year and was a instrumental in our team being much improved defensively this year," True said.

Freshman Olivia Stovall earned newcomer of the year. True said as a fresh-

men, Stovall was always around the goal.

"Olivia is great around the goal and seems to find a way to score even in difficult situations," True said. "She has a lot of potential and I expect she will to continue to mature into a force on the pitch."

Senior Audri Leal and sophomore goalkeeper Bree Howard made the second team. True said Leal was a silent leader for the team and Howard was one of the best goalkeepers

in the district.

"She played defensively this year and was a tough competitor, as well as being a great example for teammates to follow," True said. "There is not a more physical, tough and competitive keeper in our district at this time, and I believe Bree has the ability to be a dominate force in our district with the right attitude and training."

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Demons six-run first downs JV baseball

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The Pampa Harvesters junior varsity baseball team allowed six runs in the first and lose 10-4 to the Dumas Demons Monday in Dumas.

Coach Dustin Miller said other than the first inning

his team played a good game. James Thompson started for the Harvesters and only pitched the first inning. Tyler Powell pitched the last six.

Thompson, Zach Graves, Riley Douglas, and Hunter Hucks were the leading hitters.

Thompson doubled and scored two runs. Graves doubled and batted in two runs. Hucks, Douglas and Taylor Woods all had singles.

The Harvesters (4-8, 2-5) wrap up their season in Canyon for the district tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Correction

Deadlines at The Pampa News can be hectic as all of us are rushing to get our content on the page. Sometime during this hectic time we sometimes miss the fine print. This caused us to credit the wrong person for the 2010 softball seniors photo. Synda Foreman from Captured Moments took the picture, not Charla Shults. The paper regrets the error and apologizes for the inconvenience it caused Mrs. Shults and Mrs. Foreman.

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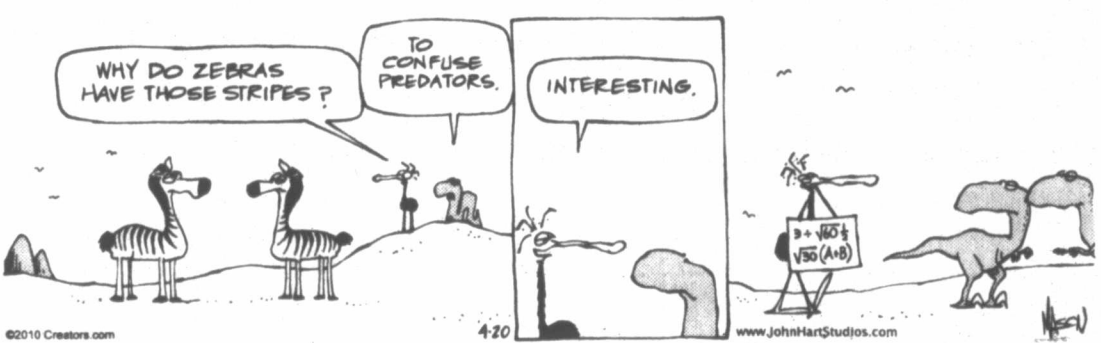
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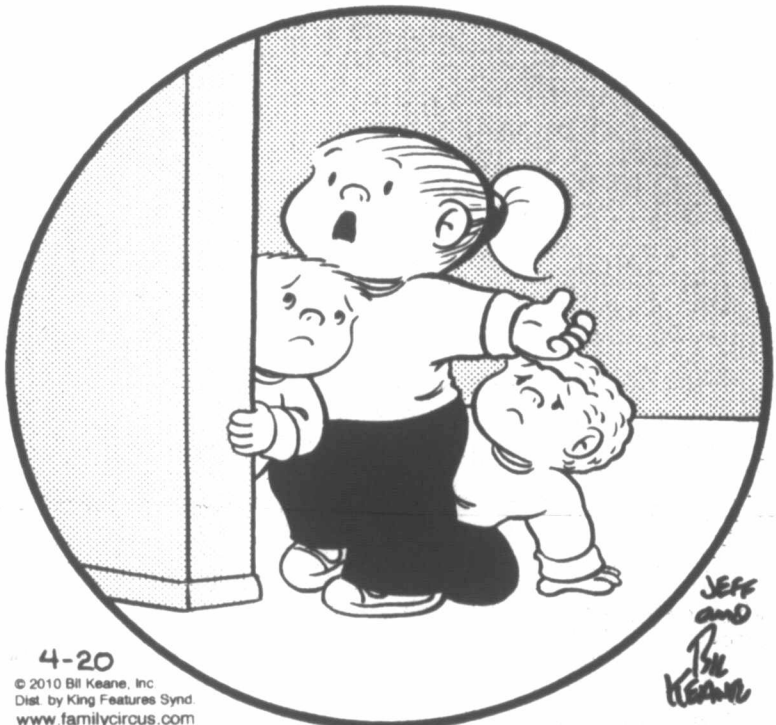


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, can we borrow the dustpan, broom and maybe some glue?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Nanny's warning
- 7 Grass clump
- 11 Sports settings
- 12 Like the Sahara
- 13 Cheer-leading stunts
- 15 Make fresh
- 16 A long time
- 18 Hightails it
- 21 Cornfield pest
- 22 Comic-strip parts
- 24 Museum stuff
- 25 Cereal buy
- 26 Game cube
- 27 Dish with a crust
- 29 Wall climber
- 30 Eroded
- 31 Pipe problem
- 32 Fiery crime
- 34 Watch parts
- 40 In a frenzy
- 41 Secret stuff
- 42 Bowling targets
- 43 Get together

