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## Commissioners convene

### Officials once again fail to act on dumping policy ...

By MARILYN POWERS  
The Pampa News

Gray County continues to be under a burn ban but free of policy concerning junk yards and rural dumping as a result of county commissioners' Tuesday meeting, which began at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

After discussion by commissioners and comments given by rural county resident Dale Roth, Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby asked that the policy issue again be deferred "in order to make sure we're not stepping on any toes with the new policy."

Willoughby proposed adopting policies concerning junk yards and rural dumping in a commissioners'

meeting earlier this year. Action on whether to implement the proposed policy has been deferred at least two previous times.

"I think it's a worthwhile cause," Roth said. "I support Gary in what he wants to do, but it's, to me, an infringement on my constitutional rights to do what I want to do. It's why I wanted to move out of Pampa - for more freedom."

Roth said the proposed policy sounds "like Big Brother" and that he would like the issue to be approached differently, using state environmental safety and health policies. County Judge Richard Peet pointed out that the proposed policy prepared by Willoughby and County Attorney Josh Seabourn was taken

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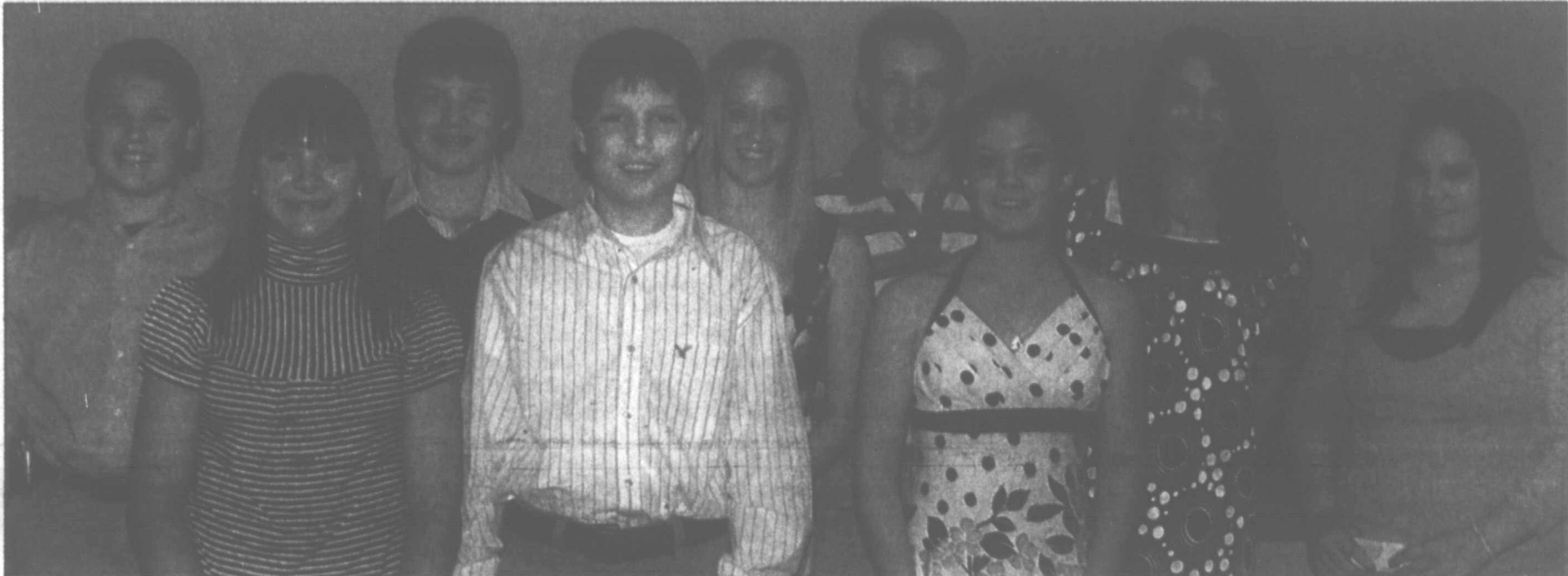
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**TOP:** Junior CASA volunteers who were recognized at a banquet Monday evening included, from left, Stephen Marszal, Megan Pirtle, Scott Kelly, Austin Hinkle, Kirsten Kuhn, Ryan Smith, ShaylieThompson, Autumn Chidester and Laci Hernandez. **BOTTOM:** Awarded the CASA Star for 2008 at the organization's annual volunteer banquet Monday night are, from right, Matt Martindale, Marilyn Powers and Jim Hash. Also pictured are, far left, Janet Watts, executive director of CASA of the High Plains, and Rolanda Coffee of Cattle Exchange Restaurant in Canadian.

## CASA Star bestowed upon three at banquet

By MARILYN POWERS  
The Pampa News

Three individuals received the CASA Star Award for 2008 at the annual CASA volunteer banquet Monday evening in the former Pampa Hardware building, downtown at the corner of Kingsmill and Cuyler streets.

Matt Martindale, a local attorney, received a Star Award for his work on the organization's board of directors and other volunteer CASA work. He also serves as an attorney ad litem for children who receive CASA services.

Jim Hash of Cattle Exchange Restaurant in Canadian received a Star Award for catering the annual banquet free of charge for a number of years.

Marilyn Powers of The Pampa News received a Star Award for her newspaper coverage of events in which CASA adult and junior volunteers have been involved.

Groups recognized at the banquet were adult and junior volunteers, members of the board of directors, members of the Friends of CASA board, founding members of the

Friends of CASA and donors to the banquet. Stephen Marszal received special recognition for having done the most fund-raising for the junior volunteers.

