



## Obituaries

### Tony Timmons, 75

LEFORS, Texas — Tony Timmons, 74, of Lefors, died Jan. 11, 2006, at Lefors. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Timmons was born March 9, 1930, in Hale Center. He had been a resident of the Gray County area since 1944. He married Eva Joyce Morgan on Jan. 6, 1950, in Pampa.

He worked for Coltexo Gas Plant as a repairman, retiring in 1995 after 46 years of service.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors. He was a former member of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa where he taught young people for over 40 years and served as music director for 25 years.

He was a member of the Lefors Independent School District Board for 14 years.



Timmons

The family would like to give special thanks to the Texas Senior Care nurses, aides and caregivers.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Joyce Timmons, of the home; one daughter, Lea Ann Cochran and husband Ted of Pampa; one son, Rick Lee Timmons and wife Sherry of Canadian; one brother, Charles Timmons of White Deer; four grandsons, Eric Cochran, Jason Cochran, Brad Timmons and Jarrod Timmons; one granddaughter, Erica Cochran; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Norman Ray Timmons and Robert Noble Timmons.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054.

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

### Drucilla Totty, 84

Drucilla Totty, 84, of Pampa, died Jan. 11, 2006, at Nassau Bay. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Totty was born Oct. 25, 1921, at Ada, Okla., and had been a Pampa resident since 1948. She was a seamstress for Marie Foundations for six years.

She married E.W. Totty on Oct. 17, 1941, at Memphis.

Mrs. Totty was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the Pythian Sisters and the



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## Stocks

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| The following grain quotations are provided by Aulebury Grain of White Deer                       |        |       |  |
| Wheat                                                                                             | 3.33   |       |  |
| Milo                                                                                              | 2.94   |       |  |
| Corn                                                                                              | 3.92   |       |  |
| Soybeans                                                                                          | 4.77   |       |  |
| The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa |        |       |  |
| QXY                                                                                               | 89.88  | +0.59 |  |
| BP PLC ADR                                                                                        | 68.70  | +0.80 |  |
| Cabot Corp.                                                                                       | 37.57  | +0.31 |  |
| Celanese                                                                                          | 19.02  | +0.25 |  |
| Cabot Oil Gas                                                                                     | 50.06  | +0.35 |  |
| Coca Cola                                                                                         | 41.62  | +0.05 |  |
| VLO                                                                                               | 58.14  | +1.19 |  |
| HAL                                                                                               | 70.82  | +0.73 |  |
| TRI                                                                                               | 41.50  | +0.17 |  |
| KML                                                                                               | 96.36  | +0.16 |  |
| XCEL                                                                                              | 18.59  | +0.03 |  |
| Kerr McGee                                                                                        | 98.40  | +0.35 |  |
| NOM                                                                                               | 60.53  | +0.26 |  |
| Nat'l Oilwell                                                                                     | 70.70  | +0.20 |  |
| Limited                                                                                           | 23.40  | +0.05 |  |
| Williams                                                                                          | 24.27  | +0.08 |  |
| MCD                                                                                               | 35.14  | +0.20 |  |
| Atmos                                                                                             | 26.70  | +0.02 |  |
| Pioneer Nat'l                                                                                     | 52.61  | +0.41 |  |
| ICP                                                                                               | 57.00  | +0.23 |  |
| COP                                                                                               | 61.60  | +0.83 |  |
| SLB                                                                                               | 107.71 | +0.46 |  |
| Tenneco                                                                                           | 20.93  | -0.18 |  |
| CVX                                                                                               | 60.19  | +0.35 |  |
| Wal-Mart                                                                                          | 46.20  | +0.37 |  |
| ORF                                                                                               | 28.55  | +0.11 |  |
| NS Grp                                                                                            | 44.37  | +0.47 |  |
| New York Gold                                                                                     | 547.60 |       |  |
| Silver                                                                                            | 9.02   |       |  |
| West Texas Crude                                                                                  | 64.01  |       |  |

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## Trade deficit narrows some in November

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit improved slightly in November but was still the third highest on record as imports of foreign cars hit an all-time high and America's foreign oil bill remained near record levels. The politically sensitive deficit with China narrowed modestly as shipments of Chinese toys, clothing and other consumer products fell.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that the deficit declined by 5.7 percent in November to \$64.2 billion after hitting a record of \$68.1 billion in October.

