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Gray voters buck state trend on amendments **By MARILYN POWERS**

Staff Writer Gray County voters bucked the trend in Tuesday's general election by saying no to three of the 16 propositions creating state constitutional amendments, all 16 of which passed in statewide balloting that

state and locally. The total number of ballots cast in Gray County was 1,240, or 8.4 percent. The total number of registered voters in the county is 14,764.

Proposition 15 is one of the three which Gray County voters did not

proposition requires the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizes issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer.

Statewide, Proposition 15 drew 61 drew low voter turnout across the percent of the vote, with 39 percent against it. Champion cyclist Lance Armstrong, a cancer survivor, was a supporter and spokesman of the proposition, along with a bipartisan team of politicians which included Gov. Rick Perry.

Proposition 4, which authorizes

for maintenance, improvement, repair and construction for state parks, historic sites, crime labs and other state projects and money for potential new prison construction, also failed in Gray County. Local voters were against it by a vote of 577 for versus 593 against.

State Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, detailed the planned expenditure of the \$1 billion on his Web site. The funds are to be distributed as follows:

• \$233 million for three new prison facilities if authorized by the

support by a majority vote. The issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds House and Senate, plus \$40 million to renovate existing prisons.

• \$200 million for new regional Department of Public Safety offices, a new crime lab and crime lab expansions, and an emergency vehicle operations course.

• \$25 million for repairs to the Battleship Texas and \$27 million for state park repairs.

• \$48 million for historic county courthouse renovations and other

historic sites. • \$71 million for repair and reno-

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Water Development Board hears PGWCD's Williams

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

AUSTIN -- The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District stood up for more public input during a Texas Water Development Board meeting this week in Austin.

C.E. Williams, general manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, voiced his district board's opposition here to proposed changes in the Texas Administrative Code that Williams said are in conflict with the Texas Water Code.

The proposed changes would require Groundwater Management Areas plans for Desired Future Conditions of local aquifers to reflect only the Texas Water Board's recommendation and ignore public hearing input.

Williams said the Texas Water Code requires Groundwater Management Areas to revise their Desired Future Conditions after an initial appeals hearing in accordance with Texas Water Development Board recommendations. The Groundwater Management Areas must then hold local hearings to solicit public comment on the amended Desired Future Conditions.

"The statute then requires the Groundwater Management Areas to consider both public and TWDB comments and revise the DFC once again," Williams said.

Under the rules that the Texas Water Development Board is proposing, Williams said, the Groundwater Management Areas would reflect only the Texas Water Development Board's recommendations and disregard public comments from the Groundwater Management Area local hear-

"This is not what's stated in the statute," Williams said.

He said that the Desired Future Conditions plan must substantially reflect the state water board's recommendations only before the local Groundwater Management Area hearings. After the local hearings, the Groundwater Management Area boards must consider both the water board's recommendations and the public's recommendations.

The Texas Water Code, Williams said, requires Groundwater Management Areas to submit their Desired Future Conditions determinations to the Texas Development Board for review, not review and approval. The Texas Water Development Board can and does review and approve other local actions, such as district and

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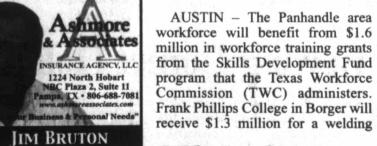
Rehearsal



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Callin Burleson, a first grade student from Travis Elementary, sings a solo this morning during the rehearsal for the school's annual Veterans Day program. The event will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at M.K. Brown Auditorium and is free to attend.

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and safety center.

In addition, Frank Phillips College will partner with the High Plains Dairy Council and Hilmar Cheese Co. for a \$295,686 job-training grant to be used to create 420 jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will earn an average hourly wage of

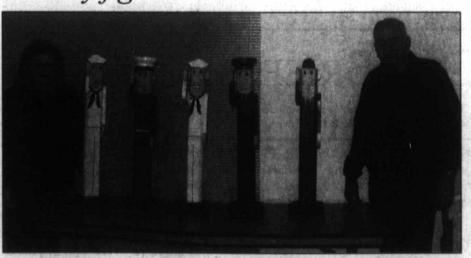
"The expansion of welding training at Frank Phillips College will provide high-demand, skilled workers to Panhandle-area employers," said state Sen. Kel Seliger. "The Skills Development Fund supports important training and a stronger

Texas workforce."

"The Skills Development Fund is a great example of how a public-private partnership should work," said state Rep. Warren Chisum. "The companies work with Frank Phillips

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Military figures



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Judy and Andy Anderson made wooden figures representing the U.S. Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army and donated them to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

Thornberry cosponsors bill to reform tax system

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry said today he has cosponsored "The Taxpayer Choice Act," a comprehensive tax reform bill to simplify the tax sys-

"It is ridiculous that due to Congressional inaction here we are in the eleventh month of the year and taxpayers still don't know the rules for filing their taxes," Thornberry said. "That is why I have cosponsored 'The Taxpayer Choice Act,' a comprehensive, individual income tax reform bill to simplify our tax system and give

families a real choice at tax time.'

