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## Four arrested on manslaughter charges in drug death

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Four Pampa residents were arrested this morning and booked into Gray County Jail in connection with the Sept. 14 death of Cody Randall Best, 17, of Pampa.

Matthew Wade Hopkins, 37; Penny June Summers, 25; Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 37; and Kylie J'nae Winegeart, 18, were each arrested at about 9 a.m. and charged with manslaughter. The four remained in jail as of press time in lieu of bond.

Honeycutt's bond was set at \$25,000; the remaining three each had bonds of \$20,000.

The four were arrested on 31st District grand jury indictments which were handed up Thursday. The indictments charged each of them with manslaughter, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Honeycutt's manslaughter charge was enhanced because he was convicted of the felony offense of burglary on Dec. 21, 1995, in 84th District Court in Ochiltree County.

The indictments state that on Sept. 13, 2005, each of the four recklessly caused the death of Best by failing to seek medical attention for Best in a timely manner.

Best was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center on Sept. 13. He was

unconscious from a drug overdose at the time, according to a PPD news release, and died the following day.

An autopsy performed in Lubbock showed that Best died from a lethal amount of methamphetamine, according to the PPD release.

Best's father, Randy Best of Chambers County, filed a wrongful death lawsuit Thursday in 223rd District Court in Pampa against Hopkins and Summers in connection with the death.

In the lawsuit, John Mann, Pampa attorney representing the father, alleged that Hopkins and Summers plied Best with illegal drugs and then prevented him from going to the emergency room.

The lawsuit said that Best was at Hopkins' home along with Summers on Sept. 14, and alleges that Hopkins gave the teen illegal drugs.

The lawsuit also claims that Hopkins interfered with attempts to secure medical aid and treatment by refusing to allow a friend of Best's to call 911. Hopkins reportedly put Best in the back of Hopkins' pickup and had Summers and another individual take Best to PRMC.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from Summers and Hopkins.

Best was born Sept. 25, 1987 in Granbury. He was a sophomore at Pampa High School at the time of his death.

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Chris Crow, left; C.J. Frazier, and Tyler Hudson are together again. They started as a high school band and broke up after graduation, but today have reunited as Room to Breathe.

## Now there's Room to Breathe

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Damascus Road led to a place where there is Room to Breathe.

Three Pampa High School graduates have strong Christian beliefs and a passion for music. After forming their own band in high school, they went their separate ways following graduation, then all ended up back in Pampa to form a new band.

Those separate journeys led them to a more mature sound and a wider appreciation for a variety of music.

Chris Crow, 23, lead vocal and acoustic guitar; C.J. Frazier, 23, bass; and Tyler Hudson, 22, drums, are back together and this month are auditioning for a fourth member of Room to Breathe.

"We were in high school in 1998," Crow said of their beginnings.

Crow was a junior. Frazier and Hudson were sophomores.

"We met at a local concert," Crow said.

Crow said he knew Hudson, but not well.

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C.J. Frazier on bass.



Chris Crow, lead vocalist and acoustic guitar.



Tyler Hudson on drums.

## Cabot donation to create computer lab at Austin school

Cabot's Pampa Plant, which formed a one-year partnership with Austin Elementary School at the beginning of the school year, has donated \$23,000 to develop a computer lab that will benefit students and teachers at Austin.

The contribution, funded through the Cabot Corporation Foundation, was presented to Austin Principal Beverly Owen last week.

"When we formed the partnership with Austin, we met with Principal Owen and the teachers at the school and brainstormed ideas that would cement the relationship," Facility Manager David Cain said. "The computer lab is one of many ideas that came out of that session. Cabot believes in promoting strong science

and technology so the idea of a computer lab was a natural fit."

The lab will install updated computer hardware and software that will be used to improve the education process at Austin. It will also be equipped with advanced teaching software giving the teachers new tools to help raise the academic standard.

"We are so proud to have a company like Cabot in our community," Owen said. "They have not only donated the funding for the lab, but they have also donated the time of their employees. Each week, someone will drop in on one of our classrooms and help our students with reading and math. They have really gone above and

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## City commission to discuss water

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Water, not Valentines, will be the major topic of concern at the Pampa City Commission meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday commission chambers in City Hall.

The commission will consider participating in the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority 2006 bond issue. CRMWA plans on using money from the bond issue to buy more water rights.

CRMWA General Manager Kent Satterwhite told the city commission that member cities like Pampa may choose to participate in the 20-year bond issue at different levels at varying costs. Pampa is one of the

few cities in the 11 cities that form the water authority that does not use its full allotment of water.

Most of the cities that have chosen not to participate so far, Satterwhite said, are smaller cities on the South Plains that do not expect any future growth.

Lubbock, Amarillo and Plainview are the major cities pushing for more water rights.

The Pampa City Commission will also consider authorizing a utility easement for Southwestern Public Service and consider approving the Pampa Economic Development bylaws.

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Obituaries

**Helen Lofton McDonald, 76**

AMARILLO — Helen Lofton McDonald, 76, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Washington Avenue Christian Church in Amarillo with Jim Shelburne, minister, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



McDonald

Mrs. McDonald was born on June 27, 1929, in Megargel, Texas, to Herbert D. and Iris B. Cox. She graduated from Lefors High School and attended Frank Phillips College, Amarillo College and West Texas State University.

She transferred to Amarillo from Pampa with Southwestern Bell Telephone, where she retired. She was employed at First National Bank of Pampa and Gordon, Gordon, and Buzzard Law Firm.

Mrs. McDonald was a member of the Pilot Club of Amarillo where she served as treasurer and president. She was involved with mental health services and served on the National Alliance for Mental Health board

for two years. She also served as librarian at the MHMR facility.

She was a member of Washington Avenue Christian Church where she taught the Homebuilders Sunday School Class until she became ill.

She loved her Lord and tried to serve him in community service. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Kenneth D. Cox and Charles H. Cox, and by her first husband, Onnie N. Lofton.

