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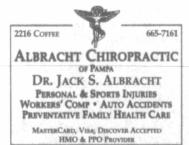
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## Livestock carcass disposal assistance available

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The number of livestock lost in area wildfires which began Sunday has led to the problem of disposing of the carcasses.

"There are guidelines for properly disposing of them," said Manuel DeLeon, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation District's Pampa field office.

The Texas Animal Health Commission is offering assistance to area livestock owners who need help in disposing of the animals, said

Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

"Any rancher or farmer who needs to have animals destroyed and/or buried can call the Gray County Annex in McLean at 779-2493," Peet said. The TAHC is coordinating their efforts through the annex, he

Callers should give their name and the location and number of animals to be removed, and the TAHC will make arrangements for disposal, Peet said.

The number of livestock lost to the fires is still being calculated,

DeLeon said.

"A lot of the livestock owners are taking stock right now. A lot lost all the grass they had, and are working to round up the cattle they have left,'

Texas Cattle Feeders Association is trying to help get an inventory of animals which were killed, along with those which were injured badly enough to have to be destroyed, DeLeon said.

"Some lost a couple of hundred, some lost groups of 30 or 40 here and there," he said.

Brad Williams, Texas Animal Health Commission area director in Amarillo, said estimates on the number of dead cattle are still being gathered, but the figure could rise as high

"The first thing we need ranchers to understand is they should not drag these dead cattle to the bar ditch," Williams said.

Document the number of head lost and contact county commissioners for help in burying these animals,

See **DISPOSAL**, Page 3



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Petro Vega unloads 34 bales of hay at the rodeo fairgrounds in Recreation Park this morning as part of the donated goods for farmers and ranchers affected by this week's wildfires. The 34 bales were donated by Chisum Ranch, south of McLean. Persons who wish to make donations or to receive donated hay and fencing materials may call the Farm Bureau Insurance office at 665-8451.

## Donations accepted for those in need

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Livestock owners have lost a number of animals in the wildfires which have burned since Sunday across areas of the Panhandle, and they have also lost grass and hay with which to feed what remains

of their herds. Farm Bureau Insurance in Pampa is coordinating an effort to provide feeding and fencing assistance to farmers and ranchers and picked up, Wheeler said. Any affected by the fires, said Brandon Wheeler, agency manager.

"We're accepting hay, feed, fence materials and monetary donations," Wheeler said.

Funds donated to the assistance effort will be used to pay for freight to help get donated hay to the rodeo grounds at Recreation Park, the manned staging area for donated materials to be collected

remaining monies will go toward buying additional fencing supplies, feed and hay, or whatever is

needed, he said. "We just got 25 bales of hay from Amarillo, with more on the way," Wheeler said Wednesday afternoon.

Farmers and ranchers are still in See **DONATE**, Page 3

## **Farm Service** Agency has funds for aid

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner said Wednesday that the USDA's Farm Service Agency will allocate more than \$3.9 million to Texas as part of a \$20.1 million Emergency Conservation Program funding to 26 states.

The Emergency Conservation Program is an important tool for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate and strengthen environmental stewardship of their lands," Conner said. "These funds will help farmers and ranchers rehabilitate farmland damaged by floods, drought, wildfires and other natural disasters in recent years."

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by severe drought conditions, above normal temperatures and continuing wildfires are being accepted at Farm Service Agency offices at 12125 E. Frederic in Pampa and 321 Scully St. in Clarendon.

FSA offices in Pampa and Clarendon are open from 7:30 a.. to 5 p.m. Monday through

In addition, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay and Grazing hotline at 877 429-1998 has started a list of livestock haulers for hire who can assist livestock producers in the Panhandle in moving livestock. The hotline is also taking calls regarding hay and feedstuffs, hay and feed transporters and available pastures.

## Gray commission has short agenda

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners disposed of a short agenda by renewing two contracts and approving the lease/purchase of a new copy machine.

A contract between the county and the Texas Department of State Health Services was renewed. Under the contract, the county agrees to provide a facility to be used as a receiving and distribution center for medications and inoculations in the event of a major health crisis such as an epidemic.

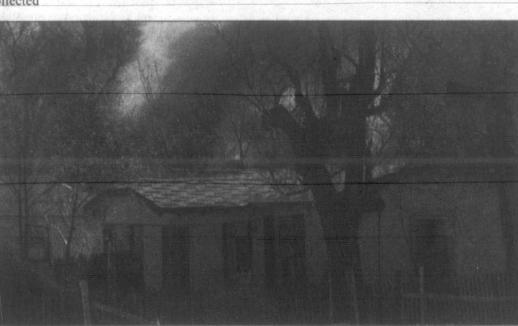
"The health department

would utilize our county facilities -- such as the bull barn or annex -- as a center where people could come for medications and inoculations," said County Judge

Richard Peet. The county would be reimbursed for use of the facility if such an event ever occurred, Peet said. The medicines and medical supplies will not be kept in Gray County but would be brought to the county facility at the time the crisis occurred, he said.