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- 1 Scrooge cry
- 2 Historic time
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- 4 Painter Wyeth
- 5 Rose holders
- 6 "Sports-Center" carrier
- 7 Asian nation
- 8 Fancy vase
- 9 Greek export
- 10 NFL scores
- 14 Kick back
- 16 Pointer
- 17 Affected
- 19 TV, radio, etc.
- 20 Move like a cat
- 21 Limit
- 22 "Lenore" writer
- 23 Notice
- 25 Coffin stands
- 28 Mischievous acts
- 29 City of canals
- 31 Peter of "M"
- 33 Junk e-mail
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- 37 — "King" Cole
- 38 African grazer
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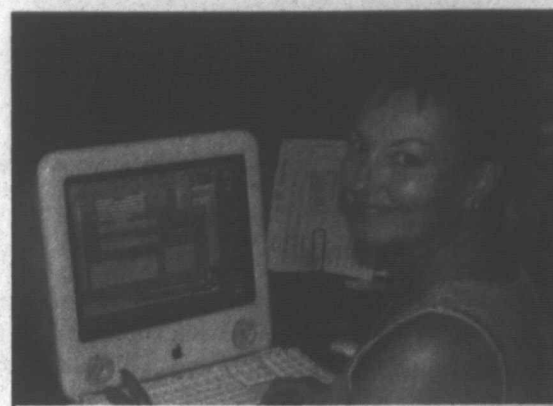
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Give yourself permission this year to say "no" more often. You will have a lot on your plate. Tight organization and discipline will make a big difference. News from a distance or an expert always is helpful, if you keep your perspective. If you are single, you could meet someone through your friends. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you will bond even better if you focus on a goal together. LEO works well with you. You both have the same focus.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **★★★★** Don't get upset if you can't focus until later in the day. You have a lot on your mind. Your creativity kicks in midday, and you are energized mentally and physically. You might be asking yourself if you really want to be at work. Well? Tonight: A midweek romp.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** Get anything off your chest that is bothering you this morning. Catch up on mail, messages, etc. The afternoon presents a great time for thought and quiet work, if you hang out the "Do Not Disturb" sign. OK? Tonight: Nestle in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** You have been grumbling a little too long about money or the budget. The planets invite you to give it up this afternoon. Make calls and get together with a key associate. It never hurts to network when you are the witty Twin. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** Use the morning to the max. You'll have a greater influence during this period, as the Moon shines the spotlight on you. Enjoy. This afternoon, balance your checkbook before going out to buy a new item. Yes, it could be just for you! Tonight: Enjoy treating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** Let the morning blahs go. By the afternoon, your true spirit and energy come out. You are a force to be dealt with. Others seek you out. An uncomfortable encounter with an associate might not be as bad as you think. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want this morning. A meeting could be important as far as gaining supporters and like minds. You also want diverse minds so that you can have many different opinions. Tonight: Off thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** You might be put on the spot by someone this morning. How you deal with this person could change in the p.m. If you have a touchy or difficult situation, wait until after lunch. A partner might be unknowingly pushing you. Tonight: Share with a friend or loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** Attempt to get an overview in the morning. Find people you respect who are willing to give you another perspective. A partner could interfere with plans. A public appearance or dealing with a key person seems inevitable. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** A partner finally moves in closer and shares with you what he or she wants. When the two of you are on the same page, you are close to unstoppable. Use various resources to get a fuller or more complete picture. Tonight: Go off and try a new spot. Meet a friend or loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Others continue to come forward and make requests. You have free will and choices. You can say "no." Postpone an important conversation until the afternoon. Don't even think that this will be easy, but it will be easier! Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** You can only do so much. If you have extra work dropped on you, know that you don't need to pitch in. There is nothing wrong with saying that you can't. Be willing to defer to others in the afternoon. A key associate reveals a lot. Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** Your mind drifts, but as you are walking through an imaginary field of flowers, you also refresh your mind and come up with even better solutions. Use this type of relaxation to empower yourself. In the p.m., concentrate on a specific task. Tonight: Put your feet up.

BORN TODAY Environmentalist John Muir (1838), actor Anthony Quinn (1915), singer, songwriter Robert Smith (1959)

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Sports

Pampa boys golf finishes third in district tournament

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The Pampa Harvesters golf team finished third in the district tournament Thursday in Plainview.

Pampa shot a 344 on the second day of the tournament to finish with 667. The Harvesters were 22 strokes from qualifying for regionals as a team. Randall finished first with a 616 and Canyon finished second with 644 to qualify for regionals that was Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo.

Individually for Pampa, Cole Buck shot a 79 to finish with a 161, which was three strokes from qualifying individually for regionals. Logan Reagan shot a 77 to finish

with a 165. Jonathan Polasek shot an 83 to finish with a 169. Brandon Burrell shot an 84 and finished with a 172. Joseph Mechelay shot an 84 to finish with a 178.

Alex Clendening shot an 89 to finish with a 181. Ryan Clark shot a 92 to finish with a 185. Travis Taylor shot a 111 to finish with a 229. Ty Hutto didn't compete Thursday due to illness.

Conner Allen from Hereford shot a 147 and Jonathan Clark from Dumas shot a 158 to advance to regionals as individuals. Two Harvesters earned all-district honors, Reagan was an honorable mention and Buck was sec-

ond team. Head coach Alan Segura said his team worked hard all season and should be in contention for a district title soon.

"Each one of my players has improved and are working to get better," Segura said. "This is a good group of kids and I don't have to worry about them putting in the time. We should be able to have a good run the next few years with the youth that we have. I will have all of the 'A' team back and hopefully a few coming up from Jr. High that will be able to help in a few years."



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The Pampa High School boys golf team wearing their third place medals. From left to right: Brendon Burrell, Joseph Mechelay, Cole Buck, Logan Reagan, Jonathan Polasek.

The JV softball team's game against Hereford was canceled due to weather



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