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Law enforcement focus of new exhibit

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

A new permanent exhibit entitled "The Law Enforcement Room" will open May 11 at White Deer Land Museum.

The exhibit contains law enforce-

ment items from Gray County's earliest days as a county and spanning the years to more recent times.

"Records show that Gray County was organized with 152 qualified voters in 1902," said Ann Davidson, museum director. "The first commis-

sioners' court convened at Lefors, which was the county seat. The county seat was moved to Pampa in 1928 by special election."

Photographs of the first law enforcement officers in the county are on display in the new exhibit room, along with photos of the first jail and early Gray County sheriffs. Guns on display include a collection provided by Pampa Police Department.

"Gray County's law enforcement and the officers were probably fairly quiet until 1924, when oil was discovered in this area," Davidson said. "Pampa became a boom town practically overnight, and the population swelled rapidly from about 950 to



Photo courtesy of FOCUS Magazine
Sheriff Rufe Jordan and dog Honey (ca. 1988).

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Dale Gonyea

PISD board to convene

By **KERRI SMITH**
Special to The Pampa News

Pampa Independent School Board members will discuss and possibly take action to revise a local policy regarding requirements needed to participate in graduation ceremonies, discuss the 2008-2009 fund-raising application and hear reports on finances when they meet at a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday. The meeting will be held at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert Street.

Last year, the board voted to change Local Policy FMH, the regulation outlining requirements students must meet in order

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'Live on Stage' ...

Local community concert association celebrating more than 60 years

By **JULIE ANN THOMPSON**
The Pampa News

All you need is love.

A free concert entitled "Revolution - A Tribute to the Beatles" will kick off the 2008-2009 mem-

bership campaign of the local organization Community Concerts which is celebrating its 64th anniversary in the community. The event, for all residents of Pampa and the surrounding area, will be held in Pampa's M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

"We want to keep people aware of something besides television and besides the Internet," Treasurer Glenette Goode said. "This is our first time offering a free concert."

Sporting slick, colorless suits, Beatle boots and mop-tops, the four-man group of renowned Beatles impersonators called "Revolution" is the leading worldwide "Beatlemania" touring show, utilizing authentic instruments, costumes and unmistakable sounds.

Revolution will be the last show of this season, but three outstanding concerts have already been scheduled for the new season. The first, "Cirque Voila!" presents a unique combination of internationally recognized, world-class circus artists. The show contains some of the most visually stunning veterans of ringside entertainment ever placed before an audience and is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 2008.



The second will be Dale Gonyea, which will be scheduled for a later date. A comedian pianist, headlines in the Los Angeles Times have hailed him as "A one-man smash hit musical revue" as

See **CONCERT**, Page 3



Blue Sunday to be observed by local churches

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

Blue Sunday will be observed Sunday at local churches and elsewhere across the nation and the world as part of National Child Abuse and Neglect Month.

"It began with 20 churches taking time in their morning services to pray for the victims of child abuse and

for those who rescue them," said Janet Watts, executive director of CASA of the High Plains. "It has grown into an international effort with over 2 million partici-

See **BLUE**, Page 3

DPS arrests two for possession of cocaine

GROOM — Two men were arrested Tuesday morning near Groom after troopers found \$224,295 worth of cocaine hidden in their vehicle.

At 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, troopers stopped a 2001 Ford Windstar traveling eastbound at Groom for a traffic violation. A DPS K-9 subsequently alerted in the vehicle, and

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Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 70. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south-southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period from 7 a.m. Tuesday to 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, April 22
 Eight traffic stops were made. Stops in the 800 block of West Crawford and the 1300 block of Duncan resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 600 block of East Frederic.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1600 block of North Somerville, twice in the 2200 block of North Nelson, once in the 1800 block of North Banks, the 1700 block of Aspen, the 1100 block of Terry Road, the intersection of Kingsmill and Lowry streets, the 100 block of South Wells, the 700 block of North Naida, the 1000 block of Cinderella and the 100 block of West 30th.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 600 block of North West.

A civil matter was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart. Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

A missing person was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of Coffee and the 1200 block of Alcock.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Roberta.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of Deane Drive, the 1800 block of Lea and the 600 block of North Naida.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Yeager, the 600 block of East Craven and twice in the 800 block of East Craven.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic. A driver's window was broken and a door pried open on a vehicle. Estimated cost of damage is \$350.