"Without volunteers, there would not be a CASA. We would not exist," said Ofelia Marszal, volunteer coordinator. The Pampa office boasts the first junior CASA volunteer program in the state of Texas. The junior volunteers presented a check for \$2,780.84 to the CASA board of directors at Tuesday night's banquet. The check represents donations collected by the junior volunteers as a result of various fund-raising activities including a dance, candle sales and participation in the community-wide garage sale last August.

CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, provides trained volunteers to act as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. The Pampa office is called CASA of the High Plains.

## Communication cut when line severed

By MARILYN POWERS  
The Pampa News

Accidental cutting of a trunk line between Panhandle and Pantex, near the site of the new overpass being built over Highway 60 at the Pantex turnoff, resulted in interruption of telephone and Internet service for many Texas Panhandle residents Tuesday afternoon. Pampa's 911 emergency service was

interrupted, and 911 calls were being routed to Dumas and Dalhart as of 2:10 p.m. The Gray County Office of Emergency Management instructed 911 callers in Pampa and Gray County to give information as to where and who they are. A number to call back and the nature and location of the emergency, said Public Information Officer Joe B. Hoard. Callers

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## More Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

### Sunday, April 13

Six traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Harvester Avenue and Bradley Drive, and the intersection of Hazel and Browning streets. Driving while intoxicated, first offense, was reported in connection with the accident at the intersection of Harvester and Bradley.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of Red Deer, the 1100 block of Mary Ellen, the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets, the 1000 block of Duncan, the 1800 block of North Sumner, the 2100 block of North Christy, the intersection of Love and Oklahoma streets, and the 1200 block of Duncan.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A civil matter was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets, and the 700 block of North Davis.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of Doucette.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2100 block of North Banks and the 1200 block of Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Bradley Drive, the 1100 block of South Dwight, the 900 block of Denver, the intersection of Lincoln and Wells streets, the 2400 block of Cherokee and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. The back windows of a 2007 Honda and a 1995 Ford van were broken out. Estimated cost of damage totals \$1,000.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2200 block of North Christy, the 600 block of North Dwight and the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Simple assault and a domestic disturbance were reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Three building checks were made. One open door was checked. One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Two 18-packs of beer worth a total value of \$26 were taken.

Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Malone. A .22 rifle was taken.

### Monday, April 14

Ten traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Foster and Gray streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 23rd and Duncan streets.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2800 block of Charles, the intersection of Brown and Hobart streets, the 100 block of East Harvester, and the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Kingsmill, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 900 block of East Fisher and the 100 block of West 30th.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of Thut, the 300 block of West Kingsmill, the 200 block of Henry, the 300 block of Miami, the 2400 block of Charles, the 2300 block of Primrose and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 900 block of East Frederic.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet and contents, including \$600 in cash, was lost.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of Bradley Drive and the 1000 block of Sierra.

A runaway was reported in the 1900 block of Charles.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2800 block of Charles, the intersection of Kentucky and Christine streets, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1300 block of North Banks and the 1800 block of Hamilton.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 600 block of North Christy and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Hughes. Seven windows worth an estimated combined value of \$1,000 were broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Violation of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault by threat was reported in the 600 block of East Craven. The incident involved verbal abuse.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1100 block of North Christine and the 2600 block of North Hobart.

One business check was made.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Two 30-packs of beer worth a total estimated value of \$48 were taken.

Theft was reported at Taco Bell, 1002 N. Hobart. An estimated \$400 in cash was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight. A television valued at \$1,600 was taken from a residence.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 300 block of Sunset.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Christine. A wallet, \$408 in cash, a checkbook, a debit card, a Social Security card and a driver's license were taken from a 2003 Chevy Tahoe. Lottery tickets and three packs of cigarettes were taken from a 1997 Buick.

### Tuesday, April 15

Four traffic stops were made. A stop at the intersection of Brown and Cuyler streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of East Browning and the 1000 block of Huff Road. At least one arrest was made in connection with the call from the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1800 block of Holly.

Prowlers were reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive and twice in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

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

### Monday, April 14

Willie Lee Butler III, 23, of Hazelwood, Mo., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Latasha Renea Velasquez, 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West Foster by Pampa Police Department for theft of property over \$20 and under \$500 by check.

James Kevin Waddell, 41, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

### Tuesday, April 15

Curtis Lee Wine Jr., 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Huff Road by PPD for unlawful restraint and assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Kristina Diane Wood, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Cuyler by PPD on a fugitive warrant.

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

### Tuesday, April 15

8:45 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Gwendolyn to a downed powerline.

9:54 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 400 block of Hughes on a fire investigation.

10:45 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a medical call.

11:35 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Faulkner on a call for medical assistance.

9:21 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza for a LifeStar helicopter standby.

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from the same state policy Roth had cited.

"I think I'm most concerned about the county right-of-ways, the stuff dumped

there," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "We need some type of teeth to take care of illegal dumping."

"There are health problems to be considered, like West Nile virus," Peet said.

A plan for repairing County Road 12 1/2 was developed at Tuesday's meeting. The road is a paved road off Highway 60 east of Pampa which services the industrial park that includes Halliburton, Schwan's and CTW Brake Rims.

The relatively high volume of heavy vehicle traffic is believed to have caused the amount of damage currently on the road.

"Halliburton is running 30 trucks a day in and out," Willoughby said. The road is located in his precinct. "CTW and Schwan's are also very busy."

Willoughby has been doing piecemeal repairs to the road, but recommended starting over.

"There has been no major money spent on this road," he said. "All we've done is patch potholes. I have an estimate now of \$54,000 just to patch potholes."

