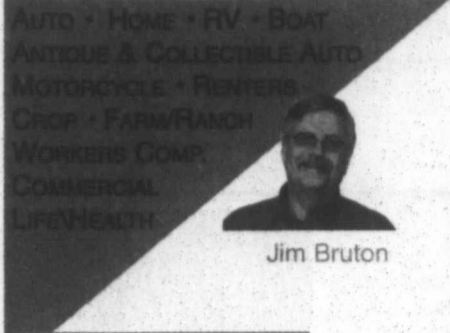


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Ruling: King's rights not denied

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 AMARILLO — The Seventh Court of Appeals this week said that Levi A. King, accused of killing a family south of Pampa in 2005, was not denied a speedy trial after being extradited from Missouri.

King, 26, is accused of killing Brian Conrad, 31; his six-month pregnant wife, Michell Conrad, 35 and her son Zach Doan, 14, at their home between Pampa and Interstate 40 in the predawn hours of Sept. 30, 2005.
 In March, 2006, a Gray County grand jury indicted King on four counts of murder.

King was returned to the Texas Panhandle in July, 2008 where he is being held in the Hemphill County jail.
 He pleaded guilty last April in Missouri to the Sept. 29, 2005, murders of Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law, Laura Dawn McCool, 47, in exchange for a life sentence in prison with-

out parole.
 King's Amarillo attorneys, Joe Marr Wilson and Maxwell Peck, had claimed that King's rights had been violated because the Interstate Agreement on Detainers Act requires the defendant to be brought to trial within 120 days from extradition.
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Creating the consummate cafeteria



The current Pampa High School cafeteria, built in 1941, will be torn out this summer and classrooms will be installed in the space. A new cafeteria will be built upstairs by the new commons entrance of the high school.

BY RACHEL STENNETT
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A part of Pampa High School that carries as much tradition as Harry Harvester himself will be relocated this summer in a massive reconstruction project at Pampa High School.
 The cafeteria, built with the high school in 1941, will be converted into classrooms this summer and replaced with a completely new cafeteria, located upstairs in the new commons area.
 "It's taken many years to get what we want," Debbie Middleton, Pampa Independent School District Director of Child Nutrition said.
 And though a piece of Pampa High School history will be lost with the cafeteria, Middleton is looking forward to new era for the high school, which will include more students served, a social and inviting atmosphere, and healthy meals.
 The new cafeteria will be finished in one week and will be ten times the square feet of the current facility. It will also have four serving lines, which is double the current serving lines, with an updated kitchen and storage space.
 The new facility will have a walk-in cooler and freezer, combi ovens (steam and convection), a dishwasher room, and corian slides on serving lines, which

Middleton said will make the cafeteria feel more like a restaurant than an institution.
 "We're really excited," Middleton said.
 The location of the new cafeteria is nearly as important as the upgrades to the facility. Middleton said that being located near the commons will bring more students to the cafeteria and

Because of a faster moving generation, we are trying to mimic the restaurant experience and still stay within the guidelines.

Debbie Middleton
 Director of Child Nutrition

raise "healthier youth."
 The commons will be the new main entrance of the high school, which will naturally increase traffic to the cafeteria, according to Middleton.
 Prior to the new cafeteria, the facility had undergone minor changes since being opened in 1941. Middleton said that small equipment has been replaced, but only within the last 10 years have the PISD cafeterias gone through significant changes. Wilson
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TAKS policy knocks out six would-be graduates

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 Six Pampa High School seniors won't be crossing the stage Saturday during high school graduation because of the TAKS test.
 In a 6-1 decision, the Pampa school board voted to uphold the school district's policy that would prevent the students from participating in graduation ceremonies because of

their scores on the TAKS test.
 Supt. Barry Haenisch said that according to the district's published policy, students have to meet local academic requirements and pass all portions of the TAKS test in order to graduate.
 Six students passed all their classes, but failed to meet the TAKS requirement this year. That num-

ber is down from 14 last year and as many as 22 several years ago, but both Haenisch and Pampa High School Principal Tanya Larkin admitted that it can be a heart-breaking situation.
 One student works full-time and had taken extra classes in order to graduate early, but her score on the TAKS test will prevent her
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Senate moves to pass key insurance reforms

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Hoping to avoid a special legislative session this summer, the Texas Senate passed legislation that would restore Texas' depleted windstorm insurance fund.
 Gov. Rick Perry has

warned he could call a special session if the reforms aren't enacted. The windstorm fund, which provides storm insurance coverage to property owners in coastal areas, needs to be replenished before Texas is hit by another hurricane,

officials say.
 The windstorm insurance reforms were tacked onto a disaster preparedness bill early Thursday that cleared the Senate as legislators continued to meet into the
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PGCD approves loans, permits