Domestic disturbances were

reported in the 500 block of East Francis, the 1600 block of North Sumner, the 1200 block of Farley and the 100 block of South Wells. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 500 block of East Francis.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. A cell phone was taken.

Burglary of a building was reported by Pampa Independent School District at the Baker Elementary School building, 300 E. Tuke. Two windows with total estimated value of \$120 were broken to gain entry to the building. Soft drinks and chips were eaten and scattered about the building, resulting in an estimated \$60 for damage and loss. Three sports medals and two trophies were recovered outside the building.

Wednesday, April 23
 Eight traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 11700 block of Highway 152.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1800 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 800 block of South Hobart, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of West 28th.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 500 block of Lowry.

Disorderly conduct by breach of peace was reported in the 500 block of Lowry.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Tuesday, April 22
 Roberto Duenas-Avila, 45, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for no insurance and no driver's license.

Larry Don Bennett, 47, of Clarendon was arrested by GCSO

for no insurance, expired motor vehicle registration and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ira Don Hicks, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Wynne by PPD for public intoxication.

Rusty Caton Beckham, 20, of Borger was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for prohibited substance in a correctional facility - alcohol/drug/phone/tobacco, and for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Kymerlee Sue Smith, 47, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Crawford by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia, and disorderly conduct - obscene language.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, April 22
 2:42 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Banks on a call for lifting assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, April 29
 9:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

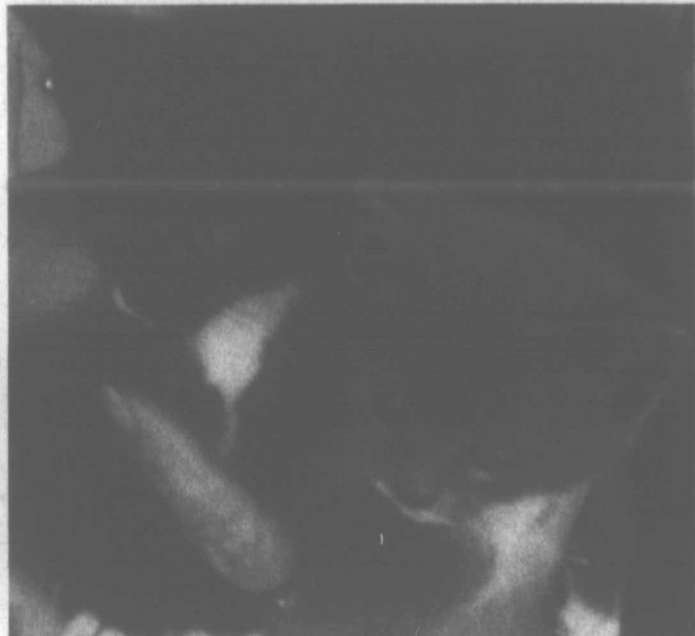
2:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes. No transport.

6:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Thut and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

6:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Exhibit

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10,000, according to the 1930 census." Terms such as shotgun houses, tent cities, oil drillers and Saturday Night specials were coined as a result of this period, she said.

"With the growth of the town came the growth of crime and a different kind of criminal," Davidson said. "By 1929 to 1930, we saw the advent of the pin-striped, bank-robbertype criminal. We came to recognize names like Bonnie and Clyde, the Kimes brothers and Whitey Walker. These people increased the need for more and better law enforcement than ever before."

Part of the Law Enforcement Room centers around Texas Ranger Bill Baten, who was stationed in Pampa for 24 years.

Also spotlighted is former Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan. Jordan's office has been reconstructed as part of the exhibit. Jordan served as sheriff of Gray County for 42 years and is on record with the Texas County and District Retirement System in Austin as having served the longest period by an elected law enforcement officer in the state. He was elected to 38 years' total service, and served four years as sheriff before running for the office, Davidson said.

Also on view May 11 at the museum will be the wood work of Harold Scrimshire.

White Deer Land Museum is housed in the third Pampa office of White Deer Land Company, which was built in 1916 and is located on Pampa's main downtown street. The museum is now 38 years old. It is owned by Gray County and now operates from three buildings, one of which is newly remodeled and will open this summer.

The Law Enforcement Room is located on the second floor of the original building. An elevator and stairway are both provided for access to the second floor.

The display of Scrimshire's works will be in the Holland Wing, and the display will be housed there throughout the summer.

White Deer Land Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. May 11.

School

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to participate in commencement ceremonies. For many years, Pampa ISD used a policy that required all students to meet all state and local requirements in order to walk across

the stage for graduation, which meant passing all portions of the TAKS test before graduation.