The trade deficit for the first 11 months of 2005 totaled \$661.8 billion, surpassing the previous annual record of \$617.6 billion set in 2004. Economists believe that when December figures are included, the final deficit for 2005 will top \$710 billion.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 17,000 last week to total 309,000. That was lower than the increase of 24,000 that Wall Street had been expecting and left weekly claims at a level indicating continued strength in the labor market.

The soaring trade deficits are being used by Democrats as evidence that President Bush's policies of striking free trade agreements around the world have failed to protect American workers from unfair competition from low-wage countries such as China. They blame the loss of 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs since mid-2000 on trade liberalization policies that have allowed U.S. companies to move factories overseas.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

Six traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of East Browning and the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Browning.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville where a rear quarter panel of a truck sustained \$350 in damages.

Identity thefts were reported in the police department lobby and in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

A forgery report was received in the 1600 block of Sumner.

A fraud report was taken in the police department lobby.

A report of fraud/theft of service was taken in the 800 block of North Bradley where telephone service valued at \$800 was involved.

Narcotics violations were reported in the police department lobby and the 800 block of South Sumner.

One escort service was provided and other agencies were assisted in the 100 block of South Russell and the area of 28th and Beech.

A burglar alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and two 911 hangup calls were received.

Three thefts were reported in the police department lobby and one in the 100 block of West 30th.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 700 block of North Roberta and the 700 block of North Gray, and a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Christy.

Harassment calls were received in the 500 block of Naida, the 1400 block of North Russell, the 600 block of South Ballard and the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct calls were taken in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 900 block of South Wells, and in the police department lobby.

A traffic accident was investigated at the intersection of Ward and Francis. Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

An animal complaint was reported in the 600 block of North Lowry.

An assault was reported in the 700 block of North Christy.

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

A vehicle fire was investigated at the intersection of 29th and Beech.

One welfare check was made in the area of 17th and Beech.

**Thursday, Jan. 12**

One traffic stop was made. Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Disorderly conduct calls were received in the 1100 block of West Seneca and the 400 block of Carr.

A suspicious person was reported near the intersection of Montagu and Doyle.

Two escort services were provided in the 600 block of North Ward and the 800 block of West 23rd.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

10:50 a.m. — A 2000 International 4700 with a lift boom, driven by Emma May-Brewer, 45, of Lefors, connected with a wire in the 1200 block of West

Alcock. The wire was attached to poles in the 200 and 300 blocks of North Sumner. The pole in the 200 block of Sumner broke and the wire became disconnected from it due to the accident. No citations were issued.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

2:55 p.m. — A 1988 Buick Electra, driven by Betty J. Rice, 81, 940 S. Dwight, and a 1988 Chevrolet Sportvan, driven by Patrick J. Estrada, 35, of Borger, collided at the intersection of Francis and Ward. Rice was cited for failure to yield right-of-way-at a stop sign.

### Sheriff

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

Reynaldo Wilson, 30, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of injury to a child, elderly or disabled.

Phillip Daniel Fought, 25, of Pampa was arrested on charges of violation of parole and possession of a controlled substance.

Shawn Douglas Tatro, 31, of Pampa was arrested on charges of failure to appear and criminal damage.

Justin Robert Holman, 19, of Miami was arrested on a charge of reckless driving.

Randall Wayne Cox, 36, of Eugene, Ore., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Johnny Dewayne Bridge, 23, of Pampa was arrested on capias pro fine charges of no insurance, two counts; expired inspection; operating an unregistered motor vehicle; possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts; and violation of a city ordinance, no water.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

Lindy Lou Bessler, 31, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

### Fire

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

2:55 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Francis and Ward on a vehicle accident.

9:50 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of East 29th on a vehicle accident.

### Ambulance

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**

11:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 11000 block of Highway 60 west and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Lowry. No transport.

7 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Thursday, Jan. 12**

12:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 30. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 63. Windy, with a south-south-

west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. West-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday: A slight chance

of snow showers before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain showers after 1 p.m.

Partly cloudy, with a high around 39. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 24.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 47.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 54.

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## Speech contest winner



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Whitney Wichert of Pampa accepts a \$500 scholarship from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Commander Danny Martin for winning a Voice of Democracy speech contest in November. Wichert's speech was judged one of the top 25 in Texas. Her speech was first on the local level and was awarded a first place in a district contest where 22 counties were represented. She will attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Austin where she will represent Pampa's VFW Post as well as District 9.