The Taxpayer Choice Act would: · Eliminate the massive tax increase that will occur under the forthcoming expansion of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT)

· Provide individuals an alternative tax system that is fair, simple, and efficient (the "Simplified Tax").

"The Taxpayer Choice Act calls for no tax increases - as other AMT 'reform' options would do," "Above all, it Thornberry said. offers a choice: taxpayers can

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Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Westsouthwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Calm wind becoming south-southwest between 10 and 15 mph.

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Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ten traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Alarms were reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart and twice in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca.

Lost property, a white gold ring, was reported in the 600 block of North Cuyler, and in the police department

Thefts were reported in the 200 block of North Wells and two instances in the police department lobby, one of which was a stolen check book.

A domestic disturbance occurred in the 500 block of North Cuyler where a victim suffered injuries to the face and

911 hang-up calls came in from the 1700 block of North Christine and the 1000 block of South Farley.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of North Hill, the 1000 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of North Sumner and the 600 block of North Sumner.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of South Nelson. Disorderly conduct incidents were escape, fugitive from justice.

reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler and in the police department

Escort service was provided in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A gas drive off occurred in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Motorist assistance was provided in

the 500 block of South Cuyler. A burglary occurred in the 1200 block of Wilcox.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of Christine.

A prowler was seen in the 600 block of North Christy. A suspicious person was spotted at

the intersection of Brown and West. Gray County Sheriff's Office report-

ed the following arrests today. Wednesday, Nov. 7

Jesus Rene Torres, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation, theft of property.

Joseph Adam Wilson, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violation of

probation, possession of marijuana. Carl Wayne Dunn, 52, of Pampa was

arrested by Pampa Police Department for evading arrest, theft under \$50 and failure to appear. William Troglin, 42, of Newport,

Ariz., was arrested by GCSO for

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

Wednesday, Nov. 7 7:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded

to the 300 block of Tignor. 9:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Schneider. Call dis-

regarded en route.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. today.

7:46 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of

Tignor on a medical assist. 9:17 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of

Schneider on a medical assist. 11:25 a.m. — Two units and seven

personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a false alarm. 11:31 a.m. — Two units and seven

personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a false alarm.

2:22 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of North Dwight on a smoke odor investigation.

2:50 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of Garland on a carbon monoxide check.

'Cinderella' rehearsal



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Pampa High School Choir members rehearse for their play, Cinderella, that will be presented M.K. Brown Auditorium. From left are JaCee Villarreal, a stepsister; Diana Mechelay, a stepsister; Michael Fernuik, the prince; Brenna Albracht, the wicked stepmother; and Chandler Talley, Cinderella. Show times are 8 p.m. Nov. 16 and 17 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 18. Adult tickets are \$7 and students and children are \$5.

Nominations due for book award

AUSTIN, Texas Submit your nominations now for the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) prestigious T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award. The competition honors books based on original research that preserve, record and recount the prehistory or history of Texas. Books must be published

in 2007 (with a 2007 copy-

right) with a minimum print run of 200 copies. The THC will award up to three \$1,000 prizes at the 2008 Annual Historic Preservation Conference, May 1-3 in Corpus Christi. This award is named in honor of T.R. Fehrenbach, Texas historian and former THC chair. Fehrenbach is the author of 18 books, including Lone Star, the most widely read book about Texas history.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Dec. 31. For guidelines www.thc.state.tx.us or call 512/463-8886.

Stargazers enjoyed viewing Comet Holmes

By BOBBY SCHIFFMAN Special to the News

Approximately 60 astronomy enthusiasts braved the cool night air and came out to Coronado Center Saturday

night to enjoy a telescopic view of Comet Holmes and many other celestial wonders of the night sky.

Bill Edens with binoculars, Rosemary Schiffman

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with a Meade 8" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, Jim Rhodes (Amarillo Astronomy Club president) with a Meade 8" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, Cliff Gage with an Orion 12" reflector telescope, the author with a Hardin Optical 12" reflector telescope and Reagan Herman with an Obsession 20" reflector telescope guided participants through the night sky.

Participants from Pampa, Borger and Lefors viewed Comet Holmes and compared the comet to M57, The Ring Nebula in the constellation Lyra. Very early arrivals to the star party were planet Jupiter and its Galilean moons, which was setting fast in the southwestern sky.

Those who arrived after 11 p.m. were treated to views of the planet Mars rising in the east. Other night sky objects offered for viewing, as time and opportunity permitted, were planets Uranus and Neptune; M27, the Dumbbell Nebula in the constellation Vulpecula; and

Andromeda Galaxy.

Participants were told stories of a king and queen, a hero and heroine, a flying horse, a sea monster and a female Gorgon (Medusa) while descriptions were made of the constellations Cepheus, Casseopeia, Andromeda, Perseus, Pegasus and Cetus.

A flying swan, a soaring eagle, a musical harp, a Charioteer, seven sisters and a ram were pointed out in the constellations, Cygnus, Aquila, Lyra, Auriga, The Pleiades and Aries with their bright stars were seen. Deneb, tail of the Swan; Altair; Vega; Capella, the she goat and her kids; and Hamal in Aries were also pointed out to participants.