Survivors include her husband, Richard E. McDonald of Amarillo; two sons, Johnny N. Lofton and D.D. Lofton and wife Kerry, all of Pampa; a sister, Dorothy Gallimore of Pampa; a stepson, James McDonald and wife Carol of Midland; a stepdaughter, Marcia Stubbs of Baton Rouge, La.; four granddaughters, Lori Gale Gwaltney and husband Ryan of Opp, Alabama, Michelle Smith and husband Billy of Auburn, Alabama, Erin Matthew of Midland and Stephennie Batts of Baton Rouge; two grandsons, Chris McDonald of Midland and Neil McDonald of Amarillo; seven great-grandchildren; a special niece, Beverly Snider of Pampa; and a special friend, Flora Lee Taylor of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

The family will be at 1604 N. Zimmers in Pampa.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Izaddia Subia, 87**

Izaddia Subia, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Subia was born Jan. 17, 1919, in Childress County, Texas. She married Jess Subia on Sept. 30, 1944, in Childress. He preceded her in death on April 4, 2003.

Mrs. Subia had been a resident of Pampa



Subia

since 1975, moving from California. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church and the Women of the Moose Lodge #658.

Survivors include three sisters, Clara Quary, Helen Pearce, and Bessie Etheredge, all of Pampa. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Garland Lincycumb, Jimmy Lincycumb, and Herman Lincycumb; and one sister, Donnie Ralston.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

The family will be at 1009 E. Kingsmill. Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Vladimir Trirogoff Jr., 63**

Vladimir Trirogoff Jr., 63, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Pampa.

Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. today, Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Trirogoff was born March 2, 1943, in the Philippines. He married Gloria Montinola on Sept. 4, 1973. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2002, moving from Borger. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Trirogoff of the home; two daughters, Maria Luisa Trirogoff of Nashville, Tenn., and Felice Trirogoff of Austin; one brother, Roberto Trirogoff of Canada; and three sisters, Carmen Laxamana of California, and Teresita Lagman and Lucrecia Javier, both of the Philippines.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Vladimir and Consuelo Paderna Trirogoff, and one brother, Carlos Trirogoff.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Pauline Loter, 91**

Pauline Loter, 91, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Lester Lynch, deacon of First Freewill Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Loter was born on Aug. 14, 1914, in Stigler, Oklahoma, and was raised in the Childress, Texas, area. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1976.

She married T.I. Loter on Oct. 20, 1932, in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 2003.

Mrs. Loter worked as a sales clerk at Gabriel's Department Store in Plainview for 15 years, and she worked in various garden centers in Pampa for about 10 years.

She was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church. She was known by her family as "Mama" Loter. She loved gardening, working with flowers and quilting.

Survivors include two daughters, Eloise

Dowlen and Marilyn Howell and husband Jim, all of Pampa; two sons, Ronnie Loter and wife Wetia and Lonnie Loter and wife Ann, all of Pampa; seven grandsons, Keith Dowlen of Round Rock, Mike Dowlen of Quanah, Glynn Dowlen and Barry Dowlen, both of Amarillo, Kelly Loter of Dallas, Trent Loter of Pampa, and Lance Howell of Las Vegas, Nevada; three granddaughters, Shannon Loter of Pampa, Amy Chapman of Amarillo, and Stacy Loter of Austin; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother and a sister.

The family requests memorials be to Meals on Wheels, 302 E. Foster, Pampa, TX 79065, Pampa Special Olympics, P.O. Box 375, Pampa, TX 79066, or Odyssey Healthcare, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Mrs. Loter's caregivers, Cynthia Hernandez and Leticia Resendez.

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**Paul B. Coronis, 70**

Paul B. Coronis, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Coronis was born March 9, 1925, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Laverne Wright on Feb. 12, 1963, in Wheeler County.

He was owner and operator of Coronis Builders. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the Las Pampa Pond & Water Garden Society.

Survivors include his wife, Laverne Cornois of the home; three sons, Cory Coronis of Pampa, Greg Burke of Wichita Falls and Paul Dean Parker of Dallas; three sisters, Zoy Cruchfield of Arlington, Irene Pinson of Mansfield and Mary Pritchard of Houston; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Chris Parker, in 2001.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

*Services tomorrow*

URBANZYK, Henry — Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

McDONALD, Helen Lofton — 11 a.m., Washington Avenue Christian Church, Amarillo. Graveside services 3 p.m. Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

*Gray County Weather*

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 64. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. West northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southwest.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 31. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. South southeast wind

between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast.

Thursday Night: Areas of freezing drizzle after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 18. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Areas of freezing drizzle before 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 33. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A slight chance of snow, mixing with freezing drizzle after midnight. Cloudy, with a low near 18. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday: A slight chance of snow or freezing drizzle. Cloudy, with a high near 32. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of snow or freezing drizzle. Cloudy, with a low around 20. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Forty-five traffic stops were made, resulting in at least four arrests.

Fictitious registration was reported in the 200 block of North Starkweather in connection with a traffic stop.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and prohibited substance in a correctional facility were reported in the 800 block of West Wilks in connection with a traffic stop.

Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of Duncan, an unreported location, the intersection of Boyd and Wells streets, the 400 block of Hughes and the 1300 block of East Francis.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets and on two occasions at unreported locations.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of West 30th, the 1900 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Doucette.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1500 block of Dogwood, the 2300 block of Alcock, the intersection of Highway 152 and Price Road and the 800 block of Murphy.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Welfare checks were made in the 1400 block of East Browning and the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of West Craven and the 1300 block of East Foster, where a cash register drawer was found.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A driver's license was lost in the 1000 block of East Gordon.

A missing child was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

An animal complaint was received from the 1100 block of East Francis.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 900 block of North Frost, the 600 block of North Dwight and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of North Nelson.

Silent/abusive 911 call was received on two occasions from unreported locations.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of Deane Drive and the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A violation of Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission laws was reported in the 400 block of East 29th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Wells, the intersection of Beryl and Jean streets and the 1800 block of Alcock, where an estimated \$314 in damage was done to padlocks and news boxes.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of South Tignor and the 1200 block of Duncan.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

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

A disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of Farley, the police department lobby, the 1200 block of East Browning and the 100 block of South Wynne.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of Talley. Taken were a bow, guitar, pool cue, video game system, tools, a scanner, DVDs and binoculars. Estimated value of loss is \$7,644.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Beech. A laptop computer valued at \$1,500 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of North Somerville. Taken were a couch, wood flooring, a photo album, cabinet, ski bibs, weight set, 100 VHS tapes and a vacuum, for an estimated loss of \$648.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of East Tuke, the 800 block of East Frederic and the 700 block of North Christy.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 900 block of South Faulkner. Estimated value of the vehicle is unknown.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1600 block of Russell. Estimated value of loss is \$4,500.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of East Albert. An engine jack lift valued at \$400 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of West 25th. Approximately \$350 in cash was taken.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Banks. Two lawn chairs were taken, for an estimated loss of \$300.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler and the 2000 block of Duncan.