## Pluto mission could take 9 years

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It will be the fastest spacecraft ever launched, zooming past the moon in nine hours and reaching Jupiter in just over a year at a speed nearly 100 times that of a jetliner.

Its target is Pluto. And the New Horizons spacecraft, set for liftoff on Tuesday, could reach it within nine years.

Pluto, a tiny, icy misfit of a planet neither resembles the rocky bodies of Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars, nor the giant gaseous planets of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. For years after its discovery 75 years ago, it was considered a planetary oddball.

In recent years, astronomers have come to realize that Pluto's class of planetary bodies, ice dwarfs, isn't so odd after all. Ice dwarfs are the most populous group in the solar system. Now, scientists have a chance to learn more about them and the origins of the planetary system.

"Just as a Chihuahua is still a dog, these ice dwarfs are still planetary bodies," said Alan Stern of the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colo., the mission's principal investigator. "The misfit becomes the average. The Pluto-like objects are more typical in our solar system than the nearby planets we first knew."

When the 7-foot-tall New Horizons spacecraft reaches Pluto as early as 2015, the spacecraft will study the ninth planet's large moon, Charon, as well as two other moons just discovered last year. The \$700 million mission should provide scientists with a better understanding of the Kuiper Belt, a mys-

terious region that lies beyond Neptune at the outer limits of the planetary system.

Besides being home to Pluto, the Kuiper Belt is believed to hold thousands of comets and icy planetary objects that make up a third zone of the solar system, the rocky and gaseous planets making up the other two. Scientists believe they can learn about the evolution of the solar system by studying the Kuiper Belt since it possesses debris left over from the formation of the outer solar system. Depending on its fitness after arriving at Pluto, New Horizons will attempt to identify one or two objects in the Kuiper Belt.

"It provides for us a window 4 1/2 billion years back in time to observe the formation conditions of giant planets," Stern said. "This is a little bit about rewriting the textbooks about the outer planets."

A successful journey to Pluto will complete a survey of the planets that NASA began in the early 1960s with the Mariner program's exploration of Mars, Mercury and Venus by unmanned spacecraft. The best images of Pluto currently come from the Hubble Space Telescope, but they suffer from low-resolution fuzziness, making it difficult for scientists to interpret what they're seeing.

The 1,054-pound piano-sized spacecraft will be launched on an Atlas V. The rocket's makers, Lockheed Martin, experienced problems on another Atlas propellant tank similar to the one being flown to Pluto, forcing a delay of New Horizons' launch by several days to give the contractor extra time for inspection.

## Alaska opened to oil development

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department on Wednesday opened nearly half a million acres of federal land in an ecologically sensitive area of Alaska's North Slope to oil and gas development.

The department said it would allow oil development in virtually all of the wetlands surrounding Lake Teshekpuk in the northeast corner of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The lake region includes one of the most important molting areas in the Arctic for wild geese and areas sought out by caribou herds for calving.

The plan calls for opening seven leasing areas, from 45,000 acres to 60,000 acres, north of the lake and other acreage south of the lake to oil and gas development. The government estimates that the areas surrounding Lake Teshekpuk contain about 2 billion barrels of economically recoverable oil and 3.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Henri Bisson, the Bureau of Land Management's director in Alaska, said the leasing program would include thousands of acres around the lake where no surface facilities — except for pipelines — would be allowed as a way to protect caribou calving areas and geese molting areas.

"We think we have a very (environmentally) responsible proposal here," Bisson said in a telephone interview. He said surface facilities, including roads and drilling

pads, would be limited to no more than 300 acres for each leasing area.

Environmentalists called the restrictions inadequate.

"It's not good for the geese and it's not good for the caribou," said Stanley Senner, executive director of the Audubon Society in Alaska. He said the plan enables construction of scattered oil and gas facilities, airstrips and gravel mines in an area that long has been protected from oil development.

In 1923 the government set aside the 22 million-acre National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska for its oil and gas resources. It is located west of the Prudhoe Bay oil fields; the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which has been at the center of a drilling dispute in Congress, is east of Prudhoe Bay.

Most of the NPRA was opened to development in the 1990s, but not the 4.6 million-acre northeast section that includes the ecologically sensitive Lake Teshekpuk region. It had been expected that most of the northeast region also was slated for leasing, but environmentalists had hoped to keep oil rigs out of the region around Lake Teshekpuk.