The policy was changed last year so that seniors only had to meet the local district's expectations in order to participate in the ceremony, which meant that students who passed most of the TAKS test, but still needed to pass at least one portion in the summer following graduation, could still walk across the stage during commencement. Even though the students were allowed to participate in the ceremony, they did not receive an actual diploma until all portions of the TAKS test were passed at a later date.

School board members and administration have discussed the pros and cons of both approaches to this policy. Some believe that requiring all portions of the TAKS test to be passed prior to graduation ceremonies is an incentive to reach high academic goals by a certain time. Others believe that denying a student the one chance to walk in graduation because of just lacking one portion of the TAKS test, which could be passed in the following months, is not fair.

Those who are charged with enforcing this policy, three central office administrators, the current PHS principal and the person who will assume that position next year, will talk to the board and possibly ask the board to retain the current policy until more data is gathered to see which approach best serves to motivate students to remain in school and to complete the requirements for high school graduation.

The board will also review bids for band uniforms and instruments, the sale of delinquent property and discuss the possibility of allowing some teachers and administrators to miss eight or more days for professional development.

Board members will hear the quarterly investment report, along with other reports pertaining to the TASB salary study, a budget workshop, food services and the summer maintenance report. Also on the agenda is the possible approval of a web-based curriculum and the fund-raising application for the 2008-2009 school year.

Blue

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pants. Many new relief and prevention projects have begun directly from this effort."

Churches are asked to set aside a few minutes of their services on the morning of

April 27 to pray for children who are victims of child abuse and neglect.

A balloon release will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Recreation Park. A blue balloon will be released for each victim of child abuse in the Pampa area, and a white balloon will be released for each child who died as a result of abuse, according to Ofelia Marszal, volunteer coordinator for CASA of the High Plains.

CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, trains volunteers who act as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes as a result of abuse or neglect.

For more information, call 669-7638.

Arrests

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15,000 grams of cocaine were found hidden in a false compartment inside the firewall.

Arrested and booked into Carson County Jail in Panhandle were Omar Enrique

Lizarraga, 27, of Culciacan, Mexico, and Omar Alonso Cervantes, 35, of Everett, Wash.

Investigators believe the load of cocaine originated in Phoenix, Ariz., and was headed to Charlotte, N.C.

Concert

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well as "a superior talent" and "heir to the piano-comedy throne."

The third, scheduled for

Friday, March 6, 2009, entitled "Pianafiddle" offers a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff. Improvising as they go, they blend the traditional, the unwritten and the spontaneous in compelling perform-

ances that get toes tapping and hands clapping.

Curtain time for all three shows is 7:30 p.m.

"These are family things that you don't have to be over 80 to enjoy," Goode said.

Funding for these shows comes almost entirely from

season ticket holders and donations. Many members support the "Patron Plan" each season. Patron donations are tax-deductible, but do not include current memberships.

The Patron Plan: Guardian Angel, \$5,000-plus; Special Angel, \$1,000-plus; Angel, \$500-plus; Benefactor, \$250-plus; Sponsor, \$100-plus; Patron, \$50-plus; Associate, \$25-plus and Friend, \$15-plus. Make checks payable to: Pampa Community Concert Association, P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, Tx 79065.

Membership fees are \$40 for adults and \$25 for students. The one time fee is good for all three shows, and according to the organization, they are expecting lively interest for the season. Season tickets are also accepted in the newly renovated Borger High School Auditorium for "Palvo" a group of five entertainers performing November 1, 2008; "American Juke-Box" on Saturday, April 4, 2009 and "Claremont" a string of pianos, Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Season tickets are also accepted at Plainview to be scheduled later.

"We really want to encourage everyone who can come to come," Goode said. "We can't afford to have these shows if people don't buy tickets."



Ready to launch

Courtesy Photo

Cory Soto-Segovia, from left, Sasha Davis, Tye Linder and Molly Williams, students in Molly Williams' science class at Pampa Junior High School, recently set-off rockets designed as a project for class.

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Viewpoints

Making Sense: Saving the children is our job

In the sad case of the children caught up in the maelstrom of the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints (FLDS) alleged child abuse matter, I tend to fall onto the church side in the separation of church and state.

The state is ill-equipped to deal with 400-plus youngsters it has torn from the bosoms of their mothers in the guise of protecting them from alleged abuses.