### Sheriff

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

**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
Shona Reanae Dorsey, 20, Pampa, was arrested in the 800 block of West Wilks by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Marcheri Ronell Hughes, 20, Pampa, was arrested in the 800 block of West Wilks by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
Everardo Duenez Rivera, 20, Wheeler, was arrested in the 800 block of West Foster by PPD for driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and no insurance.

Mejia Juanez Isreal, 23, Wheeler, was arrested in the 800 block of West Foster by PPD for public intoxication.

**Monday, Feb. 13**  
Timothy Joe Broadbent, 25, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for no driver's license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection and expired motor vehicle registration.

Matthew Wade Hopkins, 37, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for manslaughter.

Penny June Summers, 25, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for manslaughter.

Terry Glenn Honeycutt,

37, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for manslaughter.

Kylie J'nae Winegeart, 18, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for manslaughter.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**  
6:38 p.m. — A 1988 Chevrolet CK1500, a driverless moving vehicle owned by Kaysi Ensey, 1204 E. Kingsmill, was improperly parked in the 1100 block of North Garland, facing south, when it rolled south into the intersection of Garland and Louisiana streets. The parking brake on the vehicle had not been set at the time of the accident, according to the police report. The vehicle struck the curb on the south side of the intersection, crossed over the curb and continued to travel southwest, entering the 600 block of North Yeager. The vehicle crossed Yeager Street and traveled over the curb on the west side of the street. It continued to the southwest and struck the bottom of Red Deer Creek, where it came to rest. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, Feb. 11**  
4:40 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1400 block of East Browning on a grass fire.

10:50 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of McCullough on a grass fire.

**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
12:01 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to FM 207 10 miles south of Borger on a grass fire as a mutual aid assistance for Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department.

12:50 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Mary Ellen on a medical assist.

1:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Tignor on a medical assist.

4:47 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 on a vehicle accident.

### Ambulance

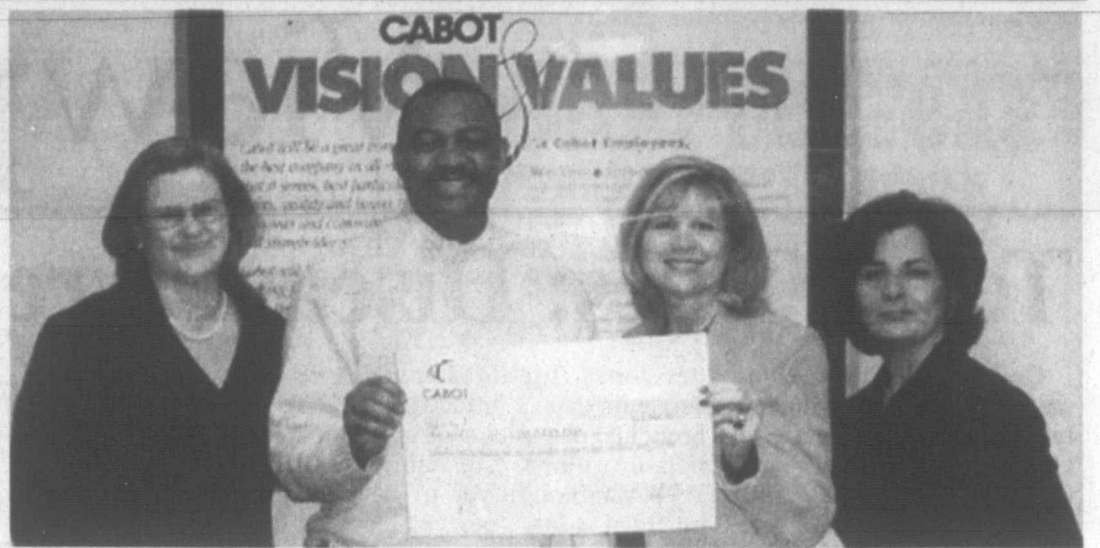
Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Sunday, Feb. 12**  
12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Beech and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersections of Highways 60 and 70 and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.



Courtesy Photo  
Barbara Eldridge, left, of Cabot, David Cain of Cabot, Principal Beverly Owen, and Liza Harrison of Cabot.

## Cabot

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beyond."

The Austin adoption will end with the school year and the Cabot plant indicates that it will adopt another school in the coming school year.

"My hope is that we will

eventually touch every school in the community in some special way and if we can promote science and technology along the way it's a win for everybody," Cain said.

## City

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The commission is expected to take action on agreements with White Deer, Groom, Skellytown, Miami, Lefors and McLean concerning animal control

services.

The commission will also hear reports on the park bridge and racial profiling.

They are expected to discuss drilling water wells within the city limits, handicap parking at M.K. Brown Civic Center and a soil stabilization project at Lovett Memorial Library.

## Man shot by Cheney a Texas GOP leader

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The man accidentally shot by Vice President Dick Cheney is an avid hunter and a longtime Republican activist who owns the downtown building where many of the party's power brokers built their Texas empire.

Harry Whittington, 78, was in stable condition at Christus Spohn Hospital Memorial in Corpus Christi today, recovering from bird-shot wounds after he was shot late Saturday afternoon on a South Texas ranch.

Whittington, an attorney, owns the Vaughn building in Austin, which has hosted Republican campaign headquarters for decades. President George W. Bush used the building for his gubernatorial campaigns, current Texas Gov. Rick Perry is there now and Karl Rove, the architect of Bush's rise to the presidency used to office there as well.

Over the years, the party evolved from minor player to the dominant force in the state. Every statewide elected official in Texas is a Republican.

"Anyone who's been involved in Republican politics in 20 years knows and respects Harry Whittington," Republican consultant Ray Sullivan said. "Twenty years ago there were very few prominent Republicans in Texas and even fewer in Austin. He was a Texas Republican long before it was cool."

Bill Crocker, a member of

the Republican national committee, said he's been hunting with Whittington before. He described Whittington as a safety-conscious hunter who possesses "a good shot." But he's not the type to display trophies in his office. Crocker has kept an office next to Whittington for about 30 years.