As the night, weeks and months pass, these and other celestial objects will fade from view in the west and allow room in the night sky for new objects to appear. Watch for announcements of opportunities to view these new objects in future star

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• \$32 million for deferred maintenance and asbestos abatement at state buildings.

• \$28 million for new construction at existing Texas Youth Commission facilities and to build one new facility.

• \$14 million for maintenance at various Texas National Guard facilities.

The third proposed amendment which drew Gray County voters' disapproval was Proposition 16, which earned 541 local favorable votes and 617 votes against it.

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Proposition 16 provides for issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board up to \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas.

The remaining 13 constitutional amendments, and their Gray County vote totals, are:

Proposition 1: For, 766; against, 398. Continues the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University in a change of governance of the university.

Proposition 2: For, 656; against, 522. Issues \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance student loans. Authorizes bond enhancement agreements for general obligation bonds

issued for that purpose.

Proposition 3: For, 722; against, 402. Authorizes the Legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is the lesser of these: The most recent market value of the home as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the home for the preceding tax year.

Proposition 5: For, 729; against, 427. Authorizes the Legislature to permit the voters of a municipality with a population under 10,000 to authorize its governing body to enter an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Allows the parties to agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is

made.

Proposition 6: For, 914; against, 279. Authorizes the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle that the owner uses in his or her occupation or profession and for personal activities.

Proposition 7: For, 914; against, 263. Allows governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property.

Proposition 8: For, 772; against, 389. Clarifies cer-

tain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds.

Proposition 9: For, 956; against, 228. Authorizes the Legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizes a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled.

Proposition 10: For, 968; against, 206. Abolishes the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals.

Proposition 11: For, 911; against, 256. Requires that a recorded vote be taken by a house of the Legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills and ceremonial resolutions, and provides for public access to those recorded votes on the Internet.

Proposition 12: For, 596; against, 573. Provides for the issuance of up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission for highway improvement projects.

Proposition 13: For, 953; against, 240. Authorizes the denial of bail to someone who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case.

Proposition 14: For, 808; against, 372. Permits a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of his or her current term.

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regional water plans, but the Desired Future Conditions legal process allows the Texas Water Development Board to review, not approve the Groundwater Management Areas final Desired Future Conditions after local public hearings.

"The addition of the word 'approval," Williams said, "shifts groundwater management in Texas from groundwater districts to state control, which exceeds the statutory authority. Such a major change in water law should not be made through administrative rules."

Williams' comments were echoed by seven other water district managers or attorneys representing groundwater conservation districts. A like number of other groundwater conservation district officials attending the hearing indi-

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Rep. David Swinford.

"Businesses, workers and

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cated they planned to submit written comments supporting Williams' contentions.

As it stands now, Groundwater Management Areas are required to determine the Desired Future Condition of aquifers in their areas. Once the local Groundwater Management Area boards do that, they forward that information to the Texas Water Development Board. When it reaches the Texas Water Development Board, it can be challenged.

The Texas Water
Development Board will
review the Desired Future
Conditions decision of the
Groundwater Management
Area and return it to the
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reconsideration.

The local Groundwater
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aquifers. They face a deadline of 2010.
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Groundwater Management Area in the Panhandle, **GMA** 1, includes the White Deerbased Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the Canadianbased Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, the Dumas-based North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and parts of the Lubbock-based High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

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choose the new, simplified system or stay with the current tax code – whichever option suits them.

"The new majority in Congress passed a budget, which I opposed, that would raise taxes by an estimated \$2.7 trillion – more than \$2,000 per household annually," Thornberry said. "Most unfairly, close to 30

million American taxpayers, including over 28,000 in District 13, are still unprotected from the AMT. When Republicans were in the majority, we acted early each year to protect taxpayers from the 'bracket creep' caused by the fact that the AMT is not indexed for inflation. Every day the new Majority delays passing an AMT fix means a delay in processing tax refunds for as many as 50 million hardworking taxpayers."

The Alternative Minimum Tax [AMT] was designed in 1969 as a mandatory add-on to the existing tax code. It was aimed at preventing 155 wealthy taxpayers from exploiting loopholes in the tax code to escape legitimate tax obligations.

But because it was never indexed for inflation, the AMT in 2008 will subject close to 30 million more taxpayers to an automatic tax increase, Thornberry said.

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Viewpoints

Leave the falling to some other season

Don't fall into fall, har-har ... OK, my sense of humor is no doubt skewed, but I recently received an electronic press release from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons titled "Step Up to a Fall Free Autumn," so I can be forgiven my little funny, can't I?

Actually, it is quite funny. A co-worker (and dear friend) advised me earlier this week that if she was walking in a peculiar way it was for a good reason. She explained that she'd fallen at home in an effort to avoid stepping on her dog.

I sort of could commiserate. This past weekend I attempted to back down onto a small step-stool in the kitchen and in the process nicked the corner of my face near my left eyebrow on the

edge of the kitchen counter. And the correlation between the two incidents? Both were dog-related, of

I was only scrunching myself down onto the stepstool in the first place to get on a more cozy footing with my two dogs. They were prancing around me demanding attention, and I frequently perch on the kitchen stool to pet and praise them.