A contract with Trane for maintenance and inspection

See COUNTY, Page 3



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa Fire Department, Pampa Police Department and Guardian Ambulance Service responded to a fire at Osborne and Campbell streets at about 10 a.m. today. One structure, a garage and attached trailer house, sustained major damage, and an adjacent structure was moderately damaged, according to emergency radio broadcasts. A one-block perimeter was set up around the fire, and a gas leak was suspected. No further information was available as of press time today.





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## **Obituaries**

## Services tomorrow

DOMINGUEZ, Arthur Manuel — Memorial services, 10:30 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

HARRIS, Donald Denton — 2:30 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Claremore,

JENNINGS, James W. "Jim" — 2 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa. McMANAMON, Mary Adeline Wallace - Funeral mass, 1 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

MASON, Ray G. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

### **Arthur Manuel Dominguez, 25**

Arthur Manuel Dominguez, 25, of Pampa, Chihuahua, Mexico, Mr. Dominguez moved died March 13, 2006, in Roberts County.

Memorial services for Mr. Dominguez are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, offi-

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Feb. 19, 1981, at Delicias,



Dominguez

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to Pampa 2 1/2 years ago and worked for Unit Drilling for the

past year and a half. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Valenzuela, of the home: his mother, Carmen Romero of Delicias; his father, Isabel Dominguez of Delicias; four sisters; and six brothers.

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Whatley Funeral Directors. Christ. He was a veteran of Mr. Mason was born Aug. the U.S. Air Force, serving during World War II, sta-17, 1920, in South Mayde, Texas. He married Rosene tioned at the Pampa Army

Davis on June 1, 1946, in Airfield. Amarillo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Rosene Mason, of the home; one son, Danny Mason of Amarillo; one sister, Edna Faye Hazel of Mustang, Okla.; two grandchildren, Camellia Ann Coronado of Amarillo and Keith Elliot Mason and wife Ann of Jacksonville, N.C.; five great-grandchildren, Jarrett John Coronado and Jordan Jeffery Coronado, both of Amarillo, Dustin Mason, Jacqueline Mason and Andrew Mason, all of Jacksonville, N.C.

He was preceded in death by five brothers; and his twin, Ralph Lee Mason who died when he was 6-monthsold, Troy Mason, R.D. Mason, Everett Mason and William E. (Dub) Mason.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

-Sign the on-line regisbook www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Increasing clouds, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 23 and 28. Eastsoutheast wind around 10

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Wind chill values between 22 and 31 early. East-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 33.

Wind chill values between 24 and 29.

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## James W. 'Jim' Jennings, 80

will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev.

Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with graveside rites courtesy of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jennings was born Feb. 5, Jennings 1926, in Knox County, Texas. He married Mellonee Williams on

Patton & Patton Tank Company for many years and had been a resident of Pampa since

Mr. Jennings was a 33rd degree Mason and a lifetime member of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, serving as past master and past district deputy grand master. He belonged to Lubbock Scottish

James W. "Jim" Jennings, 80, of Pampa, Rite Consistory, Khiva Shrine Temple of died March 15, 2006, at Amarillo. Services Amarillo and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member and deacon of

Calvary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Dale Jennings, in 1995; two brothers, Raymond

Emerson. Survivors include his wife, Mellonee Jennings, of the home; a daughter, Gloria Jean Parks of Pampa; a son, Terry Lee Jennings of Pampa; two sisters, Bertha Fay

Vance Jennings and T.E. Jennings;

and one sister, Doris Irene

July 6, 1950, at Clayton, N.M. He co-owned McKinney and Willie Yvonne "Tillie" Koelder, both of Plainview; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren,

The family requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

## Mary Adeline Wallace McManamon 1910-2006

Mary Adeline Wallace McManamon, 96, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Wheeler, Texas.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa, TX, at 1 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, with Father Francisco Perez officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home & Mausoleum, I-40 E. in Amarillo.

Adeline was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 7, 1910, to Thomas and Augusta McManamon Mae Wallace. She was the oldest of three children. She attended and

graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Mrs. McManamon was an elementary school teacher for many years in the Cincinnati

school system.

She met her husband of 56 years in Mexico City at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She married James McManamon on September 9, 1942. Throughout their life together the couple traveled extensively in the U.S., Eastern Canada, Mexico, Western Europe, and South America. She kept diaries from all their trips and even copies of expenses from the various hotels and restaurants.

Mrs. McManamon volunteered in the hospital auxiliary at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where she and her husband lived for 26 years. Along with teaching and travel, her family was where she wanted to be; she was involved in all their activities. She was an exceptional loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her great-grandchildren loved visiting and playing with

She is remembered by all for her being a "social butterfly" with her "cronies" as she

called them. She loved to play Mahjong and Skip-Bo where she won "lots of pennies" playing these games against her "cronies,"

Katherine Sullins, Glenna Mathau, and Marcella Helbert. She thoroughly enjoyed the trips to the symphonies with Betty Truly, Charlie Neal Gee, Edith Jackson, and Betty Henderson. Thank you all so much for your friendship, love and concern for mother.