BY DAVID BOWSER
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WHITE DEER — The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District this week saved some money, loaned some money and issued 18 drilling permits.
 The PGCD board of directors agreed to a new contract with Wheeler County for tax collections during their monthly meeting Wednesday at their offices here.
 Wheeler County Tax Assessor and Collector Lewis Scott Porter told the board his office was lowering the collection rate it charged the water district, as well as other districts in Wheeler County.
 "We're going to save ya'll some money," he said.
 The one-year contract will cost the water district about \$550 next year for Porter's office to collect the water district's tax in Wheeler County, as opposed to the \$2,200 this year.
 The PGCD board also approved two loans for sprinkler irrigation systems. One was for \$50,000, and one was for the \$25,850. The latter was a loan for the difference in an insurance payment on a sprinkler system that had been destroyed in recent storms and a new system.
 The board also approved a \$50 bid by Sharlena Lewis of Groom for tax delinquent property at 83 Broadway in Groom.
 They also nominated C.E. Williams, general man-
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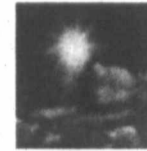
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Obituaries

Rachel E. Hunter, 96

Rachel E. Hunter, 96, of Dimmitt passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in Dimmitt. Graveside Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Hereford, Texas with Rev. Clint Young officiating. Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Family visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are being handled by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Rachel was born October 4, 1912 in Arney, Texas to E.C. and Eva Burks. She graduated from West Texas Norm in Canyon. She taught school one year in Hart. She married Addison Hunter on April 12, 1936 in Happy, Texas. She lived in the Jumbo Community her entire life. She was a 4-H Leader, she taught

Sunday School, she was chosen Cowbell of the Year twice. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, member of the Arney Community Club. She owned a ranch in New Mexico for forty years and she loved going there and enjoying her time there. She is survived by one son, Richard Hunter and wife Sissy of Dimmitt; one daughter Mona Dell Bishop and husband Jim of Pampa. Six grandchildren; Rodney Hunter and wife Sarah of Dimmitt, Charlynn Wilhelm and husband Shawn of Dumas, Sherri Lynn Baker and husband Mike of Amarillo, Monty Scott Oneal and wife Haleigh of San Angelo, Kyle Oneal of Wichita, Kan. and Trent Oneal and wife Tiffany of Amarillo. Eleven Great Grandchildren; Ryan, Ross and Reagan Hunter all of

Dimmitt, Holly and Emily Wilhelm of Dumas, Brylee Baker of Amarillo, Kyle Oneal of San Angelo, Sean and Paige Oneal of Wichita, Kan. and Jaden and Jaxton Oneal of Amarillo and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Addison Hunter, two brothers Marques and Charles Burks and two sisters Edna Fortner and Katie Gauden.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 or to Castro



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Pampa High School

May 28 & 29 • Final Exams
 May 29 • Graduation Rehearsal • 2:00 p. m.
 May 30 • Graduation • 10:00 a. m.
 May 30 • All Night Party

Pampa Junior High School

May 27 & 28 • Semester Tests
 May 27-30 • Band Semester Tests and Auditions for '08-'09
 May 29 • Early Release • 1:15 p. m.

Austin Elementary

May 27 • Kindergarten Celebration & Awards • 8:30 a. m.
 May 27 • 1st & 2nd • Grade Awards Assembly • 9:45 a. m.
 May 27 • 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Awards Assembly • 1:00 p. m.
 May 29 • 5th Grade Step-Up Ceremony • 10:30 a. m.
 May 29 • 5th Grade Last Walk • 12:45 p. m.
 May 30 • Early Release • 1:15 p. m.

Lamar Elementary

May 27 • Head Start and Pre-K Music Program • 8:30 a. m.
 May 28 • Kindergarten Music Program 9:00 a. m.
 May 29 • 1st and 2nd Grade Awards Assembly 8:30 a. m.
 May 29 • 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Awards Assembly • 10:00 a. m.
 May 29 • Early Release • 1:00 p. m.

Travis Elementary

May 26 • 5th Grade to Wonderland Park
 May 27 • 2nd Grade to Central Park • 10:00 a. m.
 May 27 • Kindergarten Graduation • 10:00 a. m.
 May 27 • 4th Grade to Recreation Park • 11:30 p. m.
 May 28 • 1st Grade to Hobart St. Park • 10:00 a. m.
 May 29 • Awards Assembly • 9:00 a. m.
 May 29 • Early Release • 1:00 p. m.

Wilson Elementary

May 27 • Kindergarten Graduation • 9:00 a. m.
 May 28 • Awards Assembly • 10:00 a. m.
 May 29 • 5th Grade Graduation • 10:00 a.m..
 May 29 • Early Release • 1:00 p. m.

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net. From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar



TDPW initiates longer season, higher bag limit for does

PGCD

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BY DAVID BOWSER
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Editor's note: The continuation of this story from page one to page three was omitted yesterday. Here is the story in its entirety.