In considering this case, it's important to keep in mind some rather unpleasant facts:

—In America, there are over 500,000 children in foster care;

—Approximately 300,000 kids are taken out of their homes every year because of neglect and abuse, and put in foster care;

—Some 73 percent of the children put in foster care end up on the streets, or even worse, in jail;

—Even though some 100,000 of these 500,000 youngsters are available for adoption, only a pitiful 1.2 percent will ever be adopted.

These statistics should concern every American. It's obvious that the government, which is great at starting wars and taxing the citizenry to pay for some of the worst hare-

brained schemes imaginable, hasn't got the slightest idea of how to raise children.

They know how to take children from their homes, but they don't know how to raise them once they've got them in their hands. Yet the idea that the government is better equipped than parents to raise children is widespread among the big-brother liberals who lust after inserting the power of the state into the very heart of the American family.

The reality is that when you take children from their mothers and put them in the hands of the state or its subordinate agents you ultimately do more damage to them than almost any abuse they might have suffered at home.

This is why I am calling on the Christian community and the churches to step up, take the children from the government and assume their responsibility to keep these FLDS families together.

We need about 500 churches to take in 500 families. These children should be with their mothers, who are as much victims as their

children are alleged to be. Splitting them up from their mother and their siblings is not going to be performing a service to these kids.

Just because we don't agree with their lifestyle does not necessarily mean that we can do a better job than the mothers can do in raising them.

We should keep in mind that the allegations against the FLDS remain speculative and unproven, yet the government rushed in and disrupted whole families on the basis of a single phone call from a teenager who, if she even exists, can't be found.

We've been through all of this kind of thing before. In the McMartin pre-school case during the 1980s, California government agencies acted on rumors that turned out to be absolutely false.

As Doug Linder wrote in 2003, the resulting McMartin Preschool Abuse Trial, which he called "the longest and most expensive criminal trial in American history," created a

seven-year, \$15 million investigation that led to not a single conviction.

"More seriously, the McMartin case left in its wake hundreds of emotionally damaged children, as well as ruined careers for members of the McMartin staff," Linder recalled.

I'm not saying that the FLDS case is a replay of that notorious miscarriage of justice, but we surely must keep in mind the lessons it taught us about rushing to judgment and endangering the welfare of children before the real facts are known.

In the meantime, the Christian community needs to come forward and provide homes for the families and their children until all this can be sorted out.

Finally, as an afterthought we should be thankful that it is not Bill Clinton's Attorney General, Janet Reno, running this operation against the FLDS Waco-style. If she were, by now the moms and their children would probably all be charred bodies in the smoking ruins of their compound.

—Mike Reagan, the elder son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Michael Reagan
Columnist



Beliefs have impact on behavior, society

Bad behavior, whether mere rudeness or criminal activity, boils down to a lack of good standards.

I don't agree with the founder of Boys Town that there's no such thing as a bad boy, but I do believe that no child is born bad. Children come into this world as a blank slate. They don't know who they are, where they are, what color they are or how they should behave. All of that they must learn, and it is what they learn that determines their behavior.

It's obvious that standards of behavior, appearance and speech have declined in this country. Despite all the baloney peddled by feminists, many women still desire to be sex objects. Women don't go to plastic surgeons or to Victoria's Secret to improve their minds. Check out the covers of the women's magazines at the supermarket. The articles are mostly about sex and attracting the male. Some parents even dress their young children as sex objects.

The lyrics of many popular songs and the dialogue in television shows, movies and even on talk radio are laced with vulgarities. All of these things have an impact on behavior. What seems to be happening is that we are reverting to barbarism. We've even come to accept as "normal" armed policemen stationed in schools. That alone says a great deal about the degeneration of our society.

Of course, we have to be careful to distinguish between reality and the false

reality that is presented in

Charley Reese
Columnist



the media. Most local television news shows are mere collections of random crimes that have occurred. Watching that stuff on a daily basis can give a false impression of the community, since the overwhelming majority of the people are neither victims nor criminals.

In fact, one of the things that has gone wrong for us is that normal people have become virtually invisible. You won't find them on the evening news or among the exhibitionists on YouTube. If you let yourself get addicted to television and the Internet, it's easy to believe they no longer even exist.

I know that there has always been an underside of society no matter what the age or era, but I also know that there were once much higher standards in America. People once cared how they looked. Streets were once safe for children. Vulgarities in print and on film weren't tolerated. I remember my own childhood, when it seemed that the totality of my parents' conversation directed at me was in the form of correction and instruction. I lived with a lot of "don'ts" and switches when I was a little guy.