Halliburton has offered to provide \$30,000 worth of Portland cement to use in rebuilding the county road, Willoughby said. The cement is mixed with other ingredients to form a stable road base topped by black-top paving.

Cost of rebuilding the road is estimated at \$121,400, Willoughby said. Precinct 2 has \$64,000 in its budget for road maintenance, of which \$50,000 could be applied to County Road 12 1/2, he said.

"I need another \$80,000 to do it," he said.

A contractor will be needed to do at least some of the work because Precinct 2 employees have never built a road using Portland cement, Willoughby said.

An emergency budget amendment would be required to allow the county to transfer the approximately \$80,000 into the Precinct 2 road repair fund. The legality of such a step will be researched before the transfer is completed.

Provided that the transfer is allowed, an engineering drawing of the road will be done and bids will then be sought for completing the road.

Kenneth Corse of the Pampa office of Texas Department of Transportation received commissioners' approval to proceed with work on five bridges in Gray County.

Four of the five are box culverts and will be located on the Johnson Ranch Road, Seminole Road and two on Vernon Road. A fifth, Boydston Road, is a different type of bridge, he said.

Commissioners voted to allow drag races June 15 at Perry LeFors Airport during the annual Burnin' the Bricks weekend.

A resolution supporting expedited development of competitive renewable energy zones in West Texas was passed by commissioners.

"We received a request from the state to act on this resolution in support of renewable energy resources, especially wind energy, to support transmission lines for electricity generated by wind farms," Peet said.

Commissioners also approved 223rd District Judge Lee Waters' request to replace an employee, renewal of a contract with Thomson West for the county's law library, wording of a policy change which prorates county employees' health insurance benefits when employees take time off without pay, and the county clerk's report.

Payment of bills totaling \$190,857.46 and salaries of \$236,169.94 was approved.

## Bruce Springsteen endorses Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rock star Bruce Springsteen endorsed Democratic Sen. Barack Obama for president Wednesday, saying "he speaks to the America I've envisioned in my music for the past 35 years."

In a letter addressed to friends and fans posted his Web site, Springsteen said he believes Obama is the best candidate to undo "the terrible damage done over the past eight years."

"He has the depth, the reflectiveness, and the resilience to be our next president," the letter said. "He speaks to the America I've envisioned in my music for the past 35 years, a generous nation with a citizenry willing to tackle nuanced

and complex problems, a country that's interested in its collective destiny and in the potential of its gathered spirit. A place where '...nobody crowds you, and nobody goes it alone.'"

The bard of New Jersey is known for his lyrics about the struggles of working-class Americans, particularly in the economically ravaged factory towns of the Northeast.

Springsteen and his E Street band were part of the Vote for Change tour, a coalition of musicians opposed to the re-election of President Bush in 2004. He wrote the anti-war ballad "Devils and Dust" about Iraq.

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were reminded to include the city in the location, since calls were being handled by emergency services operators in another town.

Problems with telephone and Internet service were first noted at about 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Phone service was spotty, and some local and long distance calls could not be completed. Internet access was also interrupted. Some cell phone users reported problems with cell phone service.

Other cities affected by the service interruption included Canadian, Wheeler, Miami, Shamrock and Borger, according to a Gray County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

Local 911 service was restored between 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, according to a Pampa Police Department spokeswoman. Other telephone service and Internet access was also restored to many local residents at that time.

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# Viewpoints

## Congressional Dems and the *other* insurgents

There must have been times when Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker thought they were back in embattled Sadr City when they so recently faced Democrats on Capitol Hill — no Iraqi insurgents or al Sadr militiamen could have been more hostile.

No wonder. The goals of the Democrats and both al Qaeda and al Sadr insurgents are the same — the defeat of the United States in the war in Iraq.

From the opening statement by Sen. Carl Levin — a vitriolic tirade against the war — to the less vehement but equally unfriendly statements by the Clinton woman and her rival for their party's presidential nomination, Sen. Barack Obama, the

Democrats made no secret of their burning desire to see the United States humiliated by a defeat in Iraq.

Clinton derided the obvious fact that a hasty withdrawal from Iraq would be dangerously irresponsible, and refused to admit that the surge is working: "I think it could be fair to say that it might well be irresponsible to continue the policy that has not produced the results that have been promised time and time again at such tremendous cost," she told Petraeus, blithely ignoring the continuing successes of his strategy.

Let's just get out and to hell with the consequences was the gist of what she said.

Obama defined success in Iraq as when "there's still

corruption, but the country is struggling along, but it's not a threat to its neighbors and it's not an al Qaeda base," while failing to recognize that the near-immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces would create a nightmare situation in the entire region.

As Jacob Laksin wrote in FrontPageMagazine.com on April 10 (Petraeus vs. The Party of Defeat): "In the end, neither Democratic candidate gave any indication that they understand the stakes in Iraq. Nor was there any evidence that they — or anyone else in their party — would be

willing to make the necessary if unpopular decisions needed for success."

Laksin noted that Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman had described

the Democrats' attitude as "hear no progress in Iraq, see no progress in Iraq, and most of all, speak of no progress in Iraq."

He could have added that his former party had reversed Gen. Douglas McArthur's declaration that there is no substitute for victory to read, "There is no substitute for your country's defeat when you want to win elections."

Although targeted from the outset, both Petraeus and Crocker managed manfully to withstand the often nasty implications inherent in the Democrats' questioning. Petraeus even treated Mrs. Clinton as if she were a lady, despite the fact that the last time he came to the Hill to talk about the situation in Iraq she all but called him a liar before his appearance.