Whittington's friends also said he has great sense of humor and will probably crack jokes about the accident.

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# Viewpoints

## Texas Tales: Disease wreaked havoc in early days

On March 11, 1918, company cook Albert Mitchell reported to the infirmary at Camp Funston, Kan., a sub-post of Fort Riley. He had a slight headache, a mild sore throat and a low-grade fever. His appetite was off and his muscles ached.

A post doctor put the cook on sick leave and ordered him to spend the day in his bunk.

By mid-day, 107 Camp Funston soldiers were ailing. Two days later, the number of sick soldiers at the Kansas camp had increased to 522.

The disease quickly stretched across the United States — from the isolated prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay to sailors aboard ships in ports along the East Coast.

As the great armies of Europe and America battled that summer in the deadliest war the world had ever known, each side gained another vicious enemy. Symptoms of the flu became more severe.

A fifth of all sufferers

developed life-threatening secondary infections: bronchial pneumonia or septicemic blood poisoning. With antibiotics yet to be invented, a large percentage of those died.

In America, many blamed the sickness on a secret biological weapon developed by the Germans. But the disease knew no flag or boundary.

In El Paso, east-west railroad traffic and the routine rotation of troops at Fort Bliss carried the disease to the Southwestern desert, an area generally noted for its healthfulness.

On Sept. 30, 1918, El Paso papers casually noted that some people in the city had the flu, but the situation worsened daily.

The city's board of health ordered the closing of all schools, churches, theaters, lodges, pool halls and other public places. In addition, soldiers at Fort Bliss were essentially confined to the post, forbidden to pass beyond the intersection of Overland and El Paso

streets.

To help enforce their quarantine, El Paso officials called on the Texas Rangers. Rangers Ben Pennington and Bob Hunt, along with others, were pulled from border duty to see to it that the soldiers of Fort Bliss, normally an economic asset, stayed on the military reservation.

**Mike Cox**  
Texas Tales

next morning.

Ranger Hunt lived only four days longer than his colleague, dying in an El Paso hospital on Oct. 16. In five days, his disease had progressed to pneumonia. With many of its reporters, editors and printers also sick, the Times barely noted Hunt's passing. A one-paragraph article reported only that

"Robert Hunt, state ranger, from Fabens, Tex., died in a local hospital Wednesday morning."

The Rangers, and others afflicted with the flu, died hard. One doctor wrote of the pneumonia associated with the flu that once cyanosis appeared in a patient, "it is simply a struggle for air until they suffocate."

The second week of October 1918 saw the worst death toll in the city's history. From Oct. 9 to Oct. 16,

El Paso Mayor Charles Davis announced that 131 people, including the two Rangers, had died, most from the flu. The one-week count amounted to nearly as many deaths as had been reported for the entire month of October 1917.

Hospitals across the country were full but short-staffed, since many doctors and nurses were sick or dying. El Paso and other cities were short of funeral directors, grave diggers and coffins.

In El Paso, the epidemic finally began to abate in November. Then, at 1 a.m. on Nov. 11, pistol shots and whistles startled sleeping residents. Soon the city's two newspapers had extras on the street declaring in huge type that an armistice had been signed: the war was over. A wild, spontaneous celebration swept the city, continuing through daybreak.

People in El Paso and all across Texas and the rest of the nation may not have realized it, but they were in

truly celebrating two victories—a military triumph over Germany and, for the time being, a defeat of death. America had won a war and its people had endured a terrible epidemic.

Flu infected 28 percent of all Americans, killing somewhere between 675,000 to 850,000 people, a staggering mortality rate of 2.5 percent. The virus had claimed the lives of more American military men and women than German warfare. Worldwide, an estimated 20 to 40 million people died in the worst pandemic in history.

Suddenly, eighteen months after it appeared, the virus vanished. Except for their families and friends, few remembered Pennington and Hunt — two horseback-era Rangers who died in the line of duty trying to protect the people of Texas from the worst killer it had ever known.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2006. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1795, the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of

Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1945, during World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1945, Allied planes began bomb-

*'To go against the dominant thinking of your friends, of most of the people you see every day, is perhaps the most difficult act of heroism you can have.'*

— Theodore H. White  
American political writer (1915-1986)

ing the German city of Dresden.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.

In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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## American politicians fear an honest man

I laughed when Hamas swept the Palestinian elections. After all, President Bush and his gang of neo-conservative ideologues have been preaching that democracy in the Middle East will lead to peace.

Oops. Now the president will once more have to expose himself as the hypocrite he is. Democracy is good, in Mr. Bush's view, only if it elects the people he wants in office. The choice of the Palestinian majority, expressed in what all the observers said was a free and fair election, is not acceptable to Mr. Bush.

Hamas, you should know, has been around for a long time, and for most of that time, the United States did not label it a terrorist organization. Hamas has a military wing, but the majority of its efforts have been in providing welfare, medical care and education to dirt-poor Palestinians who would have to do without but for Hamas. Unlike the corrupt Fatah, the Palestinian party Mr. Bush apparently wanted to win, Hamas has a reputation for being honest.

If there is anything American politicians fear, it is an honest man. More than one is even worse. How can the Bush administration

bribe the Palestinian Authority into keeping quiet while Israel unilaterally consolidates its position if the elected people won't accept bribes for selling out their constituents? No wonder the Bush White House is worried.

If I were the leader of Hamas, I would send President Bush a message that said essentially this: "Don't worry about not talking to us. We have no desire to talk to you. For 39 years, you Americans have talked about peace processes and have not recovered one square centimeter of Palestinian land. On the contrary, Israel has expanded into Palestinian territory while you prevented the United Nations from taking any action to stop it.

"The conflict in Palestine is quite simple. In 1967, Israel invaded and has since occupied the West Bank and East Jerusalem. We lack the military power to eject the Israelis and therefore have zero influence on them. You, who have given Israel more than \$90 billion, do have influence. So, instead of talking to us, talk to the

Israelis. As soon as the Israeli occupation is ended, the problem in Palestine will go away. In the meantime, we have a lot of domestic problems to solve, which was the platform we ran on anyway."