Though not dog-related, the following safety tips were copied and pasted verbatim from the academy erelease and are suggested in warding against LADDERrelated falls:

• Select the most appropriate ladder for the job. For example, if you are working inside your home, choose a

stepstool or small utility ladder - a size for working at low or medium heights. When you are working outside and need to reach your gutter, an extension ladder is most likely your best choice. Check your ladder's maximum load

capacity to Skyla ensure that **Bryant** you, your equipment **News Editor** and sup-

plies do not exceed the weight specifications for the

ladder. Inspect the ladder. Check the ladder for any loose screws, hinges or rungs that might not have been fixed from its last use. Clean off any oil, dirt, or other sub-

stance that could be slippery. · Properly position the ladder. Ladders should always be placed on a firm, level surface. Watch for spots on the ground or floor that are uneven, soft or slippery. Always engage the ladder locks or braces before climbing. If working out-

side, make sure the ladder, when extended, will not hit electrical wires, tree limbs or any

other obstructions.

· Remember the 'one-tofour rule': The bottom of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall for every four feet that the ladder rises. For example, if the ladder touches the wall 16 feet above the ground, the base of the ladder should be four

feet from the wall. If you are climbing onto a roof, the ladder should extend at least three feet higher than the edge of the rooftop. Additionally, the upper and lower sections of an extension ladder should overlap to provide stability.

 Wear proper footwear. Make sure your shoelaces are tied and the soles of your shoes have good traction, and are free of any debris or greasy, oily or wet substances. Do not wear leathersoled shoes, as they are slip-

· Do not over-reach. Overreaching or leaning too far to one side can make you lose your balance and fall. Instead, climb down the ladder, move it and climb back up again.

· Be careful when climb-

ing. Ask someone to hold the ladder to provide stability while you climb up and down. Stay in the center of the ladder as you climb, and always hold the side rails with both hands. Also, make sure that only one person climbs the ladder at a time.

· Move materials with caution. If you need to move large items or equipment while on the ladder, do so slowly and carefully. Moving heavy items suddenly can cause you to be thrown off-balance and fall.

· Do not use a ladder as a seat between tasks. You might want to take a break from your chores, but never use the top step or pail shelf as a seat - not even on a stepladder.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2007. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

On this date:

In 1837, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, a college exclusively for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass. In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

'Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling."

> — Margaret Lee Runbeck American author (1905-1956)

In 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.

In 1942, Operation Torch, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

1960, In Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated

Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency In 1966, Republican candidate Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California, defeating Democratic incumbent Pat

In 1966, Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., became the first black candidate to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war

In 1988, Vice President George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Ten years ago: Chinese engineers diverted the Yangtze River to make way for the Three Gorges Dam, the most ambitious construction project in modern China's history. Evander Holyfield won the IBF heavyweight title in a fierce fight against Michael Moorer in Las Vegas.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved Resolution 1441, which gave weapons inspectors the muscle they needed to hunt for illicit weapons in Iraq. President Bush said the new resolution presented the Iraqi regime "with a final test."



Mail merge using Microsoft Word, part 2

Last week, I began a lesson in Mail Merge using Microsoft Word. If you missed it, you can find it your newspaper's Web site my own: http://www.EricSpellmann.c

Ready? Let's start where we left off. Make sure you have the "Donor Letter Main" document on your screen. Also, make sure you have the Mail Merge Task Pane open (Pull down the TOOLS menu and choose "Letters and Mailings" and

then "Mail Merge Wizard"). Create a Data Source Step 3 (Select Recipients) is where people tend to get a bit confused. It's totally understandable, considering some of the language

Microsoft uses. You have three choices: "Use an Existing List,"

"Select from Outlook contacts" and "Type a new list." If your data already exists (Use an existing list), you can simply have Microsoft Word link to it.

knows Eric how Spellmann access a variety of Columnist file types including

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d Base,

Access, Excel, FoxPro, WordPerfect and Outlook. For the purposes of this example, though, I am going to assume the data does NOT exist. What we're going to do is create the data that will be merged with our donation letter.

Click the "Type a new list" button on the Task Pane and then hit the blue "Create" link below.

A new window opens, labeled "New Address List." It's already populated with a number of common fields, such as name, address, city, etc. But, you will also notice

place to store

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that it is missing the amount. Click then "Add"

to put it in. Using the "Move Down" button, position this field at the end of the list. Also, delete the fields we don't need, such as Country, Home Phone, Work Phone, e-mail address, address 2, etc. When the list of fields is perfect, hit OK.

Let's hold off on adding records and just close this window. Word will now ask you to save your data source. I know, I know, you haven't created any data yet. Humor it, and give it a name like, "Donor Letter Data." Look back over at the Task Pane and choose Recipients." A window will appear showing your "recipients." Of course, it is empty, but we are about to remedy that.

Click the "Edit" button at the bottom. A data entry window will appear, allowing you to enter as many donor addresses as you want. Enter three or four records. When you're done, hit the Cancel button and then OK.