Jeff Bonner thinks everybody ought to be eating venison, especially if it will cut the population of white-tailed deer around Pampa.

A wildlife biologist with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife, Bonner said the worry is that the increasing number of white-tailed deer in the area will grow beyond what the local habitat can support.

In an effort to control the bursting population, Bonner is working with landowners and hunters to take more does when white-tailed deer season begins the first Saturday in November. The season traditionally runs for 60 days. In addition to the normal season, there is now also a doe-only season which runs for two weeks after the regular season.

As part of a three year pilot program, the state agency has instituted a five deer bag limit around Pampa with no more than one buck.

Bonner admitted that some hunters aren't interested in shooting does, but there are those who do.

"They enjoy the meat," he said.

With a grin, he added that his family lives on deer meat.

"I've got some great recipes," Bonner said.

Ten deer will feed his family for

a year.

"We make a lot of jerky and sausage," he said.

Working with landowners who've formed a Wildlife Management Association in Wheeler County, Bonner said he's also been able to issue more permits.

These special permits, Managed Lands Deer Permits, or MLDs, allow the landowners to go beyond the county bag limit.

The deer has to be cleaned and kept in edible condition.

"The meat's got to be eaten," Bonner says. "You can't just shoot them and throw a tag at them and leave them for the buzzards."

Having grown up in Panhandle, Bonner said that as a kid he used to go hunting down around Hedley, but as a youth, he saw deer on only two occasions.

"You can go down to Hedley now and park on a county road somewhere in the evening and count 15 to 20 of the little rascals," Bonner said. "They're everywhere."

White tailed deer are highly reproductive, he said.

Presently, white-tailed deer populations have grown to the point parts of Wheeler County that the habitat is suffering and, in turn, the deer are smaller.

Hunters need to start shooting does, he said, or they're going to see a decline in the quality of their habitat, which will immediately lead to a decline in the quality of the deer.

"We're already seeing that," Bonner says.

Citing doe weights along Sweetwater Creek, which runs through Wheeler County, the deer are 10 to 15 pounds lighter than the rest of the country.

"You go down there to Sweetwater Creek, or any other drainages over there, and you see a browse line where the deer have eaten up everything they can as high as they can reach," Bonner says. "They're not getting any reproduction on any really good plants like cottonwood trees, hackberries, dogwoods, walnuts and elms."

The over population is degrading the habitat.

"What we're already seeing in parts of Wheeler County, especially along Sweetwater Creek," Bonner says, "is the deer actually shrinking because they're not getting enough to eat."

It's a common problem in the Texas Hill Country.

"The result of that," Bonner says, "is they have little bitty deer."

Any deer hunter in Texas, he says, knows the smallest deer in Texas are in the Hill Country.

"That's where you also have the highest populations," Bonner says.

He says he and the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife would like to prevent that from happening in the Texas Panhandle.

"The only way to prevent it is by whacking does," Bonner says.

ager of the district, for another term on the Texas State Water Conservation Advisory Council. Williams presently is president of the council.

In connection with increasing e-mail requests for information from the district, the board adopted a policy of asking the person requesting the information to come to the district's office if the e-mailed information is insufficient.

"The district will comply with the law in responding to all requests for public information," the policy states. "The district's goal is to answer all information requests promptly and adequately. When the requestor is not satisfied with the district's response or the requestor submits repetitive requests, the district may require the requestor place all additional requests at the district office in person, preferably by appointment. This allows the district to answer the request fully in person, to the best of its ability."

The board also approved drilling permits for Dan Fish for a two-inch replacement well in Alanreed, Clemente Cruz for a one-inch well northeast of Amarillo, Anthony

Saikowski for a one-inch well northwest of Amarillo, Mays Trust for a one-inch well north of Amarillo, Harlan Gannaway for a one-inch well in Carson County, Donny Howard for a four-inch replacement well east of Clarendon, Hoppy Eason for a four inch well near Lelia Lake, Derek G. Howard for a four-inch well south of Clarendon, Garland Moore for two four-inch wells west of Wheeler, Thurman and Linda Calcote for a three-inch well east of Wheeler, Greenbelt Water Authority for a municipal four-inch well north of Clarendon, Alan Armstrong for a three-inch stock well southwest of Lelia Lake to pump water into a pond, Phillip Waddell for a five-inch well to feed a pond north of Howardwick, Amos Britten for a six-inch replacement well west of Groom, Lester Lusk for an eight-inch replacement well west of Panhandle, Kathleen Dial for an eight-inch replacement well east of Panhandle and Dan Sawyer for a six-inch well west of Howardwick.

They amended a permit for Kathleen Dial on a well south of Panhandle.

Senate passes small business tax cut

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Small businesses would get a \$172 million tax cut over the next two years under legislation that has passed the Texas Senate.