Years ago, I read an article in which the author said that science had killed religion

and that the problem of the 20th century would be to find something to replace it. I think that's true, and I think we still haven't found a substitute. What he was talking about was not ritual or dogma, but a culture permeated with religious values. That's what is missing in America today, despite the lip service paid to religion.

A person's religion ought to be visible in even casual association, not because of anything he or she says, but because of how he or she acts. I know it will surprise many Americans, but there is a great deal less crime in Muslim countries. There may be political violence, but neighborhoods are generally safe because most

Muslims haven't yet lost their faith.

I wandered about lost in a Cairo, Egypt, slum some years ago late at night, but no one bothered me. I wouldn't want to wander about in any American slum, even in daylight. Behavior is guided by a set of beliefs, even if they are adopted unconsciously. It matters a

great deal what people believe.

For the sake of children, I hope we can revive our standards. Children deserve better than a vulgar, brutal society, and they deserve a philosophy better than nihilism and materialism.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ April 10
Austin American-Statesman on the war in Iraq:

Regarding the war in Iraq, the United States is in political stalemate: President Bush refuses to begin a general withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, but Democrats lack the votes in Congress to force one. The burden of the stalemate falls most heavily on U.S. troops who have served in Iraq, do now - and will for the foreseeable future.

Although some units sent as part of last year's "surge" are now coming home and won't be replaced, the president announced Thursday that after July the number of troops in Iraq will be kept at 140,000.

So, barring some wonderful, unexpected development in Iraq in the next few months, the stalemate will not be broken until at least November, when the American people will elect a new president.

Gen. David Petraeus, the American commander of coalition forces in Iraq, advised against reducing the number of U.S. troops below 140,000, as many Democrats in Congress want. But he

also said that if conditions in Iraq deteriorate after bringing home about 20,000 troops by this summer, he does not expect to ask for more troops.

While the general maintained there has been "fragile and reversible" progress in Iraq, he also admitted, "We haven't turned any corners. We haven't seen any lights at the end of the tunnel. The Champagne bottles been pushed to the back of the refrigerator."

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the presumed Republican nominee for president, said, "We are no longer staring into the abyss."

But neither Petraeus nor Ambassador Ryan Crocker could shine any light on how much longer U.S. troops will be needed in Iraq or even just how they would define "victory."

How much longer this can go on without doing more damage to our own troops, those soldiers and Marines who not only do the fighting but have been required to do it again and in some cases yet again, for up to 15 months at a time? The president announced Thursday a welcome new 12-month cap on tours, but that doesn't keep troops from serving more year-long combat tours.

The psychological strain on the troops - and their families - has been

enormous. In this war, as any other, troops don't have to be shot or blown up to be deeply wounded. And however willing the troops are to serve, there's something fundamentally wrong with repeatedly calling on them to make sacrifices for a war that most Americans no longer believe in.

In recent months, there have been reports about the Army's heavy loss of mid-career officers, captains and majors, who are exhausted, fed up, traumatized or simply cannot bear to be torn away from their families yet again to fight in Iraq. The Army - the nation - thus loses too many of its most experienced officers in the prime of their potential service.

It's not just a concern about the well-being of individuals who volunteered for military service knowing they could be required to risk losing their lives, as more than 4,000 have in Iraq. It's also a concern about unit readiness. The Pentagon worries that the Army is so worn down in personnel and equipment that it would have trouble effectively fighting an unexpected emergency elsewhere.

The stalemate comes at a heavy cost while Americans debate, and its the troops paying the price. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for four years. About nine months ago, I met "Cecil," a wonderful man who was widowed three years ago. We have fallen in love. The problem is his adult daughter, "Wanda." She told me she won't allow some "conniving woman" to get her hooks into her father. She says falling in love with me is an insult to her mother's memory. Wanda made it plain she feels I am with her father only because I'm after his money. Cecil is comfortable financially, although not wealthy. Now that she's aware that we have become serious, Wanda has begun trying to instill guilt and shame in her father. This is exceedingly difficult for him because Wanda is his only child. What his daughter fails to understand is that I am secure financially. My home is paid off. I have assets and investments, a comfortable income and a future pension. I would be proud to become Cecil's wife, but if he were to ask me to continue our relationship without marriage, I would stay with him. Furthermore, if he proposed and wanted a pre-nup, I would gladly sign one. I stand ready to love not only him, but also Wanda, if she could only open her heart to me -- not as a replacement for her mother, but as a loving, caring friend. What she does not know is that her parents never had the happy marriage she thought they did. They stayed together largely because of her. What do you advise? I don't want to have to walk away so Cecil won't have to lose his daughter. -- **LOVES HIM FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS**