Well, we've got our main document and we've created our data source. Now, we need to replace our pseudofields with the actual Word

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Oct. 29 El Paso Times on shield laws:

On Oct. 16, members of the U.S. House of Representatives gave resounding approval to HR 2102, the Free Flow of Information Act.

The vote was 398-21 in favor of the measure that would set ground rules delineating when reporters can be protected from revealing the identities of confidential sources in federal court.

Earlier, on Oct. 4, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved S. 2035, a similar bill.

Now it's up to senators to vote for

this bill when it's brought up to the full

Senate. Texas' two Republican senators need

to get behind this bill, but that hasn't happened yet. Sen. John Cornyn is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and was one of the bipartisan majority who voted for it. But shortly after his affirmative committee vote, Cornyn told about 200 people at the Society of Professional Journalists 2007 Convention and National Journalism Conference that help was needed in defining exactly who is a journalist.

A specific example given by his office was whether the definition of journalist would cover a blogger or someone who is operating a social networking site such as Facebook.

While his point is well-taken, it's

unlikely that a blogger or social networker would be involved in a situation where federal investigators would want to know about confidential sources.

And there is a definition of journalism in S. 2035: "The term 'journalism' means the regular gathering, preparing, collecting, photographing, recording, writing, editing, reporting, or publishing of news or information that concerns local, national, or international events or other matters of public interest for dissemination to the public."

Trying to narrow that definition could be detrimental to the practice and spirit of a shield law and could delay passage of a shield law indefinitely.

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A spokesman for Texas Sen. Kay



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'Great Pumpkin'

Ford Family Chiropractic in Pampa held a "Great Pumpkin" weight guessing contest. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Nathan Lester, winners Linda Hall and Caragan Niccum, and Dr. Mark W. Ford Jr. Each winner received a \$50 gas card.

Chesney, Underwood take top prizes at CMA awards

Kenny Chesney and Carrie Underwood picked up where they left off last year at the Country Music Association Awards.

Chesney won his second straight entertainer of the year award Wednesday, while Underwood made it back-to-back trophies as female vocalist of the year.

"God has blessed me with so many wonderful things," said Underwood, the former

"If you told me a few years ago I had been nominated with the people I'm

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) have called you absolutely award at least once — this insane."

> Chesney, who also took the music association's top honor in 2004, was humble in his acceptance.

> "I can't believe that I get to stand on the stages that I stand on every summer and get to sing the songs that I sing," the star said. "I love country music and I love doing what I do."

Brad Paisley, who won in the male vocalist category, "American Idol" sensation teared up as he thanked his who also won single of the father, who he said carried year, for "Before He amplifiers and ran sound "even though he didn't know what he was doing."

the bottom. Highlight

FIRSTNAME, hit "More

will do," said Paisley, who also won music video for his hit "Online."

Earlier, Sugarland won vocal duo of the year, breaking Brooks & Dunn's longstanding lock on the award they had won the duo category 14 of the last 15 years, including the last six in a row.

"If we're standing up here, we have this lofty view because we're standing on the shoulders of giants who've come before us," said Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles.

The award for newcomer of the year went to 17-year-"I can't tell you what this old Taylor Swift. She gave a means to me to win this. I tearful speech in which she nominated with, I would always wanted to win this joked, "This is definitely the

highlight of my senior year."

Rascal Flatts won top vocal group, and George Strait took top album for "It Just Comes Natural." Strait's hit "Give It Away" won song of the year.

Other winners included Tracy Lawrence, featuring Tim McGraw and Chesney, for musical event for "Find Out Who Your Friends Are"; and Jerry Douglas of Union Station as musician of the

Hide inspector loses job

McMeans didn't do much in his unpaid role as Fort Bend County's hide and animal inspector, but he was still sad to see Texas voters remove the position from the state constitution.

Much has changed since the office was established in 1871 to help prevent cattle theft. The inspectors were charged with checking hides and animals shipped out of the county for sale, according to The Texas State Historical Association's Handbook of Texas Online.

On Tuesday, about 77 percent of voters approved abolishing the office. The measure was considered a housekeeping item, because the Texas Legislature stripped the position of its powers in 2003.

"It was an antiquated office, but it's part of our history that could be enjoyed," said McMeans,

DALLAS (AP) - Jeff who was first elected in 1990. "It was an appreciation of an era gone by. It's a changing of the guard."

Also opposed to the office's elimination was a government class at Austin Community College. The class championed a vote against the proposition, holding a rally at the Capitol and forming a Web site,

www.votenoprop10.org. Cathy Setzer, an adjunct government instructor, said the class wanted to draw attention to propositions.

ARE YOU A SAVER OR AN INVESTOR? LET'S TALK

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Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



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Merge

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Items" on the task pane, choose "First Name," and hit the INSERT button. Your FIRSTNAME will be replaced by the ACTUAL field. You can tell it's a field by single-clicking on it. It will turn grey. Replace your **Shield** other fields using the same steps. Two reminders: Don't forget the AMOUNT field Cont. from Page 4 and make sure you put appropriate spacing between

the fields.