Under current law, com-

panies making less than \$300,000 in annual revenue are exempt from paying the state franchise tax.

The bill approved Wednesday by the Texas Senate would boost the

exemption to \$1 million for the next two years, taking about 40,000 businesses off the tax rolls.

The bill by Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, now heads back to the Texas

House, where a competing version has passed.

The tax cut bill is HB4765.

King

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Peck argued last week in the court of appeals that the time limit in the Interstate Agreement on Detainers Act should apply to the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act, the act through which King was returned to Texas.

Appeals Court Judge James T. Campbell in a decision released Wednesday denied the defense's motion that the capitol murder charges against King be dropped because of the delay in trial, saying the time limit

did not apply under the extradition procedures used in the case.

The defense lawyers had brought the issue up with the trial court in December, but 31st District Judge Steven Emmert denied their motion. The defense duo then appealed to the court in Amarillo.

Since the case is scheduled to go to trial in June, District Attorney Lynn Switzer had requested an expedited decision by the appeals court.

Session

wee hours.

They barreled past a midnight deadline with the help of a little legislative trickery: A Senate aide simply unplugged the lock at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, allowing senators to keep debating as though midnight had never arrived.

"If we don't get a windstorm bill out of this session then we'll be back," said Sen. Mike Jackson, R-La Porte, who put the measure into his disaster

management bill. "This is kind of our last hope to be able to work on this issue and hopefully, resolve it in the few days that we have left."

Senators approved adding the windstorm language to the bill on a 27-4 vote. It came after top leaders had been huddling all day in an effort to get the reforms moving. Perry, a Republican, has been pushing the Legislature to agree on a windstorm package or

face a quickly called special session.

"It's a top priority of the governor's to get something done on this issue this session," said Perry spokesman Mark Miner. "It will have a great impact on the state if a hurricane does hit Texas and this is not fixed."

The state-chartered Texas Windstorm Insurance Association is the only

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wind insurer for property owners in 14 coastal counties. The legislation restoring it had technically died with a slew of other bills Tuesday night when House Democrats blocked a GOP-backed voter identification bill.

The bill appears to be headed for a joint House-Senate committee that will iron out a compromise.

TAKS

from graduating as she had planned.

The families of two of the students filed complaints with the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees over the district's policy, but only one showed up for the special meeting Thursday night. The hearing on the grievance was in closed session.

David Teichmann, a newly elected board mem-

ber, was the only board member to vote against upholding the policy.

In other business, the school board hired Rebecca Parker on a one-year contract as a special education teacher at Lamar Elementary School.

The board will meet again at 5 p.m. today at the Carver Center administration offices for a training session.

Cafeteria

Elementary cafeteria had a new kitchen installed in the past ten years, and PJHS will have a new campus.

"It's an unbelievable amount of change in a short time," Middleton said.

Even the menu has been reworked to stay in guidelines mandated by the state. Middleton said that the fat and sugar content in each product are being closely monitored, staying below 23 grams of fat per item, and still working to maintain a good taste. There are no longer fryers in any PISD cafeterias, and all food is baked, which helps cut fat.

"Because of the faster moving generation, we are trying to mimic the restaurant experience and stay within guidelines," Middleton explained.

Middleton said she expects the new cafeteria to bring a better product and better experience to students. Last month, 200 full meals a day were served to students and 80 breakfasts. Middleton

expects this number to greatly increase.

The cafeteria has come a long way in the 21 years that Middleton has been supervising it, and the 62 years it has been in the basement of Pampa High School.

"This has been a huge project," Middleton said. "We are planning for the future and excited about what the future will bring."

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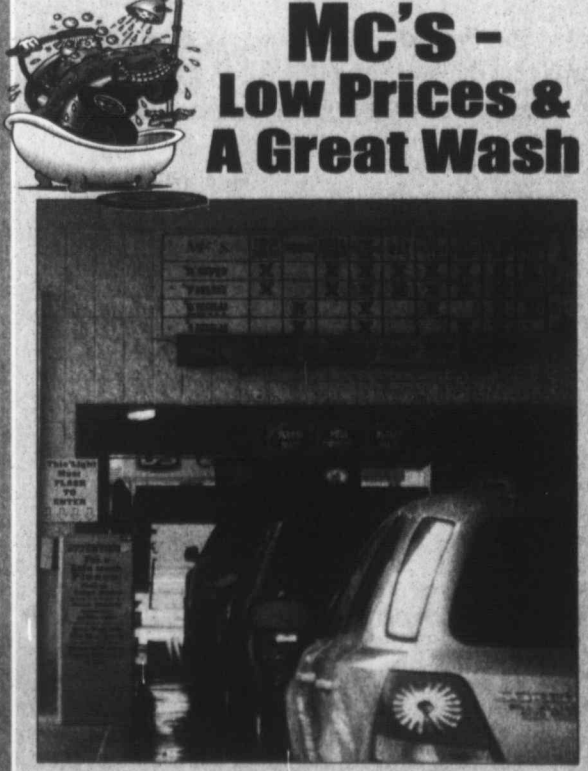
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Today is Thursday, May 28, the 148th day of 2009. There are 217 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1674 - Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I declares war on France.