She had a lively spirit, was full of grace, dignity and was loved by

Her parents, her two brothers, Thomas Wallace and James Wallace, and her husband Professor James McManamon preceded her

She is survived by her daughter Kathy and son-in-law Rick Massick, three grandchildren, Jimmy Massick of Lubbock, TX;

Jennifer Smith and husband Rich of Pampa, TX; Julie Carlock and husband Stephen of Fairview, TX; six great-grandchildren, Colin Massick, Jensen Massick, Braden Clay, Graysen Smith, Teagan Carlock and Caden Carlock. The family extends their warmest thanks and appreciation to the staff of Odyssey

Hospice, especially Bob Lindsey, Lana Winkler, and Kisha Moon. Also to the staff at the Wheeler Nursing Care Center: Kenna, Debbie, Donna, Cherry, Karen, Cami, Betsy, Michelle, Amanda, Becky, Marcella, Junior, Linda, Deloris, Lindsey, Deidra, Erica, Maida and all whom cared for her past and

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 west, suite 150, Amarillo, TX or Wheeler Care Center, 1000 Kiowa, Wheeler, TX 79096.

Rest in Peace Nana!

## **Emergency Services**

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

Eight traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was

rendered at the intersection of Brown and Huff streets.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highway 70 and Price Road, the 300 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Francis and West streets.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of Henry. One burglar alarm was

reported. Found property was reported in the police depart-

ment lobby,.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Lefors and Jordan Suspicious vehicle calls

were received from Highway 60 East, the 1000 block of South Hobart and the 600 block of East Frederic.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 100 block of South Dwight.

Unlawful carrying of a weapon was reported in the 100 block of South Dwight. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported at Coronado Center, 1215 N. Hobart. A window at the Army recruiting office was broken, resulting in an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 700 block of Brunow. Approximately

\$6,000 worth of household items were damaged.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson. An estimated \$1,000 cash was taken.

Theft was reported at Petrochem, 2831 Perryton Parkway. A digital camera and case were taken, for an estimated loss of \$550.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Francis. A 2006 Chevrolet Silverado pickup was taken from Pampa Teachers Federal Credit Union.

A disturbance was reported at the intersection of Cinderella and Rosewood



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In this situation, burying the cattle on the ranch -- either in consolidated pits or individually where they lay -- may be the best option, Williams said.

Disposal

The key is to stay in compliance with the Texas Commission Environmental Quality regulations, he said.

The state environmental commission provides the following guidelines:

• The burial site should not be located in an area with a high water table or very permeable soils.

The site should be at

least 300 feet from the nearest drinking water well or from any creek, stream, pond, lake or river and not in a flood plain.

· The site should be at least 200 feet from property lines

Eddie Vance, Environmental Quality section manager, stressed that anyone planning to bury carcasses call him in advance at (806) 468-0510 to get verbal permission. He will explain notification requirements, including a letter and deed record process.

Letters documenting the process will need to be sent to TCEQ, Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M Extension News, contributed to this report.

## **Donate**

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the process of counting the number of animals and acres lost to the fires, said Manuel DeLeon, district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation District's Pampa field office.

"A lot lost all the grass they had, and are working to round up the cattle they have left to move to other pastures or feed yards," DeLeon said. "We are working through channels to see how we can provide assistance."

The total number of acres rendered useless by the wildfires is not yet known, Wheeler said.

"We don't know the total number of acres lost yet. For sure, 750,000 acres across the area have burned," he said.

Persons wishing to donate hay, fencing materials and/or cash may call the Farm Bureau office at 665-8451. Checks may be made out to the Fire Relief Fund and mailed to Farm Bureau Insurance, 500 Kingsmill Ave., Pampa, TX 79065.

Farmers and ranchers who need help, as well as persons who know of those who need help, may also call the office at 665-8451, Wheeler said.

"We need a list of people who need help," he said. Information may also be accessed via the bureau's

Web site at www.txfb.org. "Long term, it's going to be awhile for some of that ground to recuperate. The damage has been extensive," DeLeon said. "All we can do is pray for the Lord to bless us with rain and healing on that ground."

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vear. A request from the counoffice to lease/purchase a ed. Peet said the declaration new copy machine was approved by commissioners. The copier to be replaced, as well as two us to zero in on certain heat binding machines, refunds and monies from were declared surplus property by commissioners and will be sold.

heat binding The machines had been used to create bound copies of the voter registration lists, Peet said, but the county now

uses a spiral binder for the

A declaration of disaster was approved by commissioners for the purpose of applying for federal aid concerning damage done by this week's wildfires.