DEAR LOVES HIM: Unless Cecil wants to spend the rest of his life alone in order to please Wanda, he has some serious thinking to do. He fulfilled his marriage vows

and is entitled to a full life. He should make that clear to his daughter, who stands your ground, and be prepared to lay all your cards on the table. I can't promise it will completely allay Wanda's concerns, but it might put some of them to rest. If that's not the case, then so be it.

DEAR ABBY: I have made a decision (at least for now) not to date or try to find a husband. The reason is my fear that I would repeat my parents' horrible, abusive marriage. They're still together -- I have no idea why -- but that's another issue. I have decided the abuse will end with me. I know that if I ever met a really awesome guy and did get married, I'd have a hard time not repeating my parents' marriage. I have told my parents, siblings, extended family and close friends that I'm not looking for a life partner. My problem is, they won't leave me alone. Can you help me get them off my back and allow me to enjoy being single like I want to? How do I fend off these matchmakers? -- **HAPPILY SINGLE IN TACOMA**

DEAR HAPPILY SINGLE: Please remember that your family and friends are trying to fix you up because they love you. So hang onto your sense of humor when they try to make a match. The magic words are: (smile) "Nope. Not interested." Considering that you had such poor role models, your feelings are understandable. However, because your parents have had a terrible marriage is no guarantee that you would, too. The surest way to break the cycle would be to discuss this subject with a licensed mental health professional.

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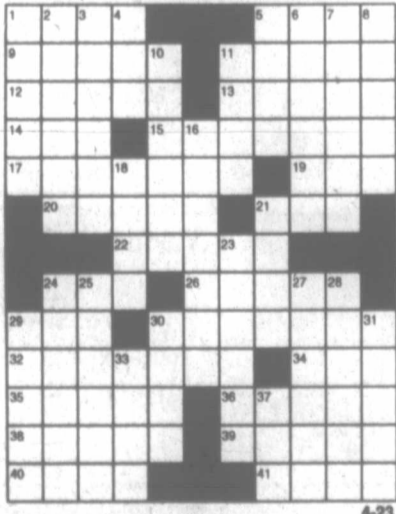
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 - 35 Spoken
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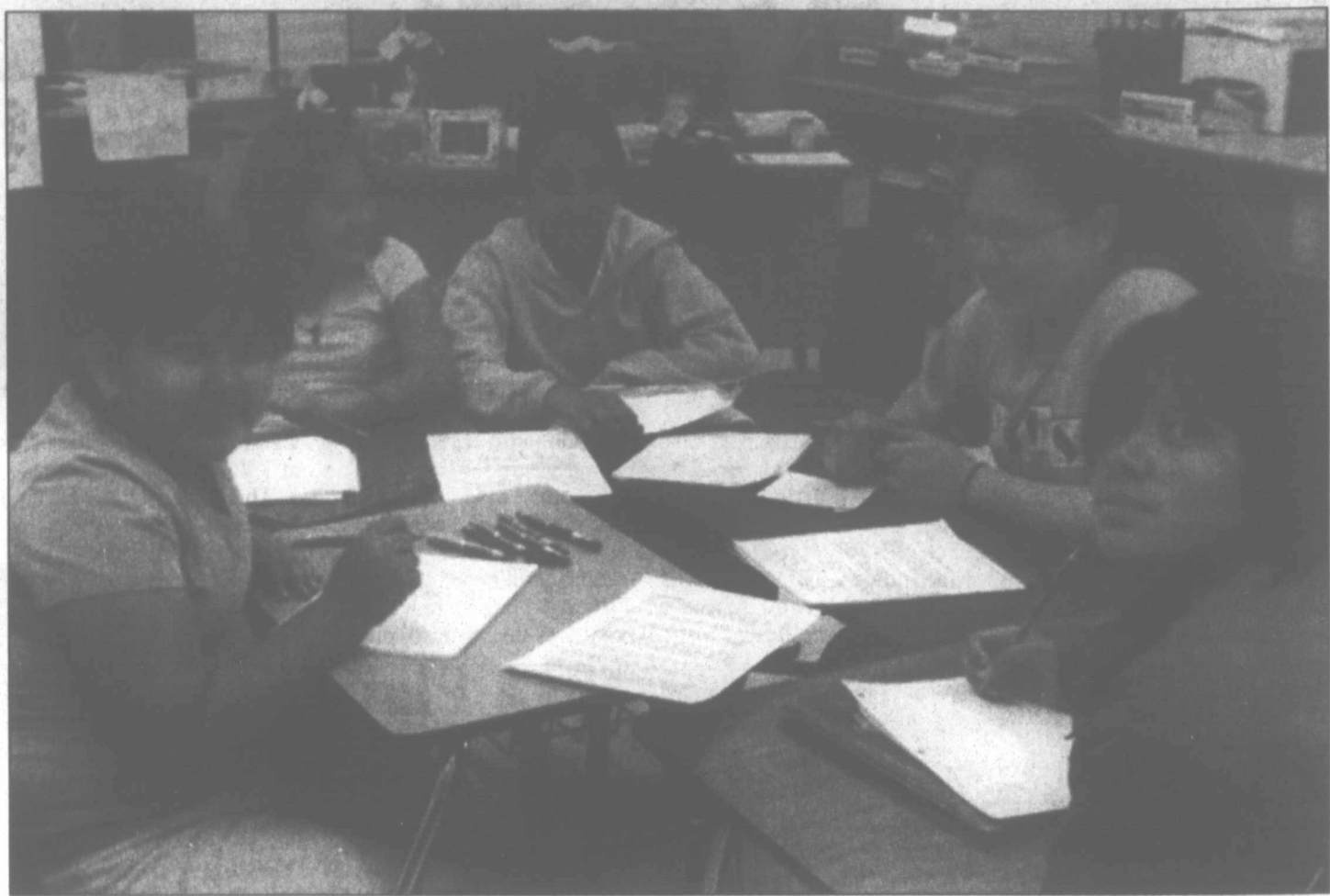
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Bryanna Espinoza, from left, Yesenia Hernandez, Marieli Sanchez, Clarissa Salazar and Monica Rodas are enrolled as ELL students at Pampa Junior High School. They have all been assigned to pen essays about the importance of Cinco De Mayo to them for the Cinco De Mayo Celebration slated from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 6 on the front lawn of Pampa High School. For more information about the upcoming celebration, call Janet Hancock of PHS at 669-4800.