1863 - The first black regiment from the North leaves Boston to fight in the American Civil War.

1864 - Austria-Hungary's Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian lands in Veracruz, Mexico, to become Emperor.

1923 - The U.S. Attorney General determines it is legal for women to wear trousers.

1934 - The Dionne quintuplets, world's first known surviving quintuplets, are born near Callander, Ontario.

1937 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt pushes a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could cross the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California.

1940 - Two weeks after being invaded, Belgium capitulates to Germany while British and French troops begin evacuation from Dunkerque, France.

1989 - Muslim rebels renew offensive against Afghan city of Jalalabad.

1990 - Lech Walesa persuades rail workers to suspend a strike that had crippled train service in northern Poland.

1994 - U.N. troops step up evacuations of trapped civilians in Kigali, capital of Rwanda, and appeal for protection for convoys moving people across battle lines.

1999 - An Indian helicopter gunship is blasted from the skies by Islamic militants in Kashmir when Indian forces try to dislodge them with airstrikes.

2000 - Sierra Leonean rebels free what appear to be the last of some 500 U.N. hostages held for nearly a month.

2002 - The Libyan government offers to pay \$2.7 billion to the families of 270 victims of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in exchange for an end to U.S. and United Nations sanctions against Libya.

2006 - Pope Benedict XVI visits the Auschwitz concentration camp as "a son of the German people" and asks God why he remained silent during the "unprecedented mass crimes" of the Holocaust.

2007 - The United States and Iran break a 27-year diplomatic freeze with a four-hour meeting in Baghdad about Iraqi security.

2008 - Lawmakers declare Nepal the world's newest republic and bring to an end a centuries-old Hindu monarchy, giving the king two weeks to leave the royal compound.

Today's Birthdays:
William Pitt, English statesman (1759-1806); Edouard Benes, Czechoslovak statesman (1884-1948); Ian Fleming, British writer (1908-1964); Patrick White, Australian author (1912-1990); Carroll Baker, U.S. actress (1931--); Gladys Knight, U.S. singer (1944--); Jeff Fenech, Australian boxer (1964--); Kylie Minogue, Australian singer (1968--).



'All the troubles of man come from his not knowing how to sit still.'

— Blaise Pascal, French philosopher

Ethnic politics boost chances

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the often-bumpy road to confirmation to the nation's highest court, Sonia Sotomayor has ethnic politics on her side.

Republicans, at sea as a party and having lost ground with Hispanic voters, the fastest-growing segment of the population, will have a hard time defeating the woman who would be the first Hispanic justice. And the inevitable partisan fights over Sotomayor's nomination hold heavy risks for a party striving to draw beyond its mostly white, Southern and conservative base.

Sotomayor will field heavy criticism from right-wing groups and some conservative Republican senators, but strategists in both parties agree that Republicans will have to tread carefully — and won't likely be able to stop her.

Republicans are "going to have to make a judgment based on what they think her record is, but how they talk about it and how they discuss it is going to be the difference between them alienating Hispanics or sounding reasonable to Hispanics," said Frank Guerra, a Texas-based Republican strategist who handled outreach for Hispanic voters for former President George W. Bush's presidential campaigns.

"If they say 'no' but they handle it properly, based on record, then I think they can manage that without too much damage, but if you make it personal and it feels as though it's something about her background, that could be very damaging," Guerra said. "They're going to have to handle it very deftly."

Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York was more blunt in his political assessment for Republicans: "They oppose her at their peril."

Sotomayor starts out with a powerful numerical advantage. Democrats are on the brink of having 60 votes in the Senate — the number it takes to break a filibuster that could block the nomination. What's more: seven Republican senators backed Sotomayor's 1998 nomination to the appeals court covering New York, Vermont and Connecticut.

Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, one of those seven, gushed about Sotomayor in a statement Tuesday, saying hers was "an historic selection" and calling her "a well-qualified woman." She also noted that Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff, had personally called her early in the day to tip her off about the pick — an indication that the push to lock in votes for Sotomayor from Republican senators

is already well under way.

Hispanic groups say that Republicans, particularly those from Southern and Western states with large and growing Hispanic populations, will be hard-pressed to oppose Sotomayor given her bipartisan appeal — she was first nominated for a federal court post by President George H.W. Bush — and strong qualifications.

A case in point: Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Texas Republican who is running to be governor in a heavily Hispanic state. The League of United Latin American Citizens, which honored Hutchison at its February gala, plans to lobby her in person to back Sotomayor and ask their members to urge her to do so, said Lizette Olmos, a spokeswoman.