The declaration states that a local disaster is declared until April 14, ty tax assessor-collector's unless renewed or extendmust cover a period of at least 30 days.

"The declaration allows the federal government," Peet said.

Commissioners also discussed fire damage. Between 180,000 and 200,000 acres have burned in Gray County, Peet said.

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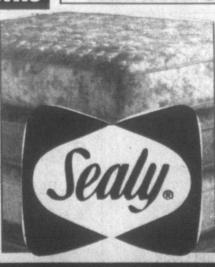


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## Viewpoints

## Obesity is the catch-phrase for media these days

Obesity is the catchphrase these days for the American media and various other groups currently decrying the nation's paunch. In response to the so-called "obesity epidemic," Texas' own U.S. Republican Sen. John Cornyn is introducing, along with Rep. Zach Wamp (R-Tenn.), the Workforce Health Improvement Program Act, according to Citizens Against Government Waste.

"Politicians are proposing big-government program after big-government program in response to expanding Americans'

waistlines and the corresponding increase in costs that obesity-related illness is imposing on our healthcare system," writes CAGW at its Web site.

According to CAGW, the not provide proposed act "would create a private-sector incentives to center on promote lifestyles."

The act would allow for a fitness center subsidy in the workforce that would not result in taxable income for employees. As it presently stands, said CAGW, the tax code penalizes such programs except when said gyms or "fitness centers" are located on the job site.

"The employees of firms particularly small- and medium-sized businesses that employ the vast majority of Americans

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- that canhealthier site face a discriminatax

code that hinders their ability to benefit from corporate fitness center subsidies," CAGW writes.

As lawmakers are everready to rescue misguided Americans from themselves, the "obesity epidemic" plays straight into their play-by-

ment and control. As if folks need Big Brother to tell them they have a weight problem!

> Americans are well able personal poundage, and only they can take charge of

what specifically they eat. Throwing endless tax dol-

lars at "programs" aimed at "educating" and "promoting public awareness" among Americans regarding the risks of obesity is a futile and condescending effort by elit-

play handbook on manage- ists who long to eradicate freedom and personal liberty in a senseless mission to eliminate tragedy and death.

> You cannot legislate appropriate or moderate behavior, not if you reside in their own a nation of free choice. To do otherwise is to trample personal responsibility and to stifle individualism at all levels of humanity.

To be free, a nation must take the good with the bad. Lawmakers must realize you cannot save people from themselves, and what good is living if you aren't permitted to make the most basic of lifestyle choices?

Americans are prosper-

ous. If we had less to eat, these same people would be equally concerned and rightfully so.

The Cornyn/Wamp act sounds like a sensible step for the government to take.

"The WHIP Act would level the playing field for employers of all sizes, promote tax fairness for all working Americans, and provide a private-sector solution in the public health fight against obesity and inactivity," said CAGW.

No one worries that Americans are taxed to death, only that they may be eating a little too well and not exercising enough.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 16, the 75th day of 2006. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On March 16, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies. On this date:

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1792, Sweden's King Gustav III was shot and mortally wounded during a masquerade party by a former member of his regiment (he died 13 days later).

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the

Nearly all our disasters come from a few fools having the "courage of their convictions."

> Coventry Patmore English poet (1823-1896)

Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published. In 1915, the Trade Federal

Commission was organized. In 1935, Adolf Hitler scrapped the

Treaty of Versailles. In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai massacre was carried out by U.S.

lliam L. Calley Jr. troops under the command of Lt. W In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

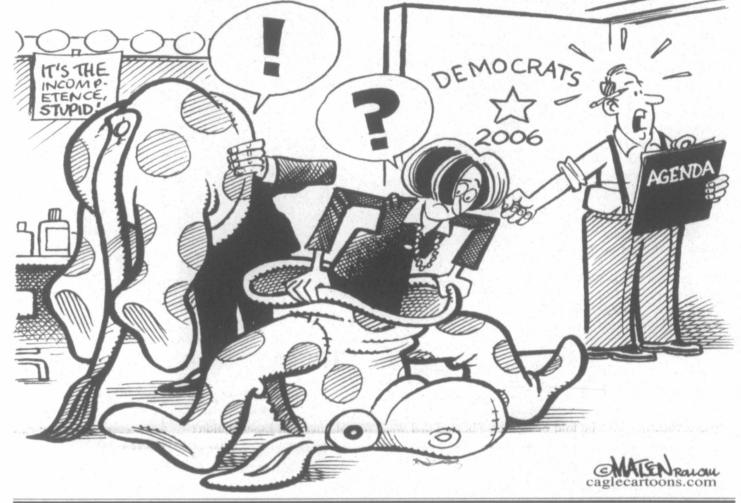
In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was

released in December 1991.

Ten years ago: In his weekly radio address, President Clinton accused the Republican-controlled House of bowing to "the back-alley whispers of the gun lobby" by gutting anti-terrorism legislation he'd submitted in response to the Oklahoma City bombing. For the first time, ordinary citizens were allowed inside the central archives of the former East German secret police, the hated Stasi security agency.