As for the suicide bombings Hamas has carried out, I have said before that the method of delivery is irrelevant. We and the Israelis deliver our bombs from airplanes, helicopters and artillery tubes. Since the Palestinians are denied modern weapons, they have to walk or drive their bombs to the targets. Morally, there is no difference whatsoever between bombs delivered by air or by foot. It is an undeniable fact that we have killed a thousand times more civilians in Iraq, Panama, Libya, Serbia, Grenada and Vietnam than Hamas has killed Israelis. Naturally, we dismiss the civilians we kill as "collateral damage."

The death toll in the latest intifada, by the way, is 1,084 Israelis killed by Palestinians and 3,786 Palestinians killed by Israelis. Not all of those

Israelis were killed by Hamas. Fatah also has a military wing, and there are other resistance organizations.

But back to the president's strategic blunder. He should have read my column. I've said over and over that the largest group of people in the Middle East pushing for democracy is the Islamic parties, and the only "friends" we have in the Middle East are the rulers we pay to be our friends. You will notice that Egypt, Jordan and the Saudis, all on our payroll in one way or another, were the first to call on Hamas to moderate its stand.

I doubt Hamas will do so. That's the trouble with honest people of sincere faith. They believe they must answer to a higher authority, and their loyalty is not for sale. Palestinians, like everyone else on Earth, have an inalienable right to resist occupation of their homeland. It is to our shame and disgrace that we side with the occupiers. At any rate, Mr. Bush and the necons had better be more careful about what they wish for.

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# Sports Day

## WINTER OLYMPICS

### Wait, what did she say?

I do my best to stay up-to-date when it comes to the wide world of sports. Like most, I enjoy some perhaps a bit more than others, but appreciate all of them. I cheer any athlete or team that endeavors to be the very best in their sport.

This is what makes the Olympics - even the X-Games - unique and fun to watch.

OK, I may not really get events like curling or that thing where they ski a bit, shoot a bit, and ski a bit more, but I look in on them anyway.

I'm not sure jumping a motorcycle over a high bar on snow is a sport, but I will lend an eye when the Winter X-Games roll around.

I was surfing my television viewing options a night or two ago when I noticed the USA network was showing Olympic hockey. I stopped to take a peek.

I caught the game between the USA and Switzerland. I don't claim to be a hockey aficionado, but something about this game looked different.

I remember thinking how impressive the USA looked and how the Swiss seemed to be struggling. Not what one expects when you consider the history of each country on the Olympic frozen pond.

Minutes into the match, I thought I heard the announcer refer to one of the players as "she". Must have been my ears playing tricks on me.

Intrigued because the USA was dropping a smack-down on the Swiss, I kept watching. The Americans were hammering the Swiss goal with a barrage of shots, while they had nothing for our guys. Still, something about the game looked different to me. It just wasn't as fast or as physical as it usually is. I

reasoned it must be due to some Olympic rule that protects the players. Made sense to me at the time.

And then it happened again. The announcer referred to one of the players as "she". That was followed by "ladies" and "her" and "girls". No mistake this time.

It was then I realized I was watching women's hockey.

I had no idea there was such a thing.

Hey, our girls were good. I think they won that

game 6-0. Whatever the score, it was sort of interesting.

Afterward though, I began to wonder how come we can have women's hockey in the winter games, but not baseball and softball in the summer games? My understanding is it is based on each country's interest in participating and ability to field a competitive team.

I believe it is also a question of the number of sports in an Olympiad. Summer games can consist of 28 events where as winter games host only 15. This can impact a host city's ability to properly host the Olympics. Sure, there is the economic factor as well. Baseball venues, temporary or not, aren't cheap.

So am I to assume there is far more interest and participation around the blue marble in women's hockey than baseball or softball? If so, I am not the sports fan I thought I was because up until a couple days ago, I had no idea women's hockey even existed.

So here's something for prospective baseball and softball olympians to think about...learn how to play your game on ice or snow and submit it for winter game consideration. Seems like this will be the only way these sports will find their way back into any future Olympiad.

**Michael J. Stevens**

Sports Editor



### Pampa tennis team grows a bit at Coyote Classic

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Coyote Classic in Wichita Falls this weekend. The tournament consisted of an 'A' and 'B' draw, each made up of 16 teams.

Pampa was placed in the 'A' draw with Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, Dumas, Edmond North, Ennis, Grapevine, Lubbock Coronado, Lubbock Monterrey, Midland Lee, Palo Duro, Wichita Falls Rider, Sherman, Southlake Carroll, Vernon, and Wichita Falls High School.

Harvesters head coach Emily Laurence said, "This is one of the toughest tournaments in the state of Texas." She added, "We were competing with several teams who made it to state as a team in the fall."

The tournament is a two day event in which each player plays five matches. The No. 1 girls doubles team from Pampa - Haley Acker and Tanna Stowers - had the highest finish of anyone from Pampa (15th place) thanks to their win in the first round. Both girls singles players from Pampa, Myca Vinson and Ashlee Lucus, suffered a first round loss but went on a winning streak to meet up in the consolation finals for 17th and 18th place respectively.

"This tournament showed our team that we have a long way to go this season before district," said Laurence. "We have a lot of hard work ahead of us if we want to compete at the highest level in the state."

Laurence noted, "We have a very talented team that hasn't learned yet how to put their talent together with a pure love of the game in order to win. The good news is we have quite a few tournaments scheduled this spring in order to improve before district in April."

Pampa's JV team is home Tuesday against Borger and Dumas. The varsity team is home Saturday to host Borger, Caprock, and Hereford. Matches will start at 9 a.m. both days.

#### Results

##### Boys Singles

**Michael Foreman, 22nd place**- Lost to Yannik Neufang (Southlake Carroll) 3-6, 2-6; Lost to Nick Lehman (Vernon) 2-6, 1-6; Def. Matt Slovacek (Ennis) 6-2, 6-4; Lost to Brandon Carlson (Grapevine) 6-4, 4-6, (11-13)

##### Girls Singles

**Myca Vinson, 17th place** (won Consolation)- Lost to Sarah Scoggin (Ennis) 6-7 (9-11), 4-6; Def. Zury Ramirez (Palo Duro) 6-0, 6-1; Def. Danielle Cochran (Grapevine) 6-1, 6-1; Def. Katie Langwell (Rider) 6-1, 6-2; Def. Ashlee Lucus (Pampa) 6-3, 6-1