Once you've inserted all of your merge fields, click "Next: Preview your letters" at the bottom of the task pane. You will see a "sample letter" with the data filled in

Two options appear: "Print ..." and "Edit individual letters ..." If you hit the "Print ..." button, Microsoft Word will start merging the letters and send them straight to your printer. Choosing "Edit individual letters ..." will cause Word to create one document with a separate page for each completed merge. Click this option to see the final product of all your hard work.

Congratulations, you've done your first Mail Merge! But folks, it doesn't stop there. Next week, I'll share some mail-merging secrets I've learned over the years.

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Dear Abby.

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Anonymous in Arizona" (Sept. 7) was wondering how to explain to her future children that their father's brother was born a girl, particularly in childhood photos in which he appears as a girl. While most of your reply was sound -- especially how transgendered people are born in the wrong body (which I wish more people could understand) -- I disagree with your advice about the photo albums. As a transgendered man, I'd be mortified if I knew a photo of me in dresses and pigtails from my youth was included in a family album for my son to see. But I also know many transpeople who wouldn't mind at all. How we deal with our background is a personal and individual decision. Anonymous' brother-in-law "John" should be allowed to have a say in whether or not images of him as a child should be included. It would be reasonable for her husband to approach his brother privately and ask his feelings on the issue. If John doesn't mind childhood photos in an album, then great. If he does, however, then Anonymous should do her best to find ones of her husband only, or have the pictures cropped. - MICHIGAN **TRANSGUY**

DEAR MICHIGAN TRANSGUY: Thank you for your authoritative response. Anonymous was hesitant to discuss this sensitive issue with her brother-in-law or any other family member. Many readers agreed with you that the wisest course of action would be to talk to John for his input. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Although the subject is "something that is never mentioned," the writer's husband needs to sit down with his brother and discuss the matter. The fact that John is transgendered appears to be the elephant in the living room that no one wants to discuss. Surely John has anticipated these things from early on in his new life, and a psychiatrist most likely prepared

him for it before he even had the gender reassignment surgery. Ignoring it and acting like he's some sort of oddity that's not to be mentioned is probably the worst thing that could be done -- for everyone, including John. - SAN JOSE, CALIF., READ-

DEAR ABBY: Anonymous shouldn't be so sure that John doesn't know she knows. Most spouses discuss their childhoods with each other, and John probably assumes that his brother had told her about his history. At some point the children will ask more questions, as will adults. Most transpeople are open about their gender, and Anonymous can use the photo album as an opportunity to teach, as you stated, that John was always male. People need to hear this message, so that they, too, can understand. As with same-sex love, gender issues should be discussed matter-of-factly with children. - LIBBY IN ATLANTA

DEAR ABBY: To show respect and acceptance, she should ask John how he would handle such a conversation with her child. In addition, when her child asks about the apparent discrepancy in the photos, at what will inevitably be the most inappropriate moment (i.e. Thanksgiving dinner), she and John should be prepared rather than exchanging awkward glances. It takes communication to keep the dynamics of a family healthy. (Take it from someone who has a few skeletons in the closet!) - JENNY IN RENO

DEAR ABBY: I'm also a transman (born in a female body). It was refreshing to read such a sensible reply. Most often, we transgendered folk are treated as freaks even though it has been proven again and again that gender is determined by what is between your ears, not between your legs. -- MIKHAIL IN GRAND RAPIDS

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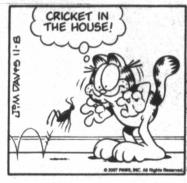
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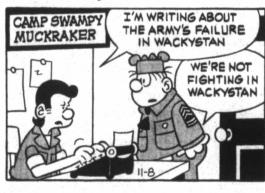
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



'Marshmallows would be good in your back pocket if you were ever spanked."

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Harvesters play last game tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Last week, the Pampa Harvesters (4-5, 1-3) tried to keep their playoff hopes alive with a win over Dumas, but were defeated in a close match on Harvester Field.

No longer in the running for the playoffs, Pampa will play their last game of the season tonight against Palo Duro at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Currently standing with a 5-4 record overall, the Harvesters can even out thier win-loss record with a win tonight.

"This week has been one that we talked about enjoying," head coach Andy Cavalier said, "We talked about the fact that completing any endeavor that has not turned out the way you wanted shows what is in your heart. Having this characteristic will be something that will have much more of an effect on our lives than any number of

Their last week of practice has been cut short due to the game being played on Thursday, much like the week prior to their trip to Lubbock to take on Estacado earlier in the sea-

Unlike the game against



Photo by RODGER SMITH

Senior receiver Michael Fernuik (80), stands ready before a play during last Friday's home game against the Dumas Demons. Fernuik received one pass Friday night for a total of seven yards.

Estacado, there are no thunderstorms in the forecast for Amarillo tonight, so the game should begin and end

as planned. Pampa's tonight, the Palo Duro Dons (3-6, 1-3), also no longer have a chance at the playoffs, and share their only district win against Caprock

with Pampa.

"Tonight's game is much more about us and our effort and execution than opponent do," Cavalier said, "We need to play and coach in this game like it is our first expectations were extremely high. If we do that, we

will have an opportunity to win. No matter what the outcome of the game is, if we compete in this manner, anything Palo Duro will we will walk off the field knowing we have finished what we started."