Five years ago: Rap impresario Sean "Puffy" Combs was acquitted in New York of taking an illegal handgun into a crowded Manhattan hip-hop club where three people were later wounded; he was also cleared of trying to bribe his way out of trouble. Combs' bodyguard, Anthony "Wolf" Jones, was acquitted of the same charges. Saudi commandos ended the hijacking of a Russian plane by armed Chechens that resulted in the deaths of a flight attendant, a hijacker and a

One year ago: A jury in Los Angeles acquitted actor Robert Blake of murder in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, four years earlier. (A civil court jury later ordered Blake to pay \$30 million to Bakley's four children; Blake has since filed for bankruptcy.)



## Mail-merge for beginners, part two

son in mail merge using Microsoft Word. If you missed it, you can find it on Web site 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 new list" "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

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.

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access a variety of file types need, such as Country,

Last week, I began a les- including dBase, Access, Home Phone, Work Phone, document, and we've creat-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.

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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 that it is missing a place to store the amount. Click the "Customize" button and then "Add" to put it in.

Using the "Move Down" button, position this field at the end of the list. Also, Word knows how to delete the fields we don't

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

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you to save your source. know, know, you haven't created

data yet. Humor it, and give it a name like. "Donor Letter Data." Look back over at the Task Pane choose Recipients." A window will appear showing your recipients. Of course, it is empty, but we are about to remedy

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

ed our data source. Now, we need to replace our pseudofields with the actual Word merge fields.

**Inserting Merge Fields** 

On the Task Pane, hit 'Next: Write your letter" at bottom. Highlight FIRSTNAME, hit "More Items" on the task pane, choose "First Name," and hit the insert button. Your first name 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 other fields using the same steps. Two reminders: Don't forget the amount field 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 for you from the first data record you created. If all looks well, click "Next: Complete the Merge."

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## Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

March 4

Austin American-Statesman on airlines' bait-and-switch:

Thanks to airline deregulation and the Internet, American travelers today can usually find the best ticket prices for an airline trip, even without help from a professional travel agent. Various Web businesses help ticket buyers comparison shop among air-

lines. But those comparisons are useful for one reason: They are apple-to-apple. The comparison of ticket prices works because the prices shown are the true price of the various tickets; only government fees and taxes need not be Under the proposed rule, the airline included in the listed fares.

Now, however, the U.S. Department of Transportation is considering a rule change that could leave shoppers comparing apples to oranges. Under the proposal, government regulations regarding advertised fares could be removed and the airlines would be free to in effect mislead. Or, as the depart-

One market force could be deception. How? By not including some costs in the advertised fare. Suppose, for example, one airline wants to charge more than a competitor but can't because it knows too many travelers

will opt for the less expensive carrier.

ment puts it, the government could "let

market forces regulate airfare advertis-

could charge a separate fee for, say, fuel, but not include that in its advertised fare prices. A travel agent or a traveler could check the airline's fares. see it is the same as or even less than the competitor, and book a ticket only to learn shortly thereafter that an additional fuel charge applies.

In fact, it is the older "legacy" airlines struggling against discount carriers that appear to most favor the proposed rule change. Fort Worth-based American Airlines favors it, but a spokesman, Tim Smith, couldn't offer much reason for it beyond an assertion that airlines are "a bit of an over-regulated industry."

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

"Sad in California," who is uncomfortable lying to her elderly mother, who has Alzheimer's, about the fact that her husband died. Your answer was correct. I am a therapist. Years ago, I was a consultant to nursing homes. Once, I was called in to see a woman in the middle stages of Alzheimer's who had adjusted well to the nursing home. Suddenly, however, she had become depressed and began having daily crying jags. I went in to speak to the woman, and the first thing she asked me was, "Is my husband coming to see me today?" (Her husband had been dead 20 years.) Upon checking with staff, I found that in the past, staff working with her had always answered, "Yes, I believe he will be in later." Recently, however, a new supervisor had been hired who did not approve of lying, so she made staff start telling the woman each time she asked that her husband was dead. Naturally, each time she heard it, she became upset, believing he had died just that day and she was hearing it for the first time. Fortunately, the supervisor was open to suggestions, and everyone went back to saying the husband would be in "later." It made the woman happy each time she heard it, and she lived the rest of her days believing her husband was just running a little late. -- PAULA C., WOOSTER, OHIO

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DEAR PAULA: Your anecdote makes sense to me. One of the frustrations of writing this column is that I can't print more of the terrific letters I receive on a subject. I received a bushel regarding the letter you referenced. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a social worker. After 25 years in the field, I have found that everyone needs to be told of deaths -- but they need to be told only once. Someone with short-term memory problems does not need to be reminded every time they ask,

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to as it is painful. But everyone deserves the dignity of grieving for a loved one at least one time. Death is a part of life, as so many of our elders with dementia understand. --SUSAN IN DULUTH, MINN.