**Ashlee Lucus, 18th place**- Lost to Caroline Renton (Wichita Falls) 2-6, 3-6; Def. Lindsey Waller (Southlake Carroll) 2-6, 7-5, (10-5); Def. Emily Dye (Sherman) 6-2, 6-2; Def. Mary Kueser (Lubbock Coronado) 4-4 (Ret.); Lost to Myca Vinson (Pampa) 3-6, 1-6

##### Boys Doubles

**Kevin Frels/Tyler Morris, 30th place**- Lost to Jonash Loh/Andrew Reznick (Southlake Carroll) 0-6, 0-6; Lost to D. Feltman/J.Pena (Midland Lee) 3-6, 1-6; Lost to Josh Marshall/Steven Stanley (Vernon) 4-6, 1-6; Def. Sonny Hunt/Alex Monroe (Lubbock Monterrey) 6-3, 5-7, (10-2); Lost to Moreland/Haggard (Amarillo High) 0-6, 2-6

**Landon McNeely/Jack Ware, 32nd place**- Lost to Bryan Joiner/Jared Hope (Lubbock Coronado) 0-6, 0-6; Lost to Nick Young/Tyler Nichols (Ennis) 4-6, 6-7(6-8); Lost to Josh Mixaydy/Thi Nguyen (Palo Duro) 4-6, 1-6; Lost to Moreland/Haggard (Amarillo High) 1-6, 1-6; Lost to Sonny Hunt/Alex Monroe (Lubbock Monterrey) 6-3, 1-6, (8-10)

##### Girls Doubles

**Haley Acker/Tanna Stowers, 15th place**- Def. Erin Dooley/Tara Morgan (Southlake Carroll) 7-6 (7-4), 7-5; Lost to Sadie Thacker/Taylor Carbacz (Wichita Falls) 4-6, 1-6; Lost to Katie Johnson/Kathleen McClure (Edmond North) 1-6, 1-6; Lost to Linda Truong/Cindy Hoang (Palo Duro) 6-7(5-7), 6-4, 5-7; Def. Ashlee Keriotis/Emily Bachinskas (Southlake Carroll) 6-3, 6-1

**Maegan Patterson/Kourtney Farmer, 30th place**- Lost to Janell Hetherington/Allison Hernandez (Wichita Falls) 0-6, 2-6; Lost to Laura Taylor/Meagan Vargas (Vernon) 5-7, 1-6; Lost to J. McGowan/Hilgmeir (Midland Lee); Lost to E. Miller/K. Kase (Midland Lee) 6-7 (5-7), 5-7

##### Mixed Doubles

**Sammie Pereira/Jareth Fortenberry, 26th place**- Lost to Addyson Woodrum/Keegan Bain (Dumas) 4-6, 5-7; Lost to John Smith/Trinkloos (Amarillo Tascosa) 0-6, 4-6; Lost to Jose Salazar/Jamie Boyd (Ennis) 4-6, 3-6; Lost to Cochran/Erizo (Grapevine) 6-4, 2-6, (8-10)

## Pampa sports notes

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

#### Region I-4A Girls Swimming and Diving Meet

Pampa's Nicki Cole finished second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 59.19, and third in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.75 in Lubbock over the weekend. Pampa finished 13th overall.

#### Basketball

The Lady Harvesters will be led out of town via police and fire department escort Tuesday as they head for the opening round of playoffs in Plainview. Fans are encouraged to meet in front of McNeely Field House at 2 p.m. for the send-off. Pampa will meet Lubbock Estacado at 7:30 p.m.

The boys will try to end their regular season with a 23-6 mark Tuesday night when they host Hereford at 7:30.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you for your continued support of victims of domestic and dating violence. Tomorrow is Valentine's Day, a day filled with romance for many couples. Unfortunately, for some, it is like any other day -- filled with fear, anxiety and violence. The sad truth is, every year, close to 4 million American women experience a serious assault by someone who said they loved them. I would like to remind your readers that domestic and dating violence is not just physical abuse. It can also be sexual, emotional, economic or psychological abuse. It is actions, or threats of actions, meant to frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any age, race, sexual orientation, religion, gender or socioeconomic background. It can happen to couples who are married, living together or dating. With Valentine's Day only a day away, let's work to keep our loved ones safe. — **SHERYL CATES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE**

**DEAR SHERYL:** Thank you for your important letter. As readers of my column know, your organization is one I have relied upon for years to help victims of abuse. If anyone reading this column today feels she is being abused, or knows of someone who is being abused, I hope she will call the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is (800) 799-7233 (SAFE). The number for people with hearing disabilities is (800) 787-3224 (TTY). You can also log onto the Web site at [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org). There is help available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The danger is great, so please don't wait to contact them.

**DEAR ABBY:** My dear friend "Rose" has a 3-year-old great-granddaughter I'll call "Andrea." I am concerned because the child does not play nicely with her dolls. She chokes them, bashes their heads against the wall and "drowns" them in the

bathtub. Rose and her daughter think it is funny. I think Andrea needs help. The little girl doesn't get hit or abused herself, but she has an on-again, off-again father who has beaten up her mother on more than one occasion. And there has been a new baby in the house since November. Should I suggest counseling? — **WORRIED IN ST. LOUIS**

**DEAR WORRIED:** Andrea appears to be a very angry little girl who is using her dolls to channel her aggression. She may feel displaced by her new sibling. It might help to suggest to Rose that she and her daughter give Andrea more attention because you are concerned that she might take her resentment out on the baby. If that fails to improve the child's behavior, then point out that a visit with a child psychologist might be in order.

**DEAR ABBY:** Two years ago, a male friend and I decided to save our spare change in a jar for a road trip. There are now three large jars, and they're all at my house. During the time that we've been saving, my friend and I have grown apart. It's not that we don't like each other anymore, but sometimes that's the way things go. There is nearly \$300 in the jars, and I'd like to give him his share, but I have no idea how to do it. There is no way of knowing how much of the money is his and how much is mine. There isn't an even amount in the jars, and I'm considering giving all of it to him. What do you suggest? — **TRYING TO BE FAIR IN N.C.**

**DEAR TRYING:** Either get a neutral friend to help you count the money, or "guesstimate" the amount in the jars and write the man a check for half. It's better than cheating yourself out of your share of what you have accumulated. Or, with your friend's approval, the entire amount could be donated to charity.