Frankly, I don't know how he sat there being so respectful of these people, when they are doing everything in their power to undermine what he's doing. They are also giving hope, not to our troops, but to the enemy which is trying to kill them.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller helped to set the tone for his Democratic colleagues

before the hearings when he accused his colleague, war hero Sen. John McCain, of what amounts to a war crime saying, "McCain was a fighter pilot who dropped laser-guided missiles from 35,000 feet. He was long gone when they hit. What happened when they [the missiles] get to the ground? He doesn't know. You have to care about the lives of people. McCain never gets into those issues."

Sen. Rockefeller was forced to apologize to McCain. He didn't explain how he, as chairman of the Senate

Intelligence Committee, did not know that when John McCain was flying missions over North

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**Michael Reagan**

Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, April 16, the 107th day of 2008. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, on April 16, 2007, in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

On this date:

In 1789, President-elect Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, President Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia.

In 1879, Saint Bernadette, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers, France.

In 1912, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.

In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed nearly 600 people.

In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were in the process of getting a divorce.

Ten years ago: Paula Jones announced she would ask an appeals court to reinstate her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton after it was thrown out by a federal judge. Tornadoes claimed 11 lives in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Five years ago: The Bush administration lowered the terror alert level from orange to yellow, saying the end of heavy fighting in Iraq has diminished the threat of terrorism in the United States. During a visit to a fighter jet factory in St. Louis, President Bush called for lifting economic sanctions against Iraq as commanders of both the U.S. military and the reconstruction effort prepared to move into the country.

*'Only the vanquished remember history.'*

— Marshall McLuhan  
Canadian communications theorist (1911-1980)

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## Greed at root of economic difficulties

If there is an honest way to get rich quick, I haven't found it. Of course, you might win a lottery or one of those super jackpots at a casino, but that is serendipity in spades. All of the people I know who are rich worked like coal miners at their chosen field. I've never hung out with the heirs of fortunes.

A man who had become a millionaire told me once, "Anybody can become millionaire, but to do it you have to think making money 24 hours a day, seven days a week." Well, that cut it for me, because I've always thought the world is so much more interesting than obsessing about money. There are a lot of beautiful things to see, interesting conversations to have and fascinating things to think about that have nothing to do with making money.

I've always preferred the Buddhist advice, which is that it is easier to limit one's desires than to make the money to satisfy them. I owe many pleasant hours lounging about the beach or in the woods to that advice.

Another bit of wisdom passed on by my Latin teacher, rest her lovely soul, was that the Romans believed a man becomes a slave to his possessions.

That's quite true. Stuff has to be acquired, maintained, stored, protected and often insured — all of which takes money, which, of course, means work. I have some stuff in my home to which I attach some sentimental value, but there is nothing in it that is really worth steal-

ing. I've never been a collector of anything except books, and then only books I wished to read. My furniture is probably best described as Early Thrift Store. My car is a six-cylinder 3-year-old. I carry one credit card and pay it off at the end of the month.

I used to dream of being able to pack one suitcase and walk out the door and leave everything else behind. Alas, with the family to provide for, I never achieved that level of mobility. It's not a bad goal to shoot for, though. Most of us, if we give our stuff an honest look, see it is sitting about collecting dust. You can wear only one pair of shoes at a time, one suit of clothes, drive one

car and eat a modest amount of food, no matter how much extra you can afford.

I'm not advocating poverty, mind you. Poverty is both hard and cruel. It means being unable to do things for people you love and care about. It means neglecting basic things like a good diet, health and even going to funerals. I worked for \$40 a week and less than that, and I much prefer more income. If it were up to me, I'd set the minimum wage at \$10 an hour.

The point of all this mear-dering is that the economic difficulties we find ourselves in are due squarely to greed. Too many people got caught up in the housing bubble and believed that real-estate prices would rise forever. The moneylenders weren't satisfied to make legitimate

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Houston Chronicle on the "subprime economic disaster":

David Frum, an author, former speechwriter for President Bush and an American Enterprise Institute resident scholar, made the case last month on the American Public Media radio that the recent meltdown in the subprime mortgage market is evidence that owning a home might not be the best thing for lower-income Americans.

Owning a home makes it hard for poorer people to move to find better jobs, Frum mused. He said maintenance expenses are too unpredictable

for the badly off. They can lose their shirts, he worried, if they can't make their mortgage payments, while a renter is merely evicted.

Then Frum pondered further: "Maybe we should also question the great American home ownership ideal for middle-class people as well."

What? These are sentiments that for decades have been so opposed to the prevailing wisdom that they rarely were uttered as part of reasonable public discourse. Public policy that encouraged home buying tended to follow that accepted line of thinking.

But with foreclosures mounting across the country according to Texas Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, January saw 14,698 foreclosure filings in Texas,

making this state third in the nation for failed mortgages that month there seems to be a sea change in thinking on the American Dream. Now everyone from real estate market analysts and think tank fellows to high-ranking government officials say they have doubts about whether promoting home ownership is a good idea for many Americans.

What a shame.

After all, the fundamental principles behind the concept have not changed that home ownership is good for families, strengthens local tax bases, improves neighborhoods and turns renters into community stakeholders.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** For most of my life, I have parted my hair on the right. I am now being told that men should part their hair on the left. Is there a correct side for men?

-- HARRY W., MORRO BAY, CALIF.