Hutchison gave no hint Tuesday of her position on Sotomayor's nomination. As the Senate evaluates her, Hutchison said in a statement, "our chief concern must be her commitment to the rule of law. I look forward to a fair and open confirmation process as we work to ensure our next Supreme Court justice will defend and protect the Constitution through impartial judgment and judicial restraint."

Said Maria Cardona, a Democratic strategist who helped found Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary, a nonpar-

tisan group: "Republicans are going to have to tread very, very carefully on this one. They have already alienated 70 percent of the Hispanic community in this country with the whole issue of immigration in 2006."

Lionel Sosa, another Republican strategist who advised President George W. Bush on Hispanic outreach, said: "Republicans would be idiots for opposing her. ... It would be one more nail in the Republican image coffin after all of that immigration rhetoric in the last presidential election."

While her ethnicity may not be Sotomayor's prime qualification for the Supreme Court, many strategists said it could prove to be a trump card.

"Our hopes and our aspirations are all tied up in this nominee, and the last thing (Republicans are) going to want to do is come and dash those hopes, especially without a good reason," said Brent Wilkes, LULAC's executive director.

If they do, Wilkes added, "it's going to have a big, huge backlash in the Hispanic population. We won't have to do anything; we'll just sit back and watch them destroy themselves, because it's really going to be that bad for them."

Letters to the editor

I want to extend my most sincere appreciation to the Freedom Museum and to the people of Pampa for making it possible to have the F4E Phantom Jet plane moved to Pampa. Having it dedicated to my husband was a source of great pride for me and my children. I know Jimmy's mother, Lacy Ayres, would say the same if she were able. The services were wonderful and seeing all the folks turned out on Memorial Day to honor Jim was very moving.

So many years ago when Jim was first declared "Missing in Action", Pampa folks extended their hands of kindness and exhibited great concern for all of us, Jim's family. Then again in August of 2007, when we finally were able to lay Jim to rest, you supported us so graciously and turned out to show your respect for him. I know I didn't ever thank all of you then, so please let me say now that you are special people and I'm proud to have known you.

Special thanks to Andy Epps, Curator of the Freedom Museum, and all the men and women who

joined him in putting this occasion together. I will certainly thank each of them personally as I am able to obtain their names and addresses. In the interim, please know that I respect and appreciate each and every one of you.

Praying God's blessings and favor on you all, I am

Brenda Ayres
Widow of Lt. Col. James H. Ayres - 6/30/1937 - 1/3/1971

Letter to the editor,
Summer is just around the corner, and Americans are already firing up their grills. But as a dietician, I'm concerned by how many consumers are unaware that grilled meat could increase their risk of

cancer. Meat cooked at high temperatures has already been linked to colorectal cancer, and it also seems to increase the risk if pancreatic cancer, according to a new study presented at the American Association of Cancer Research annual meeting. In this nine year study, researchers analyzed the meat consumption levels and preferred cooking methods of more than 62,000 people. Study participants who cooked meat at high temperatures and consumed more well-done meat had about a 60 percent higher risk of pancreatic cancer, compared with other people.

There are easy ways to reduce our cancer risk without giving up grilling. For a healthy backyard bar-

becue, try throwing veggie burgers, veggie hot dogs, or portabella "steaks" on the grill-and make sure to fill up on plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Sincerely,
Krista Haynes, R.D.
Staff Dietician
The Cancer Project

Letter to editor,
Our government told credit card corporations that they cannot charge their customers that tremendous rate of interest.

Now, when are they going to tell all the companies that they cannot charge a tremendous price for gasoline?