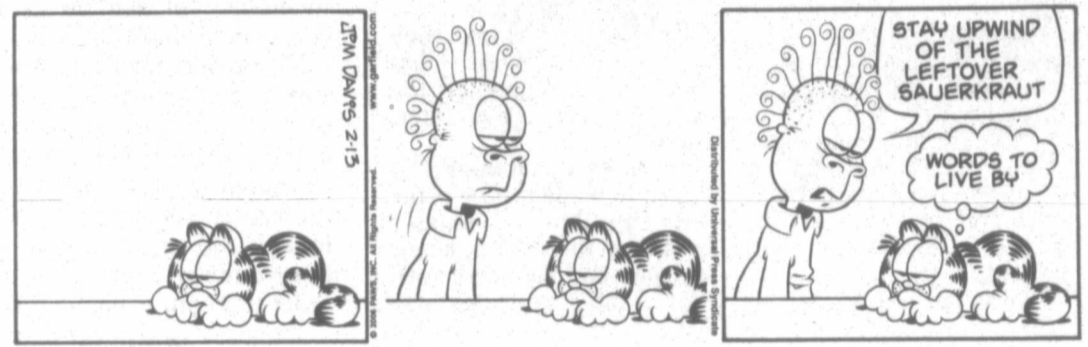
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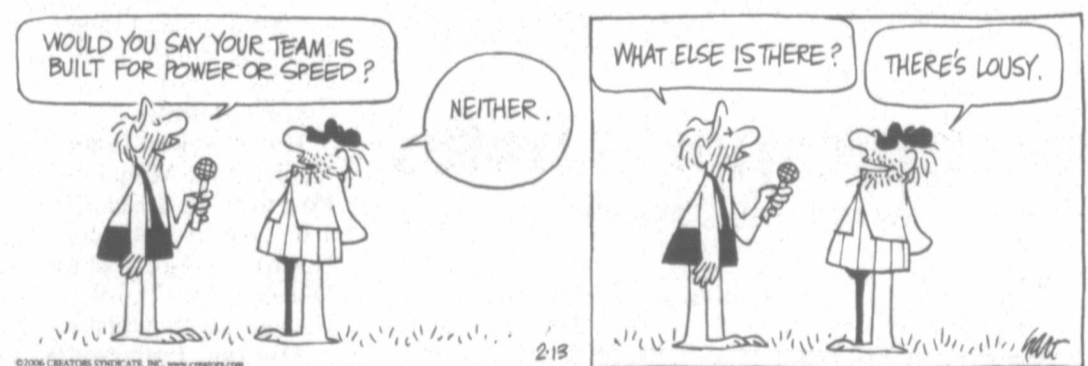
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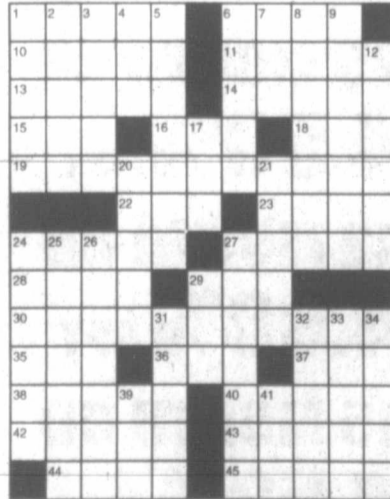
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 43 Glowing
  - 1 Twilled cinder material
  - 44 Dainty drinks
  - 6 Harangue
  - 10 Accumulated, as debt
  - 11 Sung drama
  - 13 Playing marble
  - 14 "Understand?"
  - 15 Gullet
  - 16 Maiden name label
  - 18 Wedding words
  - 19 Like airplane cabins
  - 22 For each
  - 23 Tear participant
  - 24 Craze
  - 27 Suit piece
  - 28 Mideast sultanate
  - 29 — au vin (chicken dish)
  - 30 Used a skin treatment
  - 35 Blunder
  - 36 For fun, for short
  - 37 Individual
  - 38 Lasso end
  - 40 Writer
  - 42 Brass band members
- DOWN**
- 1 Muscle woe
  - 2 Viking of the comics
  - 3 Really impressed
  - 4 Bolt partner
  - 5 Sailing place
  - 6 Radio word
  - 7 Clumsy fellow
  - 8 Web
  - 9 Neptune prop
  - 12 In disagreement
  - 17 Afr. neighbor
  - 20 Whirls
  - 21 Baghdad native
  - 24 Brief time
  - 25 Lustful
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## Audits show millions of dollars wasted in Katrina aid push

WASHINGTON (AP) — In its rush to provide Katrina disaster aid, the Federal Emergency Management Agency wasted millions of dollars and overpaid for hotel rooms, including \$438-a-day lodging in New York City, government investigators said today.

Two reports released by the Government Accountability Office and the Homeland Security Department's office of inspector general detail a series of accounting flaws, fraud or mismanagement in

their initial review of how \$85 billion in federal aid is being spent.

The two audits found that up to 900,000 of the 2.5 million applicants who received aid under FEMA's emergency cash assistance program — which included the \$2,000 debit cards given to evacuees — were based on duplicate or invalid Social Security numbers, or false addresses and names.

Separately, the Justice Department said Monday that federal prosecutors have filed fraud, theft and other

charges against 212 people accused of scams related to Gulf Coast hurricanes. Forty people have pleaded guilty so far, the latest report by the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force said. Many defendants were accused of trying to obtain emergency aid, typically a \$2,000 debit card, issued to hurricane victims by FEMA and the American Red Cross.

Thousands of additional dollars appear to have been squandered on hotel rooms for evacuees that were paid at retail rather than the con-

tractor's lower estimated cost. They included \$438 rooms in New York City and beachfront condominiums in Panama City, Fla., at \$375 a night, according to the audits.

The audits were released by the Senate Homeland Security Committee as the panel wrapped up its investigation into the federal government's preparation and response to the disaster.

FEMA spokeswoman Nicol Andrews said Monday the audits were still preliminary. The agency is working

closely with auditors to make sure money is wisely spent and is committed to helping disaster victims, she said.

Offering the \$2,000 emergency aid "was a calculated risk taken in a catastrophic situation where many people were forced from their homes, often without any identification or basic necessities," she said. "It was the right thing to do."

On the plus side, an initial review by Homeland Security inspector general Richard Skinner found that

FEMA's decision to sign a contract with Carnival Cruise Lines for Hurricane Katrina housing shortly after the Aug. 29 storm "was reasonable under the urgent circumstances."