> **DEAR ABBY:** I worked in an Alzheimer's unit for two years before going to nursing school. There is nothing sadder than having to tell someone as many as 10 times a day that they lost someone they love. Each time, they are hearing it for the first time. They are never able to progress in the grieving process, and there is never any closure for them. There's no good answer to that question, but yours is the best solution. -- JENNIFER IN RALEIGH, N.C.

> DEAR ABBY: Ten years ago, I worked at a care facility. We had one very active man with Alzheimer's. His ex-wife died suddenly (he thought they were still married). The Social Service workers and his family decided to tell him. Then they found out they had to KEEP telling him, often 12 or more times a day! It was a nightmare for him, his family and the staff, and it lasted for several months -- until his meds were adjusted and he calmed down. I wouldn't wish that on my worst enemy. "Ignorance is bliss" is darned smart advice in a case like that. -- TRUDY IN CALIFORNIA

> DEAR ABBY: When my grandmother died, her younger sister, Rose, was alive, but with Alzheimer's. I sat behind Aunt Rose at the graveside. After a while, she asked whose funeral it was. I told her Ethel had died, and she started to cry. A little while later, she asked again whose funeral it was. When we went back to Mom and Dad's after the funeral, Aunt Rose said it was "such a nice party." She asked where Ethel was. We told her that Ethel couldn't come -- and Aunt Rose had a wonderful time. Enough said? - JOAN IN SAN **FRANCISCO**

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## Merge

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The Actual Merge

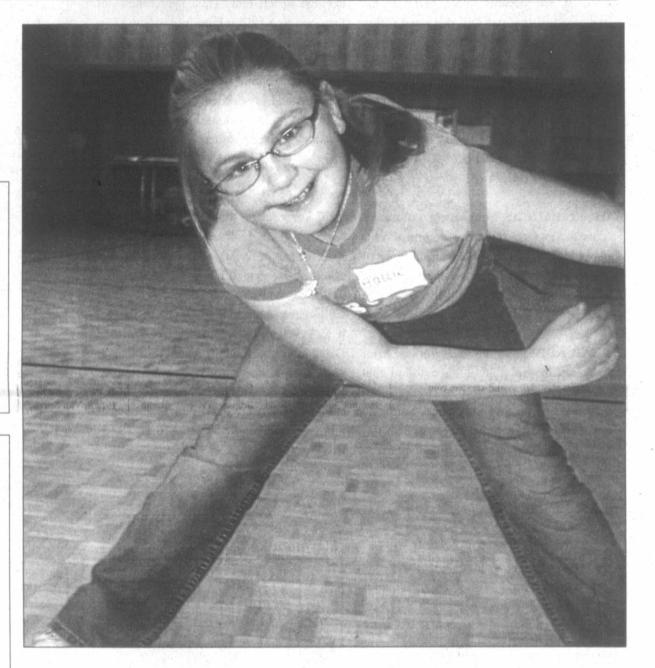
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vidual letters ..." will cause Word to create one document with a separate page for each completed merge. Click this option to see the final product of all your hard work.

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. Until then, I'll ...

See you in Cyberspace!



## Air regs

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But a spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents, Paul Ruden, said that the "likely reason that they want the rules abolished is that they would then be able to repost all their fares in a different manner, which would make it appear that the base was low and then there would be all these add-ons. They would play with the fares to make it impossible for people to compare them."

Competition is generally a good thing, but it works best when the market in this case, buyers of airline tickets has complete, accurate information about prices and flights. Buyers should not be forced to play guessing games about what additional, unlisted charges might apply when they check an airline's posted

The Department of Transportation should reject any rule change that would make accurate airfare comparisons by consumers more diffi-

In fact, it should strengthen regulations to ensure apple-to-apple comparisons.

## Events calendar

 The local branch of the American Petroleum Institute will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be Gary Weaver with Security DBS Drill Bits. Dinner will be served at a charge of \$15 per person. Memberships will be available at the door. Door prizes are being donated by Halliburton.

· The next Pampa Area Christian Singles Dance will feature Earl Witt between 8 and 11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes. The event is smoke free and alcohol free. Admission is \$6 per person. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

Gray County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Howard Graham, former history teacher at Pampa High, will present a program on the migration patterns of our ancestors.

 Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present the

genealogy program "Who's Who in your Family Tree" at 2 p.m. March 26. Guest speakers will include Lisa Lambert, preservation specialist, and Ellen Lovett, of Family History Center. The cost of the program is \$5 for PPHM members and \$10 for non-members. For reservations or more information, call Aarika Hand at (806) 651-2242 or e-mail

ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu. Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer advanced Excel from 6:30-9 p.m. every Monday between March 27 and May 22. The instructor will be Connie Mondragon. Students will learn how to integrate Excel files with other applications and the Internet; how to use advanced mathematical functions; how to create and modify charts; how to analyze data; and how to create macros and hyperlinks. The class is limited to 40 students. A fee of \$60 and a textbook are required. To register or for more information, call CCPC at 665-8801.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March

You have a great time doing whatever you need to do this year. You will jump over hurdles. Your sense of accomplishment and knowledge come through despite others' abilities to close a door on some of your ideas. What will separate you from many is your ability to bounce back no matter what challenges you hit. You will learn to detach and not get plugged in this year. Bosses and those in charge can be very demanding. If you are single, being in a relationship might be overly important and be at the basis of many decisions. Trust in your desirability. If you are attached, your relationship takes a new direction, though often the two of you might not agree. SCORPIO opens the windows of your mind.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* The fact that today is Friday and St. Patty's Day forms a foundation in making your plans. Though you might want to have a devil-may-care attitude, others' intensity and news prevent you from completely letting go. Tonight: Dance an Irish Jig.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Don't lose sight of your main

objectives concerning responsibilities and what needs handling. You could be overwhelmed by what is going on around you. Others react intensely to nearly anything. Tonight: Become Irish. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Your creativity surges when dealing with others. If you can, take a personal day or start your weekend early. Much happens quickly and might surprised you. Someone is initially difficult but gets off his or her high horse later in the day. Tonight: Call a spade a spade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* In some sense you are on hold until the day gets older. Only then will you get into the swing of things. Though you might not be Irish, you will start acting like you are. You could kick up quite a storm. Tonight: Paint the town green. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* Be willing to express your thoughts even if someone might become challenging or difficult. You do need to honor who you are first. Later in the day, he or she will calm down. Curb risk-taking. Tonight: The action surrounds your

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Investigate new ways of handling an old problem. You might need to let go of previous ideas and premises. Reinvent your mind-set, and you will be a lot better off. As a result, you discover alternatives that you hadn't even conceived of previously. Tonight: Out on the

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* You are in tiptop shape, though you might need to deal with some people who are not. Understand that there are some situations you cannot change. Through this acceptance, you'll move past the problem. Flex. Tonight: Plan on treating a family member or roommate. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\* You might be out of sorts and testy about a conversation or even what you need to do. Realize we all have to say no sometimes. You find that by late afternoon, you look at life in a totally different way. Tonight: Be yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Your high energy could easily be displaced, causing you to be upset and to try to convince someone you are right. You might want to rethink a situation. Opt to back off rather than incur a confrontation. Tonight: By yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\* You might feel under the gun. Too much could easily be happening way too fast. Slow down and use your intuition to help rather than be immobilized. Find your friends, and you'll have a great time. Tonight: Where the party is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Sometimes you cannot make strong choices, no matter how you seek to detach and get information. Others simply might be too reactive to make sense of what you are saying. Take charge. Accept responsibility. Tonight: Be Irish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\* A strong stand could only backfire right now. Think positively and head in the direction you need to. Sometimes you cannot see the whole picture. The more you detach, the bigger the picture becomes. Think positively. Tonight: Take in the big picture.

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## Sports Day

## Varsity girls take second at Altus Tournament

The Harvester Tennis team competed in the Altus Bi-State Tournament Thursday. The tournament consisted of teams from Altus, Burkburnett, Clinton, Edmond North, Lawton Eisenhower, Lawton High, Elgin, Plainview, and Pampa. The Pampa Girls team brought home a second place trophy, with Edmond North taking first.

Coach Emily Laurence said, "The girls had a good day. We were short some players due to the choir trip which might have made a difference, but the younger players that I moved up for the tournament competed hard to help us win second place."

Every loss the girl's team suffered was at the hands of Edmond North. Coach Laurence said, "The best chance we had to defeat Edmond North came from Kourtney Farmer and Sammie Pereira in girls No. 1 doubles. They played a great first set that they should have won and then lost their fire in the second set." Laurence continued,

"Tanna Stowers, normally a doubles player, also played a good match in the finals at No.

The boys team missed out on the hardware but did have some great finishes in

Said Laurence, "I was impressed with the way Kevin Frels and Tyler Morris played together. This was the first tournament that I've seen them play as a team and it gave them some great matches." She added, "I was also very impressed with Braydon Barker coming out from basketball to win the consolation trophy in his first tennis tournament ever.'

"Again, it was hard for the boys to place when we had zero points coming out of the boys #2 doubles draw due to being short some boys from the choir trip and grades. Overall though, the boys and girls both met my expectations and had a great tournament," boasted Laurence.