C Kenneth William Lefors

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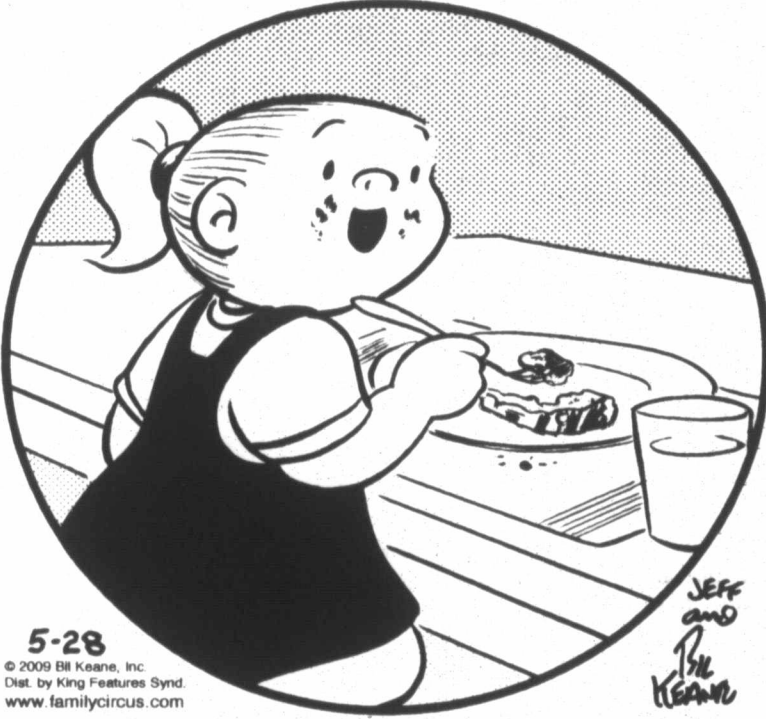
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"How far around that spider are you going to walk?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"The best thing about how this tastes is its flavor."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Swiss
 - 1 Scarlett's home
 - 5 Wading bird
 - 10 Friendly señorita
 - 12 "... — purple cow"
 - 13 Tablecloth material
 - 14 "My Cousin Vinny" star
 - 15 Snaky shape
 - 16 Busy store in December
 - 18 Cyndi Lauper hit
 - 20 Nabokov novel
 - 21 Poker price
 - 23 Signing need
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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
- 1 Bard's output
 - 2 Buggy riders
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 - 4 Candle count
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 - 8 Like some messages
 - 9 James Clavell
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

D E A R ABBY: My husband is threatening to leave and my 9-year-old daughter is distraught because I am embarrassed about our home and our cars. We live in an affluent suburb, but we're not one of the rich families. My daughter wants to invite friends from school over, but I'm mortified about their parents seeing our home or cars.

I know these things shouldn't matter. I love my husband, but he says I'm ruining our daughter's self-esteem and disrespect-

ing him by being embarrassed by a life he works hard to provide. What's wrong with me, and how can I get past this? I don't want to lose my family. -- EMBARRASSED IN OHIO

DEAR EMBARRASSED: What makes a home warm and welcoming isn't whether it has been professionally decorated. Your problem isn't that you're ashamed of your house or cars. It's that you lack confidence in who you are. Your feelings stem less from what material things

you lack than misplaced priorities.

When your daughter's friends visit, cookies in the oven, a welcoming smile and a willing ear if one of them needs a trusted adult in whom to confide will be more appreciated than whether your couch is new or there's a late-model car in the driveway. Many children from families who supposedly "have everything" are starved for plain old-fashioned personal attention.

I often recommend psychological counseling, but in your case, perhaps you would be better served by talking to a spiritual adviser about the difficulty you're having with appreciating how much you have for which to be

thankful.

DEAR ABBY: I met "Greta" when I was in the Army Reserves. We fell in love, despite the fact that her parents disapproved of me. I come from a working-class background and Greta's family was considerably more well-off. We didn't care -- we wanted a future together.

Greta told me she had broken up with her former boyfriend because he was domineering. She assured me the relationship was over, and I believed her.

Shortly before I was discharged, Greta told me she was carrying my baby. I left for home with plans to send for her and marry her before our child was born. I lined up a job and

a place to live. Several months later, Greta phoned to say she had had a baby girl. She said her parents had made her give our daughter up for adoption and asked me never to contact her again.

I honored her wishes, but I worried for years about Greta and our child. Eventually I married and had two daughters and a son. Five years ago, with the help of my children who are technologically savvy, we located my lost daughter, "Lily," and welcomed her into the family.

To cement our relationship, I had a paternity test performed recently and was shocked to learn I am NOT Lily's father. Greta still insists that I am, but DNA doesn't lie. Greta put

my name on Lily's birth certificate. Lily blames herself for this mess, which is unfounded, and now says it's too painful to see me and my family again. I am so sorry for Lily and her children, who thought they were my grandchildren. What can we do? -- CRUSHED IN NEW YORK

DEAR CRUSHED: Write Lily and tell her that you were overjoyed when you found her, and that blood-related or not, you will always love her and her children. Perhaps if she reads it she will realize that in some cases we build families not just from DNA, but also from mutual need and caring. That's all you can do for now.

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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 29, 2009:
This year, you become a ferocious debater or defender of a cause. Confusion often surrounds your words if spoken too quickly. Do know when to pull back. Your mind seems to venture to new turf. Explaining some of your visions might be hard. Simplicity works. If you are single, someone quite dreamy and different could enter your life. Understanding this person might mean experiencing love in another way. If you are attached, you might want to discuss that very special trip. LEO is always fun.