Trained bear gave off no reasons for deadly attack

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP)—The grizzly bear that wrestled Will Ferrell's character in the recent film "Semi-Pro" seemed to obediently follow cues — which made its killing of its trainer with a bite to the neck all the more stunning.

Three experienced handlers were working with the grizzly Tuesday at the Predators in Action wild animal training center when the bear attacked Stephan Miller, 39, said San Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Beavers.

Stephan Miller is the cousin of training center owner Randy Miller, she said.

Pepper spray was used to subdue and contain the bear, and there were no other injuries, Beavers said. Paramedics arriving shortly after the initial emergency call around 3 p.m. were unable to revive Stephan Miller.

The state Department of Fish and Game and Occupational Safety and Health Administration were investigating the incident.

Fish and game spokesman Harry

Morse told the San Bernardino Sun Tuesday his department would not decide whether the bear will be euthanized because the attack occurred outside its jurisdiction during a training session on facility grounds.

Morse speculated that the county animal care officials may decide the bear's fate. A call placed early Wednesday to the county's Animal Care and Control Program was not answered.

Sheriff's Sgt. Dave Phelps said the bear was a 5-year-old male named Rocky. The Predators in Action Web site said Rocky is 7 1/2 feet tall and weighs 700 pounds.

The site, which was off-line early Wednesday due to overtaxed bandwidth, identified Rocky as the animal that appeared with Ferrell's character in the scene from "Semi-Pro." Randy Miller doubled for Ferrell in the bear wrestling match, according to the site.

Calls seeking comment from Randy Miller were not immediately returned

Tuesday evening.

The center, located in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, has two grizzlies, and also trains lions, tigers, leopards, cougars and wolves for uses ranging from film and TV to advertising and education.

In a February interview, Randy Miller called Rocky "the best working bear in the business," the San Bernardino Sun reported on its Web site Wednesday. But, the paper quoted him as saying, "If one of these animals gets a hold of your throat, you're finished."

Randy Miller has 25 years of experience training animals and his facility has had a perfect safety record, according to the site.