The Harvesters will take of the year, when our on the Dons at 7:30 tonight at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course Nov. 7, 2007

1st Place (61) Don Adams Nathan Lancaster Howard Musgrave Bob Lyle

2nd Place (63) Dick Dunham Travis Taylor Jerry South James Gray

3rd Place (64) Gerry McCabe Bob Swope Waldon Haynes Darrell Hinkle Bill Abernathy

4th Place (64) O.K. Lee Joe Magry Bill Hammer Duane Cash

Cloest to the Pin Howard Musgrave (#6) Tom Lindsey (#15)

Franchione gives other backs a chance in Goodson's absence

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Once Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione finished answering questions about his employment status this week, he was asked to explain why Mike Goodson missed the first half of Saturday's game at Oklahoma.

The explosive Goodson, A&M's third-leading rusher, rushed seven times for 28 yards and caught a pass for a loss in the second half of the Aggies' 42-14 loss in Norman. He spent the first half holding his helmet on the sideline.

"He missed practice time," Franchione said. "If you want to call that discipline, you can. It really wasn't that. He had some personal family issues. He kind of was a little bit behind on knowing the game plan."

Goodson did not attend Tuesday's weekly media availability, though several media outlets requested him for inter-

Los Angeles Angels admit they'd love Alex Rodriguez

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - While other teams play down their interest, the Los Angeles Angels admit they'd love to sign Alex Rodriguez.

The Angels had a meet-and-greet with A-Rod's agent. Scott Boras, at the general managers' meetings. The New York Mets also spoke with Boras but won't say whether they're in or out of the competition.

Tony Reagins, who just took over as the Angels' GM, had glowing words for A-Rod. 'We had an initial conversation with Scott, and it was introductory," he said Wednesday. "He probably makes any team that he's a part

of better." Reagins said if talks progressed, the Angels would welcome a chance to speak with Rodriguez. Reagins acknowledged marketing, as well as baseball skills, would play

a role in a decision to sign A-Rod. "In this day and age, I think that is a part

of it," he said. While the Mets have the cash to sign Rodriguez, they haven't committed to making an offer. Likely to win his third AL MVP award, Rodriguez is expected to sign a deal topping the record \$252 million, 10-year contract the Texas Rangers gave him before the 2001 season. Before A-Rod opted out of that agreement, Boras told the New York Yankees they had to offer \$350 million just

to get a meeting with the third baseman. Other possible destinations are thought to include the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers. All those teams say that

they're not interested at this point. On the next-to-last day of the four-day gethering, closer Brad Lidge was traded by the Houston Astros to the Philadelphia Phillies along with infielder Eric Bruntlett for speedy outfielder Michael Bourn, righthander Geoff Geary and minor league third baseman Mike Costanzo. Other big names in the news included Miguel Cabrera, Roger Clemens, Tom Glavine and Kenny Rogers.

The final day of the annual meetings, GMs were to discuss whether first- and third-base coaches should wear helmets. Mike Coolbaugh, a first-base coach for the Colorado Rockies' minor league team in Tulsa, was killed in July when he was struck on the head by a line drive during a game.

On Tuesday, each general manager stood up during their meeting and stated what their offseason goals were. Many mentioned specific players they were making available. The idea was suggested by Boston's Theo Epstein and Florida's Larry Beinfest, cochairs of this year's meeting.

"Usually it takes a while to be able to reach all 29 other teams and hear what they're trying to do. This increased our efficiency tremendously. It saves us all a lot of time," Epstein said. "Some teams were specific. Some were more guarded.'

The 30-year-old Lidge was 5-3 with 19 saves in 27 chances for the Astros last year after converting 32 of 38 opportunities in 2006. He lost his closer's job to Dan Wheeler one week into the 2007 season but regained the role in mid-June.

"We're getting one of the premier closers in the game," Phillies assistant general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said. "The marketplace, as we all know, is a little scarce out there as far as pitching. We felt this was one of the best ways for us to really improve."

Cabrera was the first really big name being dangled. He'll make more than \$10 million next season, too expensive for the Marlins to retain. Having lost A-Rod, the Yankees need a third baseman but team executive Hank Steinbrenner was clear on what

New York won't do. "It's pretty obvious which players we're not going to trade," he said, before rattling off the team's most-prized young pitchers. "(Joba) Chamberlain, (Phil) Hughes and even (Ian) Kennedy. Not for a position play-

Ginobili scores 25 points to lead Spurs over winless Heat

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — There was Manu Ginobili, hitting yet another 3-pointer for the San Antonio Spurs and scoring 25 points. And there were the Miami Heat, who looked as if, even if they had Dwyane Wade back, it might not have.

"Ginobili is a handful," Heat coach Pat Riley said Wednesday night after his team lost 88-78 and fell to 0-4 this season. "He's unpredictable. It's hard to defend him."

But, even adding Tony Parker's 23 points to the mix, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich wasn't ready to claim too much credit.

"Of course you don't take huge satisfaction out of the win with Dwyane Wade not there," Popovich said. "But bench. That's what we used we're going to take the win, we worked hard for it. But we realize they were pretty

undermanned.