**DEAR HARRY:** I relayed your question to my hair design consultant, Bob Cox. According to Bob, people naturally have a cowlick (or "whorl") on one side of their scalp from which the hair growth pattern emerges. (Some people have two, although one is usually stronger than the other.) This is what determines which way the hair will naturally fall when it is parted. Bob went on to relate the story of a client who had recently been referred to him. The gentleman had been going to his former barber for 15 years, and for 15 years his hair had never been easy to manage. Over the last couple of years, the problem had become so bad that his wife had to help him part his hair in the morning. Bob took one look and realized the former barber had been parting the man's hair on the wrong side, which had been causing it to stick up. The problem was resolved with one appointment. If other men out there are having the same problem, this letter may be helpful.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently presented a research proposal. I did the best I could and was verbally attacked by my boss. She is often tactless and can at times be cruel. I tried to defend my research, but perhaps I did it too emphatically and went overboard, because my team member turned off my microphone and apologized to the boss. I understand some of the criticisms, but what bothered me was that other proposals were more flawed than ours, but were not attacked in a similar fashion. One thing led

to another, and I broke down in tears at the table. Luckily, the boss did not see it, but other team members did. Is showing emotion in public wrong? I tried to hold it in but couldn't. I was insulted and felt terrible for my team. Was crying unprofessional? Should I have run to the powder room to sob -- or would that have made it worse?

-- TEARY-EYED IN MALAYSIA

**DEAR TEARY-EYED:** To show emotion in public is human, as long as one does not have a complete meltdown. You lost control twice, the first time when your team member felt it necessary to turn off your microphone and offer apologies to your boss; the second, when you began crying. Excusing yourself and going to the restroom would have been more appropriate and professional than what you did at the meeting. Learn from it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am deeply patriotic and support our troops wholeheartedly. Because I am people-oriented, I try to go out of my way at my job (I am a hotel front desk clerk) to say nice things to people or do something for them. I often see government IDs on individuals (usually military) and I would like to say thanks -- but I don't know how. I don't know who's been overseas or not, and was wondering if you had any suggestions. I would just like to be able to say thanks without being intrusive and remain professional about it.

-- ELIZABETH IN ORLANDO

**DEAR ELIZABETH:** All you need to say is, "Thank you very much for your service to our country." The statement is direct, not at all intrusive and will be appreciated.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

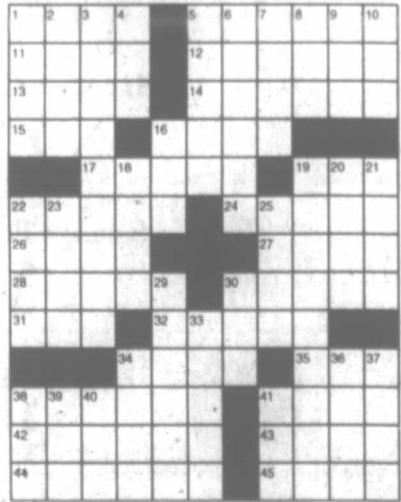
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# Sports

## 7-H Raiders basketball team brings home championship trophy

The 7-H Raiders third and fourth grade boys competed in the Jim Brinkley/Red Bell Memorial Basketball tournament in Panhandle this past weekend and came home with the first place championship trophy.

Their first court action put them against Randall Kyndan Lott and Adam Zuniga scored eight points each, followed by Colton Thompson with seven points. Cameron Copley added five points and Bryson Burrell put the game away with two points. The Raiders established a rhythm and went on to win 30-20.

In the next round, the Raiders met in Claude against the Pampa Shockers. Copley created several

defensive moves to help the Raiders pull away with the win. 7-H Cattle performed as a team with Zuniga and Copley scoring seven points each, Lott and Thompson added six point and Rhett Harden scored two points. The team won 28-18 as their teammate Jared Lake cheered them on from the sidelines.

7-H Cattle went on to play for the championship on Sunday against the Guymon Tigers for some old fashioned Texas vs. Oklahoma action. The Raiders cautiously traded baskets with the Tigers through the first half but began to gel in the second half and never looked back. They closed the game with a solid 22-7 win.



Courtesy Photo

The 7-H Raiders competed in the Jim Brinkley/Red Bell Memorial Basketball tournament last weekend and brought home a championship trophy. Back row: Coach Roy Lott, Bryson Burrell, Kyndan Lott, Colton Thompson and Cameron Copley. Front row: Rhett Harden, Jared Lake and Adam Zuniga.

## Ducks back in series after 4-2 win over Stars

DALLAS (AP) — For the first time since moving to Dallas 15 years ago, the Stars came home with a 2-0 playoff series lead.

Too bad they don't know how to take advantage of being on home ice in the postseason, and gave defending Stanley Cup champion Anaheim new life in the first-round Western Conference series.

Ducks captain Chris Pronger scored twice on power plays after an assist on their first goal as Anaheim built an early four-goal lead and held on for a 4-2 victory Tuesday night to avoid a nearly insurmountable deficit.

"We looked jittery and made some uncharacteristic mistakes," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "The reality check came in tonight about how hard this series is going to be."

It was the seventh loss in the past eight home playoff games for Dallas, first-round flops in each of the past three postseasons.

While Dallas still leads the series, the Ducks accomplished their goal after being outscored 9-2 in two home losses.

"There was pressure to play a good hockey game. We had to play our best game of the series and we did," Ducks coach Randy Carlyle said. "Are we going to have

to play better? For sure."

Game 4 is Thursday night in Dallas, with Game 5 the following night in Anaheim, Calif.

Anaheim scored three goals — on only four shots — in the first 14 1/2 minutes of Game 3. The Ducks led 4-0 after Pronger's second goal, a slap shot from the high slot on a 5-on-3 power play 5:34 into the second period.

"We knew we couldn't afford a weak start. We needed energy and a strong start," goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere said. "Fortunately, we were able to score and that made it a lot easier."