The varsity team next competes in the Lubbock Invitational on March 24 and 25. Results

Girls Singles

Myca Vinson, 2nd place

Def. Melissa Sperr (Lawton)6-2, 6-2 Lost to Brittany DeFelice (Edmond North) 1-6, 0-6

Tanna Stowers,2nd place

Def. Lindsey Huckaby (Altus) 6-2, 6-1 Def. Ashley Baird (Burkburnett) 6-4, 6-1 Lost to Sarah Scoggin (Edmond North) 2-

**Girls Doubles** Kourtney Farmer/Sammie Pereria, 3rd

Def. Hough/Veazey (Clinton) 6-2, 7-6(7-

Lost to Johnson/McClure (Edmond North) 5-7, 0-6

Def. Carpenter/Caldwell (Burkburnett)6-

Katie OfNeal/Anna Julian, 3rd place Def. Nguyen/Gaskin (Lawton) 6-1, 6-2 Lost to Collins/Atkinson (Edmond North)

6-0, 6-1Def. Giblett/Smith (Clinton) 6-1, 6-4 **Boys Singles** 

Jack Ware, 6th place Lost to Tanner Svoboda (Edmond North)

Def. Colby Challis (Clinton) 6-2, 6-2 Los to Brent Gardner (Lawton) 0-6, 0-6 Braydon Barker, 5th place Lost to Tommy Harrison (Lawton) 2-6, 2-

Def. Dustin Weldon (Altus) 6-2, 6-0

Kevin Frels/Tyler Morris, 3rd place Def. Chamblis/Mellott (Lawton) 6-2, 6-7,

Lost to Roddy/McBroom (Burkburnett)

Def. Adams/Friedrich (Clinton) 6-2, 6-3

## JV tennis team has tough outing at Dumas tourney

The JV Tennis Team competed in the Dumas JV/Small Schools Invitational Friday. This was a very small tournament consisting of Dumas JV, Borger JV, Pampa JV, and Perryton's varsity. Coach Emily Laurence said, "It was a rough day for our kids who didn't play as well as they could have. I mainly took freshmen who are still developing and learning as we go." Laurence continued, "I was impressed with Rachel Lee and Lauren Couts who won consolation in girls doubles. They had a tough first round against Perryton's No. 1 varsity team, but then played two great matches to finish up with a trophy.'

The JV next competes in Palo Duro Tournament Tuesday.

Results **Girls Doubles** 

Megan Barnett/Krissa Whittley, 4th place

Def. Munoz/Grider (Borger) Lost to Hebert/Henderson (Borger) Lost to Francis/Peckenpaugh (Perryton)

Rachel Lee/Lauren Couts, won (Consolation), 6th place

Lost to Francis/Peckenpaugh (Perryton) Def. Newton/Vega (Borger)

Def. Munoz/Grider (Borger) Brenna Albracht/Ashley Hernandez, 5th place

Def. Hillman/Seybert (Perryton) Lost to Hebert/Henderson (Borger)

Girls Singles

Shelby Needham, 7th place Lost to Jessica Stark (Borger) Lost to Chelsi Cooke (Borger)

Olivia Chairez, 8th place

Lost to Dusti Wolfe (Borger) Lost to Katherine Watts (Borger)

## **POYC** meeting set for Monday

interested in Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2006 will be held at the Optimist Club Monday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m., Kevin Davis, Baseball Commissioner, announced

"We are going to have sign-ups and tryouts March 5:30 to 7 p.m.," Davis said. "We need to see how many coaches we have so we will know how many teams we

An organizational meet- will be able to offer. We ing for managers, coaches, also want to be organized league officials and parents so that registration and tryouts can go smoothly."

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency. It offers baseball and softball leagues for boys and girls from five to 15 years of age. In the past teams from Miami, Lefors, Claude, Panhandle, / Wheeler and 21 through March 24 from Clarendon have participated. Last year more than 700 players on 54 teams played in the Optimist program.

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## **Basketball banquets scheduled**

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

The PHS girls basketball contact a booster club banquet has been set for 7 Knights of Columbus. Tickets will go on sale

Tuesday. The boys' banquet will be held 7 p.m. April 6 at First Baptist Church. Tickets will go on sale March 27.

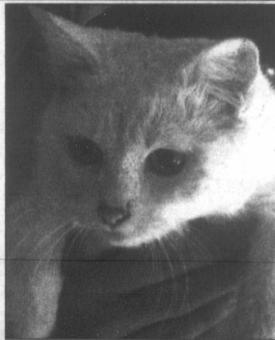
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Pampa first baseman Kenzi Nickell gathers up a throw from third base and beats the runner for the put out during last week's game against Canyon. The Lady Harvesters are on the road competing in the Arlington Tournament.

## Cordero going to WBC

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers closer Francisco Cordero will be pitching for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic after all.

Cordero had been on the original Dominican roster but he bowed out three weeks ago because of a sore pitching

A roster spot on the team opened when reliever Damaso Marte injured his shoulder and Cordero was asked to join as a replacement.

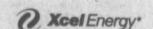
"It was a really tough decision because I really wanted to pitch, but I wanted to give them enough to get someone else," said Cordero, who will leave Rangers training camp Friday. "I've been working hard right along and I've been feeling better every day. I think I will be able to give them one inning. Around 30 pitches would be my best."



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