Riley nor the team would hide behind the Wade excuse, but they acknowledge what the recovering star creates for the Heat. Riley said Wade has been participating in full-contact drills over the last two or three days.

"I think that's where (the Spurs), a lot of times they scored in the last six or seven seconds of the shot clock with" Parker and Ginobili, Riley said. "Right now, when we break down, we don't have anybody that's doing that. He happens to be sitting on the

to do.'

Ginobili hit four of the Spurs' seven 3-pointers and scored 12 points in the third quarter, after San Antonio led by only one at halftime.

"In the first half we didn't have it, that was pretty obvious," Ginobili said. "Then in the third quarter we tried to change the pace a little bit play more, play faster, better, more passes - and I think it worked. We changed the attitude totally in the third quarter."

Tim Duncan scored 12 points and Francisco Elson had 12 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio. Parker had eight assists and Duncan grabbed eight rebounds.

USOC receives confirmation of no Bible ban in Beijing Olympic village

Committee received confirmation from Olympic officials Wednesday that there will be no restrictions on Bibles being brought into the Olympic village in Beijing next

The USOC contacted the International Olympic Committee about the issue in response to a story posted on the Catholic News Agency Web site citing a list of prohibited items that was reported to include

That story said the Italian daily, La Gazzetta dello Sport, reported that organiz-

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Olympic ers cited "security reasons" for prohibiting athletes from carrying any kind of religious symbol at Olympic facilities. Those reports and others were producing active blog discussions on several Web sites.

> USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said the federation contacted the IOC about the

> news reports. "We have heard from the IOC and there will be no restriction on athletes bringing the Bible or any other religious book into the village for their personal use," Seibel said in a telephone interview from USOC offices in Colorado Springs.

Reagan, Stokes pick perfect 10 for week 10

Week 11

High School Lub. Coronado at Tascosa Hereford at Dumas Perryton at Borger Wheeler at Memphis College

Texas Tech at Texas Auburn at Georgia USC at California

Professional Dallas at N.Y. Giants Minnesota at Green Bay

Detroit at Arizona Cumulative Totals Reagan 63-36 Smith 63-36

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O.J. Simpson due in court in Las Vegas armed robbery case, faces 12 charges

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When O.J. Simpson returns to a courtroom to face armed robbery charges, the former football star will also be facing years of doubts and questions about his acquittal on murder charges more than a decade

A Las Vegas justice of the peace will be asked to determine after a two-day hearing starting Thursday if there is enough evidence to take Simpson and two co-defendants to trial on charges that they robbed two sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room.

In Simpson's mind, according to a close friend, the charges are rooted in Simpson being found not guilty in the 1994 slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

"He believes he's being tried for

that now," said Tom Scotto, 45, a North Miami Beach, Fla., auto body shop owner.

The men arrested in the Sept. 13 incident were brought together by Scotto's wedding.

Simpson and co-defendants Clarence "C.J." Stewart and Charles Ehrlich face 12 charges, including kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and coercion. A kidnapping conviction could result in a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole. An armed robbery conviction could mean mandatory prison time.

"He's taking this serious," Scotto said. "It is serious."

No one disputes that Stewart, Ehrlich and former co-defendants Michael McClinton, Walter Alexander and Charles Cashmore

went with Simpson and California collectibles broker Tom Riccio to meet memorabilia dealers Alfred Beardsley and Bruce Fromong in a casino hotel room.

Simpson has maintained that he wanted to retrieve items he claimed had been stolen from him by a former agent, including the suit he wore the day he was acquitted in Los Angeles.

The case is likely to pivot on Simpson's contention that he didn't ask anyone to bring guns, that he didn't know anyone had guns and that no guns were displayed.

Three of Simpson's co-defendants have pleaded guilty or agreed to do so and are expected to testify against him.

Cashmore, a journeyman laborer, said McClinton displayed a gun. run afoul of the law before, with

told police after his Sept. 15 arrest that he and McClinton carried guns, but that he kept one in his waistband while McClinton displayed his as Beardsley and Fromong were frisked.

"O.J. said 'hey, just bring some firearms," Alexander said, according to a transcript of his taperecorded statement to detectives.

McClinton, 49, of Las Vegas, who later turned two handguns over to police and surrendered his concealed weapons permit, is expected to bolster that account.

Nevertheless, the prosecution's case has certain weaknesses, including some unsavory witness-

Of the eight men who were in the room with Simpson, six have Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., convictions for arson, theft,

cocaine trafficking and assault among them.

Moreover, Simpson's lawyers have argued that the men who turned against him lied to win generous plea bargains for themselves.

"He's got a bunch of people making up anything they can make up," Scotto said.

Simpson and the others are likely to be bound over for trial "because the burden of proof is such that all they have to show is that some evidence suggests a crime occurred," said Tom Pitaro, a veteran Las Vegas defense lawyer who teaches trial advocacy at the Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Clark County District Attorney David Roger and prosecutor Chris Owens declined comment on their plans for the hearing.

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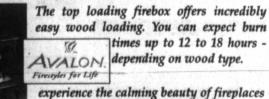
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