Randy Miller won a World Stunt Academy Award for his work wrestling tigers in the 2000 blockbuster "Gladiator" and performed stunts with his animals in films like "The Postman," "The Island of Dr. Moreau," and "The Last Samurai."

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU CANNOT DEPEND ON YOUR EYES WHEN YOUR IMAGINATION IS OUT OF FOCUS. — MARK TWAIN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 24, 2008:

This year, extremes dominate in what appears to be all-or-nothing in nearly all aspects of your life. Often you might be overwhelmed by what you need to accomplish, yet you still manage to do what is necessary. Travel, education and different types of thinking and lifestyles open up doors to your mind. What had been close to impossible could happen, as you see life from a totally different perspective. If you are single, you might be drawn to someone quite unique and different. Relating to this person will help you grow. If you are attached, schedule a special trip together where you can get away from it all. You will need these downtimes together to fortify your bond. SAGITTARIUS helps get down to the real issues, separating fluff from reality.

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)
 ★★★★★ The unexpected occurs. Listen to feedback and honor the source sharing an important evaluation. Sometimes you might not be right-on; other times you are. This person helps illuminate your path. Tonight: Opt for a new experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ True to form, you open a new door and change the color of a situation. Use your dynamic thinking. A partner will join in, which might not be exactly what you anticipated. Your ability to flow comes forward. Tonight: Quality time with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Others run the show but in a

Events calendar

• **The deadline to enter the 2008 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant** will be 5 p.m., May 1. All entries must be received at the rodeo office by the deadline. For more information, call 669-0434, Pageant Director Gina Greenhouse at 665-6093 or e-mail totrodeo@gmail.com.

• **Amarillo Panhellenic** will host a mother/daughter rush information meeting at 3:30 p.m. April 27 at First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. The meeting is open to all area high school senior girls interested in learning about membership in college sororities. Rush packets and deadlines will be distributed. For more information, call (806) 335-6131.

• **Two meetings** on wind farm leases are scheduled at 2 p.m. April 29 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton and at 9 a.m. April 30 at the Memphis Community Center in Memphis. The meetings are being sponsored by North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation Development and Texas. One of the main presenters will be A l i a n Carmichael, co-author of a booklet titled "Wind Facts: A Landowners Guide." Topics will include wind development; wind options and energy leases; top 10 items to look for or include in a wind energy lease; wind farm facts; and generation and transmission issues. For more information, call 669-0312.

• **Historical Figures Born Today**
 American architect John R. Pope (1874), artist Willem de Kooning (1904), English novelist Anthony Trollope (1815)

• **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ As tempting as a risk might seem, a backfire is likely. Opt for the tried-and-true, even if you think it is boring. It will work far better than you realize. A child could act out in a seemingly irrational

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14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Replacement Windows, steel siding & trim. Continuous gutters. Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

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JACK'S Plumbing, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Plumbing, repairs, new constr., & septic sys.

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19 Situations

SITTING with the Elderly. Light housekeeping. 665-5114 or 440-2971.

21 Help Wanted

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GREAT opp. for single or retired couple, for 12 unit motel in Pampa. Lrg. apt. incl. 665-4274, 665-1875.

REAL Estate Co. needs maintenance man w/ own tools. Apply at 1347 Coffee, Mon-Fri., 8am-6pm, 665-4274, 665-1875.

MAINTENANCE Man needed, remodeling exp. for various properties. Painting, drywall & plumbing a must!! Must have own tools & trans. 665-1875, 665-4274.

TEXAS Rose Steakhouses is hiring Servers. Apply in person! No Phone Calls.

DRIVER Wanted. Local Transit Company has a driver position open. Applicant must have good driving record, stable work history, neat and clean in appearance. Must pass D.O.T. pre-employment drug screen and be acceptable to vehicle insurance company. Bi-lingual is a plus. General knowledge of surrounding areas is helpful. Apply in person at Panhandle Community Services, 411 N Cuyler, Pampa TX. M-F 8:00-5:00. Equal Opportunity Employer.

CRALL SHEET METAL WORKER needed to roll flat sheet into cylinders. Exp. preferred, will train right person, minor welding required. Apply at Crall Products 2930 Hwy. 152 West Pampa, TX 806-665-8446

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COODER'S Dixie Cafe now hiring for Wait Staff, full-time, 18 yrs. or older. Apply in person, 2219 Perryton Pkwy. No phone calls.

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