Giguere stopped 31 shots, four during a four-minute power play late in the third period after a double minor high stick call against Mathieu Schneider. That penalty came even after Carlyle called a timeout to regroup his squad after Stars captain Brenden Morrow scored two power-play goals 99 seconds apart.

"It wasn't an easy time to play," Carlyle said.

"Giggy made some great saves down the stretch," Pronger said. "They were gaining momentum."

Basically a nonfactor in the first two games, Pronger was already in the penalty box less than 3 minutes into the game Tuesday after a cross-checking penalty. But

the 15-season veteran in his 12th playoffs finally made a positive impact.

Tangling with Mattias Norstrom in the corner to the side of Dallas' net, Pronger forced a turnover that turned into an assist. Pronger passed to Travis Moen, who fed Todd Marchant for his first goal of the series — and a 1-0 lead less than 7 minutes in.

Anaheim already had a man advantage when Matt Niskanen got whistled for delay of game in the second period. Only 12 seconds into the 5-on-3, Pronger took a pass from Teemu Selanne and scored.

Pronger had made it 3-0 with 5:29 left in the first period when he took a centering pass from Todd Bertuzzi.

"It was nice to chip in," Pronger said. "We had a lot of guys step up and improve their efforts. It was better than it was in Anaheim, that's for sure. ... We realize the mistakes we made. We did a good job correcting those."

Only minutes after Anaheim's first goal, Norstrom made an even worse mistake from the same corner. His flippant pass was intercepted by Ryan Getzlaf, who pushed a backhand past Marty Turco for an unassisted goal and a 2-0 lead midway through the first period.

"I didn't make any big saves for us early. That's what it's going to take. We

had the better of the chances," said Turco, who stopped only 11 shots. "It's an unfortunate start."

The Stars didn't score until Morrow poked a puck past Giguere with 14:17 left. Dallas was quickly back on the power play, and Morrow knocked in a rebound when Mike Modano's shot bounced off the goalie and onto the stick of the Stars captain.

"There were 45 minutes where we played well," Morrow said. "We battled hard, outshot them and maybe outchanced them. The third period, we got some momentum and we'll look to use that on Thursday."

Notes: Ducks RW Rob Niedermayer missed the game because of an apparent concussion sustained in Game 2. Niedermayer didn't travel to Dallas, and instead remained home after complaining of concussion-like symptoms. It wasn't clear if Niedermayer would join the team for Game 4 on Thursday night, or his status for the remainder of the series. ... Dallas has multiple power-play goals in all three games of the series. ... Anaheim is trying to become the first defending Stanley Cup champion since Colorado in 2002 to get past the first round in the playoffs.

## With a wounded left knee, Woods has surgery and sits

The U.S. Open figured to be the closest to a sure thing for Tiger Woods in the majors this year, but maybe not anymore.

Two days after his quest for a Grand Slam fizzled at the Masters, Woods had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee for the second time in five years and will miss at least four weeks while he recovers.

The announcement, which Woods made Tuesday night on his Web site, was a surprise to everyone except those around him.

"He's been having a lot of trouble," swing coach Hank Haney said. "He doesn't talk about stuff like that. He doesn't want to use excuses, you know? I don't think it affected his play. It affected his practice a little bit."

The surgery was performed in Park City, Utah, by Thomas Rosenberg, who also operated on Woods' left knee in December 2002. Woods also had surgery in 1994 on his left knee to remove a benign tumor.

"I made the decision to

deal with the pain and schedule the surgery for after the Masters," Woods said on his Web site. "The upside is that I have been through this process before and know how

to handle it. I look forward to working through the rehabilitation process and getting back to action as quickly as I can."

But he will not be able to defend his title in two weeks at the Wachovia Championship. And he most likely will miss The Players Championship the week after, one of only three non-majors he has never missed since turning pro. Provided rehab goes as expected, Woods hopes to return at the Memorial on May 29.

The U.S. Open begins June 12 at Torrey Pines, where

Woods has won six times in the Buick Invitational. Such is his dominance on the cliffside course north of San Diego that when he opened with a 67 on the South

Course this year, a caddie standing behind the 18th green remarked, "He just won two tournaments with one round."

Indeed, Woods went on to an eight-shot victory in his 2008 debut, the first of four straight victories this year.

But it was not necessarily a pain-free affair.

"Tiger has been experiencing pain in his knee since the middle of last year, and when he had it looked at by his doctors, arthroscopic surgery was recommended," said Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent at IMG. "Tiger has played through the pain in the past, but knew it would be better for him to have the procedure done as early as

possible."

Steinberg said the surgery repaired cartilage damage. The 2002 surgery drained fluid from around the anterior cruciate ligament and removed a benign cyst.

Woods was limping and wincing toward the end of the '02 season, and it was not surprising to find out he had surgery that kept him out two months, most of that over the holidays.

This time, it only made sense upon reviewing the past nine months.

Woods stumbled and grimaced ever so slightly at Southern Hills last August in the PGA Championship, when he chipped in for birdie behind the eighth green in the final round and backpedaled for a fist pump. In the final two PGA Tour events, in Chicago and Atlanta, he occasionally would press his left foot against a cooler, presumably to stretch his knee.

But it sure didn't affect his golf, not even at the Masters, where he finished three shots behind Trevor Immelman.

**Texas Tech drops fifth straight**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Xavier Scruggs hit two home runs for UNLV, and Texas Tech left the tying run on third in the bottom of the ninth in a 9-8 loss late Tuesday.

The Red Raiders, who trailed by as many as six runs, scored two in the final inning but had their rally cut short when Willie Rueda grounded out with runners on second and third.