"Apparently 87 percent (of the region) wasn't enough for the oil companies," said Eleanor Huffines, Alaska director for the Wilderness Society.

## Bush returns for Gulf Coast visit

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. (AP) — President Bush, making his first visit in three months to the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast, was braced to lower his expectations of recovery during Thursday's appearance in New Orleans and Mississippi.

White House chief of staff Andy Card said although the emotions from the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina have passed, there is still need for government help. He said he warned Bush to be prepared to see lingering destruction.

"I had to manage his expectations this morning, because while there has great progress, there continues to be great need — indescribable need," Card, speaking of Bush, told the U.S.

Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. That set a somber tone for the trip.

Bush was meeting with New Orleans business owners. Then he was restating his commitment to rebuild during a speech in the crumbled town of Bay St. Louis, Miss., where trees still laid snapped in two, debris was strewn across the landscape and people were living in tents and trailers set up in front of homes with missing roofs and shattered windows.

Many commercial buildings were destroyed. Some of those still operating among the wreckage displayed yard signs that said, "We are staying!"

Bush's message was that although recovery will be

long and expensive, the federal government is in it for the long haul, said White House spokesman Trent Duffy.

"The destruction down there looks like it just happened yesterday," Duffy said. "It's easy for people outside the region to forget the challenges they still face."

Card said the Gulf Coast economy is struggling and only about half of the 90 million tons of debris from Hurricane Katrina in August has been cleared.

In New Orleans, many neighborhoods are still abandoned wastelands, with uninhabitable homes, no working street lights and sidewalks piled with moldy garbage.

## Crash kills 6 in Mississippi

WIGGINS, Miss. (AP) — A tractor-trailer rig slammed into a pickup truck on a rural highway early Thursday, killing six people, all believed to be in their late teens, authorities said.

Chief Deputy Jimmy Green said two other young adults in the extended-cab pickup were injured, though the severity of their injuries wasn't immediately clear. All eight were inside the pickup's cab, he said.

The pickup had pulled onto Highway 26 from another highway when it was hit at about 3:30 a.m., Green said. He said the rig, used to haul gravel, was empty at the time.

Two of those killed were students at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, said school spokeswoman Colleen Hartfield. She said three other victims were former students.

Green referred additional questions to the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

## Series

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speaker.  
"She's fun to listen to," Pitner said.  
The final meeting, May

4, deals with a life after drugs.

Pitner said he's drawing on local resources for the story of recovery.

All the one-and-a-half hour meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Civic Center.

## Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District

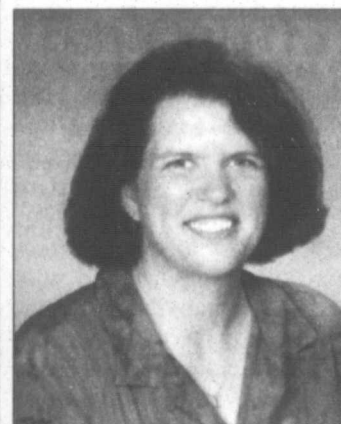
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# Viewpoints

## When will Hollywood get the message?

In an Associated Press story posted online by Yahoo! recently, the movie "Brokeback Mountain" was glowingly hailed a major success.

"Who's afraid of a couple of gay cowboys?" the AP article chortles.

Well, apparently, (and, really, folks, is this a surprise?) not the film critics and not the people of New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Dallas, Denver or Atlanta.

According to an article at Wikipedia, the movie made \$544,549 in just five theaters in its first weekend. However, those five theaters

were evidently all situated in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Internet encyclopedia went on to say "Brokeback" was released to "additional cities in North America on December 16" and that it showed well to "suburban theaters near Portland, Dallas, Denver, and Atlanta."

Alas, I searched online for a complete listing of locations where the film has been aired but came up empty. AP said it was shown in an additional 69 theaters. My feeling is "Brokeback" has only been shown in a select few locals — large,

metropolitan areas, no doubt, guaranteed to welcome its message, where the liberal bias is steady and strong as are the gay and lesbian communities.

I out-and-out question the marketing of this film. Both Wikipedia and the AP remarked on the film's "critical acclaim." If it was initially heralded as such an epic piece of cinematography by critics far and wide, why wasn't it immediately in wide-release

throughout the United States? AP said it is already up for several Golden Globe nominations. Why the limited showing?