The six-month, \$236 million deal with Carnival for three full-service cruise ships — which initially sat half empty for several weeks on the Gulf Coast — had been criticized by lawmakers of both parties as a prime example of wasted spending in Hurricane Katrina-related contracts.

## Band

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"That night at the concert he said, 'If you ever want to do something like this, give me a call,'" Crow said. "I didn't know he played an instrument."

"He didn't," Frazier said. "He was into boxing and weight-lifting," Crow said.

At the time, Hudson didn't even have any drums.

"We did get together," Frazier said, "and do something like this."

Hudson got some drums, and the three of them went into the music business.

"It was a local gig that brought us together," Crow said. "We all happened to be inspired by it."

The band, which enjoyed some success at the time, was a Christian rock group known as Damascus Road, but that was some time ago.

After graduation from Pampa High School, Crow went to work in Amarillo, and then to Clovis, N.M.

Frazier moved back to Albuquerque, N.M., where he'd grown up.

Hudson went to college in Sydney, Australia.

Frazier met his wife in Amarillo.

"Actually, it was while I was living in Albuquerque," Frazier said. "We dated long distance for about a year and a half."

For about two years, they lived in Albuquerque where Frazier started a church and became involved in day care, which, in turn, led to his job as headmaster of St. Matthew's Day School.

"I graduated early from high school," said Hudson, a Pampa native, "and three weeks later, I started at Hill Song Music College in Sydney."

There, he met his wife, Libby.

From there, they moved to the Outback in Australia and were youth pastors for a year.

"I spent the majority of my youth in Pampa," Crow said. "We moved here October of my sixth grade year."

Crow was born in San Angelo and lived for a while in Henrietta.

"Most of my relatives are here," Crow said.

Crow is the only one of the three not married.

"I'm single and discontent," Crow laughed.

Each member of the trio returned to Pampa last year.

"Tyler came back first," Crow said.

That was in February. Frazier came back in August.

Crow returned in October.

"I said about a month before," Crow laughed, "that I would never return to Pampa. I told my relatives that if they wanted to see me, they would have to come check out Clovis."

Crow shrugs, indicating that it was perhaps divine intervention.

Now, he said, he's decided that Pampa's not such a bad place.

As for their music, all three agree it's difficult to label them as a band.

"We are fans of music in

general," Crow said.

As noted in the name of the band, he said they've expanded their music repertory.

"It's very difficult for us to describe," Crow said. "It's a bit of a strange recipe. A teaspoon of this and a touch of that."

He said their sound has definitely changed from what it was in high school.

"I played with a black gospel band for a year in Clovis," Crow said. "My style has changed."

Frazier played in Albuquerque for a year.

Hudson was faced with different music while he was in Australia.

"We've all matured," Frazier said.

"It's acoustic driven," Crow said, "but it's not just acoustic. It's not just rock or just pop or just jazz. I honestly don't know how to describe it."

"It's fun music," Frazier said.

"It's music for guys and girls who like music," Crow said.

"I would say that it's music any music lover would enjoy," Hudson said.

"It's not a one-topping pizza," Crow said. "It's more of a pizza supreme."

"There's something for everybody in it," Hudson said.

With Damascus Road, the group performed mainly on the church circuit.

"Now, we're believers and we don't make apologies for that," Crow said, "but we feel like our vision is broader as far as the people we want to play to. The love of God is not limited to well-dressed people on Sunday morning, but we feel that the church is extremely important."

But like apostles of old, they're taking their message to new venues.

"We're ready to play for new faces and new ears," Crow said.

There's a fine line between entertainment and worship in Christian music.

"We all like to entertain," Crow said, "but at our core we understand the importance of that, but there's a lot bigger world than the four walls of the church."

Taking a message beyond those walls may be more important than singing to the choir.

"We want to come to those people with love," Crow said.

Eventually, the group wants to devote all their talents and attention to music.

"We don't know really where this is going to take us," Crow said.

Frazier said their goal is to be able to make music a full time occupation.

"And being able to travel with that and play," Crow said. "We've all agreed on that."

"That is what brought Chris and Tyler and me back to Pampa," Frazier said. "We all enjoy our jobs, but the reason we're here is to follow a dream while we're at an age that it's feasible. It's within our grasp at this point."

It takes a lot of faith, they admit.

## FEMA reforms announced as criticism mounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff today rejected criticism that his agency is preoccupied with terror threats, at the expense of preparing for natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina.

"I want to tell you I unequivocally and strongly reject this attempt to drive a wedge between our concerns about terrorism and our concerns about natural disasters," Chertoff said.

His strong defense of his agency, in response to criticism by ex-federal disaster chief Michael Brown and others came as a congressional report blamed government-wide ineptitude for mishandling Hurricane Katrina relief.

Chertoff was announcing wide-ranging changes to the nation's embattled Federal Emergency Management Agency. The changes range from creation of a full-time response force of 1,500 new employees to establishing a more reliable system to report on disasters as they unfold.

They are the first steps to overhauling FEMA, which was overwhelmed by the Aug. 29 Gulf Coast storm.

Chertoff spoke at a gathering of state emergency management directors meeting in suburban Alexandria, Va. He responded to what he said were "people taking the position that DHS sees itself as a terrorism-focused agency" and that there's a "huge difference" between man-made and natural disasters.

A 600-page report by a special Republican-dominated House inquiry into one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history concluded that late state and local evacuation orders exacerbated an untrained and inexperienced force of federal emergency workers.

It also said President Bush received poor and incomplete counsel about the crisis unfolding in the Gulf Coast. Chertoff has been the target of much of the criticism of the federal response to the hurricane.

Brown, who resigned under pressure as FEMA head, told a Senate committee last week he told the White House and Homeland Security officials on Aug. 29, the day Katrina hit, that major flooding was under way and a levee had been breached.

But both the president and Chertoff said previously that they were unaware of the levee breach until the next day, Aug. 30.

The failure of the levee system led to the catastrophic flooding of the city of 500,000 people.

"I want to be clear, as the secretary of homeland security I am accountable and accept responsibility to the performance of the entire department, good and bad," Chertoff said.

"I also have the responsibility to fix what went wrong," he added.

Chertoff suggested that time was of the essence, noting that June 1 looms as the start of another hurricane season.

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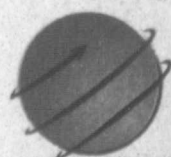
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