Texas Tech (17-20) has lost five straight while UNLV (15-19) avoided its own five-game slide with the win.

Texas Tech starter Lorenzo Douglas (2-1) gave up a grand slam to Michael Brenly in the first inning and didn't finish the second after allowing seven earned runs.

Rueda had four singles, scored once and drove in one before his groundout to first ended the game.

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Kevin Freis and Myles Foreman (above) placed third in district doubles last week while Jack Ware and Rachel Lee (below) placed third in district mixed doubles.



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## Harvester tennis team finishes season

By JULIE ANN THOMPSON  
The Pampa News

The Pampa Harvester tennis team finished their season last week with two teams in boys doubles and mixed doubles placing third in the district tournament.

"We had a good year," Coach Sarah Corse said.

This is Corse's first year at Pampa High School. She coached in Big Spring, a formal rival of Pampa's tennis team, before moving to Pampa to work with the tennis program. Corse said her goal is to bring back some team unity and the want to win.

"We used to be a winning team," Corse said. "The willingness I've seen in these kids is incredible. If you get the desire then there's your battle."

Results for the 3-4A District Tournament are as follows: For varsity in boys singles Landon Long lost to Townshed of Randall (6-4,6-0). Alex Clendenning defeated Clemmons of Randall (6-1,6-1) and lost to McElwain of Caprock (6-0,6-1).

In girls singles Megan Barnett lost to Cabello of Palo Duro (6-2,7-5). Sammi Finney lost to Keomoungkhoun of Randall (6-3,6-2).

In boys doubles Kevin Freis and Myles Foreman, who placed third, defeated Newton-Maldonado of Hereford (4-6,6-2,6-1), defeated DeShazo-Jurado of Dumas (7-5,6-3), lost to McKenzie-Davis of Randall (6-0,6-0 in playback) and lost to Wait-Chairez of Dumas (6-3,7-5 in playback).

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Garrett Coutts and Matt Kelley lost to Barnes-Minchev of Hereford (4-6,6-2,4-6).

In girls doubles, Ashley Hernandez and Katie O'Neal defeated Cross-Lindegreen of Caprock (6-2,6-3) and lost to Ragsdale-Jurado of Dumas (6-3,6-3).

Lauren Coutts and Holly Gage defeated Vongphranchanh-Montes of Palo Duro (6-2,6-0) and lost to Jimenez-Crunelle of Dumas (6-1,6-2).

In mixed doubles Jack Ware and Rachel Lee, who also placed third, defeated Sanchez-Layman of Hereford (6-4,6-4), lost to Moore-Wilhelm of Dumas (6-2,6-1), defeated Medina-Lint of Dumas (6-2,6-0 in playback) and lost to Martin-Kjerstad of Randall (1-6,6-3,7-5 in playback).

Kadin Barton and Alyssa Holeting defeated Wilkins-Ratsboud of Palo Duro (6-2,6-2) and lost to Medina-Lint of Dumas (6-4,2-6,0-6).

For JV in girls singles Nikki Yamashita, who placed first, defeated Bridge of Hereford (8-0), defeated Seth of Randall (8-1), defeated Ochoa of Hereford (8-4) and defeated Moser of Randall (6-4,6-2).

Olivia Chairez lost to Moser of Randall (8-2).

In girls doubles Mikayla Furguson and Savannah Smith, who placed first, defeated Kelly-Alvey of Pampa (8-0), defeated Arroyos-Marasco of Hereford (6-0,6-4) and defeated Good-Olsen of Randall (6-0,6-0).

Samantha Kelly and Payton Alvey defeated Rives-Guerrero of Hereford (8-3) and lost to Furguson-Smith of Pampa (8-0).

Emily Hart and Kimberly Curtis lost to Arroyos-Marasco of Hereford (8-1).

Robin Fernuik and Kaitlin Winegeart lost to Jones-Chivira of Hereford (8-5).

Hilary Acker and Kallie Marak defeated Long-Mountain of Randall (8-2) and lost to Good-Olsen of Randall (3-6,6-4,7).

In mixed doubles Dale Montgomery and Nichole Cox defeated Silva-Sengdara of Palo Duro (8-4) and lost to Medina-Flores of Dumas (6-1,6-0).

## Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble  
Hidden Hills  
Golf Course  
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1st Place (63)  
R. Stephens  
H. Wells  
J. Ashford  
C. Lacy

2nd Place (64)  
B. Hammer  
R. Covalt  
B. Allison  
B. Brandon

3rd Place (65)  
R. Harper

J. Mathis  
G. Owens  
D. Butter

4th Place (65)  
G. McCalee  
J. Hervey  
B. Millican  
D. Abbott

5th Place (66)  
T. Taylor  
C. Byrum  
B. Lyle  
C. Johnson

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B. Hammer (# 6)  
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## Olympic torch run has sparse Pakistani crowd

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Runners carried the Olympic flame around the outside of a sports stadium Wednesday — an invitation-only event in front of an elite, sparse crowd with heavy security to deter any anti-China protesters or terrorist attacks.

Clearly worried about the possibility that the high-profile ceremony might be disrupted, thousands of police aided by explosives-sniffing dogs stood guard as Pakistan's pro-China government ensured a trouble-free stop on the torch's global tour toward Beijing.

Televised live — the only way the general public could watch — the relay of Pakistani and Chinese torchbearers looked almost like a practice run as they jogged on access roads around the perimeter of Jinnah Stadium, Islamabad's main sports complex.

President Pervez Musharraf, fresh from a six-day trip to China, presented the Olympic flame to the first runner, then joined a raft of school children on reviewing stands.