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)
***** Your spirits mount with the coming weekend. What could be confusing might clear out later. Focus your energy on more dynamic areas. A friend comes forward. You wonder if any mutual interests exist. A sudden realization could change the plot! Tonight: Start your weekend right.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** If you can work from home, do. Some of you might be considering a home-based business. Create an environment in which you can flow. An unexpected action could force you to regroup, or at least give it some thought. You know far more than others realize. Tonight: Order in.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** A brainstorming session or a long-distance call opens doors. You might believe you have it together. Surprise — events in the next 24 hours could demonstrate otherwise! You can

and will handle it. Tonight: Nothing is that urgent.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Be aware of the costs of a project, plan or event this weekend. A little knowledge mixed with self-discipline can go far. Recognize your limits when dealing with a distant friend or a new topic. Be ready to step forward and learn more. Tonight: Curb any gross indulgences.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Slow down if you aren't getting it or if you skipped a step. You are doing so much so quickly that you could need to stop or slow down. You pull the wild card financially, not exactly sure which way to go. Use good sense. Tonight: The world is your oyster.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You will accomplish more and feel better if you go off and do your own thing. Confusion surrounds the day, no matter how you attempt to clear the air. Listen to what others say; ask questions. Finding a middle point could be challenging. Tonight: Vanish if need be.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Emphasize your long-term direction and friendships. How they merge could be most interesting. In some way, an unexpected jolt could force your hand. Try reframing a negative event. You could be surprised by what you discover. Tonight: Happy with friends!
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Fill in where someone leaves off. You might have a lot to accomplish. Give a key associate the respect he or she deserves. Choose to be more effective than popular. Others will want to listen. A sudden wild idea needs looking at! Tonight: A must show.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your mind is already out the door. If you can, cut out of work as soon as possible. Someone you look up to could be touchy or withdrawn. Understand that no matter what you do, nothing will change until this person is ready to change! Tonight: Suddenly, recent events become clear.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Deal with others directly, whether talking to a loved one or someone at the post office. Allow more of a connection between you and others. Investigate opportunities that suddenly pop. Until you are ready, neither a no nor a yes is needed. Tonight: Togetherness works.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You might be feeling differently than you have in months! With that knowledge, go ahead and make that first move. Don't stand on ceremony because of how someone reacts. This person could be in a state of shock or surprise. Remember, you move faster than many. Tonight: Sort through your options.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** No one can change the manner in which you handle a situation. Others see you as unpredictable, and they sometimes close down when you surface. Don't take their reactions personally. Focus on what must be handled immediately. Tonight: Relax with friends.

BORN TODAY
American patriot Patrick Henry (1736), 35th U.S. President John F. Kennedy (1917), comedian Bob Hope (1903) ***

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-28 CRYPTOQUOTE

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OPTIMIST BASEBALL

Rotary drops Cabot 13-3

Rotary's 13-3 victory over Cabot on Tuesday night was its ninth of the season, keeping pace with Glo Valve and a share of first place in the 11 & 12 Cal Ripken division at the Pampa Optimist Club.

Nathan Furgason led off in the top of the first inning for Cabot. He drew a walk after being hit by a pitch. That would be it for Cabot. Rotary's Ethan Hunt did not give any more free passes, striking out the next three on just 12 pitches.

Cade Engle got things rolling for Rotary in the bottom of the first with a long single and a couple of stolen bases to put himself in scoring position.

A strikeout and a double by Hunt plated Engle. Rotary added one more run on a double by Blain Troxell that scored Hunt. Rance Tipps reached base after being hit by a pitch, however both Tipps and Troxell were left stranded after a couple of strikeouts.

Cabot did not have much luck with Rotary in the secondinning. Hunt walked one and struck out three more.

Three successive infield grounders resulted in three outs. After 2 innings Rotary maintained a 2-0 lead.

Thomas Haley took the mound for Rotary in the third and gave Furgason a free pass before striking out the side. Furgason scored on a Rotary error to get Cabot on the board.

Rotary's bats came alive in the third when Engle led off the inning with a double then traded places with Haley when he doubled.

A single by Hunt scored Haley and a long single by Troxell plated Hunt. Troxell stole second and third then scored on a single by Aaron McKinney-Danner who alertly went to second on a Cabot throwing error.

McKinney-Danner stole third and Tipps drew a walk putting runners at the corners. Tipps took second and went

to third on a wild pitch which scored McKinney Danner. Tipps added one more to Rotary tally scoring when Aaron Avilla grounded out to third.

Rotary damage for the inning was 6

runs and an 8-2 lead.

Haley threw seven pitches to begin the fourth inning, sending two Cabot batters to the bench before he ran into trouble. He walked the next five, giving up two runs before giving way to Tipps who came in and got a soft grounder to second base for the third out. However, Cabot put two more on the board bringing the score to 8-3.

Three straight walks to Rotary hitters to begin the fourth put Andreas Losoya, Cade Engle and Thomas Haley on base with each making the round trip.

Rotary now had an 11-3 lead with no outs.

A single by Troxell and a couple of more walks added two more runs to the tally as both Troxell and McKinney-Danner scored to end the game after four innings, 13-3. Rotary next plays Clarendon in

Pampa at 5:45 on Thursday. The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Organization.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

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