"I would like the people of

China who are our closest friends to know that we stand with you and support you in this glorious event you host for the entire world," Musharraf said in an address.

Protests of China's human rights record have disrupted the torch's passage through Western cities, and Pakistan has gone to great lengths to avoid any repeat during the Olympic symbol's 22-hour stay here.

The original plans for carrying the torch along a nearly two-mile route from the white-marble Parliament in Pakistan's capital were changed.

Col. Baseer Haider, an army official helping organize the event, said the route was changed because of the "overall security environment" and the risk of bad weather. A violent hailstorm hit Islamabad on Tuesday, but the weather was fine Wednesday.

Police, many carrying guns, surrounded the stadium, where soldiers manned the main gate and checked vehicles with sniffer dogs. Only guests with invitation cards issued by the Pakistan Olympic Association were

being allowed in.

"There is absolutely no chance of any trouble, any protest against it," said event coordinator Mohammed Yahya from the Pakistan Olympic Association.

A plane carrying the torch from Oman landed at the military section of Islamabad airport amid tight security early Wednesday.

About 60 Pakistani athletes took turns carrying the torch on the grounds of the stadium. A display of folk music and dancing were scheduled afterward.

The Pakistan Olympic Association urged broadcasters using state TV coverage of the torch to avoid "negative comments" and make "no mention" of the conflict in Tibet.

Pakistan has strong and long-standing defense and economic links with China. Both are rivals of neighboring India.

The torch's stops in Kazakhstan, Russia, Argentina, Tanzania and Oman have been trouble-free.

However, rioting in two Pakistani cities in the past week has raised tension in a

country permanently on guard against attacks by Islamic militants based along its border with Afghanistan. Chinese workers were targeted in two deadly attacks last year.

"We have to take care that there is no infiltration by some elements who are bent on disrupting our understanding and great relationship," Musharraf said in China on Monday.

The turmoil over the torch relay and the growing international criticism of China's policies on Tibet and Darfur have turned the Beijing Olympic Games — which begin Aug. 8 — into one of the most contentious in recent history.

The flame travels on Thursday to India, home to nearly 100,000 Tibetan exiles including the Dalai Lama. Thousands of police have been deployed there to deter chaotic protests.

Associated Press writer Zarah Khan and Gavin Rabinowitz in New Delhi contributed to this report.

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## Simple machines

Renee Baggerman, from left, Kelly Talor, Brittany Weatherford and teacher, Larry Hannah, during class at Pampa Junior High School. The students recently learned about simple machines and were treated to a demonstration of the pulley system.

## 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. The pageant will be staged Aug. 14-16 in conjunction with the 62nd annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. Information packets are available at the rodeo office, 200 N.

Ballard. For more information, call 669-0434, Pageant Director Gina Greenhouse at 665-6093 or e-mail totrodeo@gmail.com.  
 • **The Red Hat Society** of Pampa will meet at 11:30 a.m. April 17 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **The Pampa chapter of Ducks Unlimited** will stage a "ruffling of feathers" at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. April 18 at the local Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, call 662-0926.  
 • **"The Many Faces of Dementia: Nursing Care Challenges"** will be presented from 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. April 18 in the West

Campus Lecture Hall of Amarillo College in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The seminar will be worth 6.0 contact hours for nurses and 0.6 continuing education units for social workers and LPC. The speaker will be Marge Dean, nursing instructor and geriatric nurse at West Texas A&M University's College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Cost is \$25 per participant. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call (806) 651-3482.

## Reagan

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Vietnam there were no such things as laser guided missiles.

If we had listened to the defeatist Democrats there wouldn't be 175,000 trained Iraqi soldiers, 379,000 trained Iraqi police, 90,000 trained Sons of Iraq,

and you wouldn't have Maliki, a Shia leader, sending his military into Basra to fight Shia militias.

Instead, al Sadr would be running Iraq with the help of Iran, and bin Laden would be using Iraq as a training base for al Qaeda.

—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.

## Reese

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loans and started lending money that they had to know people would not be able to pay back. The financiers bundled all this paper and traded it as if it were solid gold. People maxed out their credit cards, some even by buying China-made junk. Lawyers and doctors hiked their fees and built mansions. Banks built the castles. Look at any city skyline, and chances are the tallest buildings are banks, which deal in nothing but paper.

Chatter heads and politicians talk incessantly about growth, which is impossible to maintain forever. Doesn't anyone value

a stable, steady economy? Greed breeds ostentation. The only reason in the world for somebody to pay \$10,000 for a pair of shoes or \$160,000 for a car is to show other people how wealthy he is. Many of the people who sell that overpriced stuff laugh at their customers behind their backs.

The basic laws of human behavior, which are the basic laws of economics, don't change. We have created an overextended, debt-strangled economy, and the rush is on to lobby the overextended, debt-strangled federal government to rescue people who don't deserve it. Looks like we're going to create the world of Charles Dickens all over again.

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

## Economy

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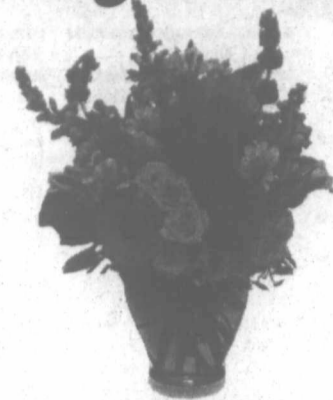
lectures about how they lack the wherewithal to own a home, but sound banking and lending practices that give credit-worthy consumers access to mortgages under terms allowing repayment over time at reasonable rates. The result of the current subprime mess should be an overhaul of irresponsible lending not putting the American Dream beyond the reach of responsible, hard-working families.  
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