The entire advertising campaign smells to high heaven to me.

And what about the film itself? Its characters and its setting? What better way to insult and strike out at the heart of the anti-gay establishment than to create a movie that features two homosexual cowboys? What

better than to besmirch that most tried-and-true of all-American heroes, the legend in the white Stetson hat?

The box office charts at Yahoo! online, listed "Brokeback" number 10 as of Dec. 31, but the movie failed to reach the top 10 on New Year's weekend.

When will Hollywood learn? Several sources, AP included, have reported on the lackluster year 2005 was for the movie industry, yet producers and executives continue to flood the market with films in the same vein as "Brokeback" instead of such big box office draws as "The Incredibles" and now

"The Chronicles of Narnia."

If, as the industry has always argued, it's about the money and what the public wants, then why the dedication to unwholesome vehicles? Because, as 2005 testifies, such movies aren't paying. And, please, don't tell me the industry is suffering due to competition from television or the Internet or iPods.

That just doesn't wash with me. If that were true, the industry would be making up what it had lost at the actual box office by sales of DVD's, downloads and similar technology.

**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2006. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

On this date:

In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

In 1942, President Roosevelt created the National War Labor Board.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.

In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.

In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

Ten years ago: Chechen fighters holding more than 100 hostages in the Russian village of Pervomayskaya freed about a dozen of their captives and pledged to release the rest if four top Russian officials took their place.

Five years ago: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concluded a two-day hearing on Florida's presidential election, with members accusing Secretary of State Katherine Harris of presiding over a "disaster" and trying to shift blame to others. William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard Company, died in Palo Alto, Calif., at age 87.

One year ago: A NASA spacecraft, Deep Impact, blasted off on a mission to smash a hole in a comet and give scientists a glimpse of the frozen primordial ingredients of the solar system. (The probe smashed into Comet Tempel 1 on July 3.)

Democrat Christine Gregoire, winner of the extremely close Washington governor's race, was inaugurated. Britain's Prince Harry apologized after a newspaper published a photograph of the young royal wearing a Nazi uniform to a costume party.

*'Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable.'*

— Mohandas K. Gandhi  
Indian spiritual leader (1869-1948)



## Time to upgrade aging operating systems

Tell the truth. Some of you are still using Windows 98 or ME. In fact, I think a couple of you are still using, dare I say, Windows 95. Oh, the agony! Well folks, with a New Year come changes, and perhaps you owe it to your computer and yourself to upgrade that aging operating system. After all, Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 98 almost two years ago and ME support ended December of 2004. And Windows 95 support ended back in 2001. It's time to move up to Windows XP.

Chances are, you've heard of it. After all, Microsoft is spending millions of dollars promoting it. The XP abbreviation is short for "experience." Don't ask me why. Someone at Microsoft Marketing thought it would be catchy and cute.

Windows XP is the current version of Microsoft's operating system. The family tree of Windows is interesting. It all started with

Windows 3.1, a product that moved us from DOS and a keyboard into icons and mice. 3.1 was followed by Windows 95, then 98, then Windows ME (millennium edition).

To complicate matters a bit, though, the trunk of this tree split when Windows 95 came out. Two versions of Windows were available during that time: Windows 95 and Windows NT (new technology). NT was much more stable (crashed less) than 95, but was not compatible with much of the software and hardware that worked on 95. NT was marketed to businesses.

While the 95 branch evolved into 98 and ME, the NT branch grew into Windows 2000. Confusing, isn't it? Microsoft soon real-

ized that the vast number of its customers didn't understand all the variations of Windows and what they were for. So, they decided to rejoin those two disparate branches back into one product: Windows XP. That's

right, Windows XP includes all the compatibility of ME and all of the stability of 2000. If it

helps, you may want to reread the last few paragraphs and diagram this funky family tree for it to make sense.

Now, let me get straight to the point: Get Windows XP. In my personal opinion, it is the best version yet. Let me tell you why:

**Increased Speed.** Most users will notice a 15-20 percent increase in system speed with this version. By optimizing much of its code

and removing all vestiges of DOS, Windows XP is much leaner and efficient than its predecessors. In addition, it boots much faster, launches programs quicker, and continually moves files around to make them easier to access.

**Improved Interface.** One of the first signs of change you'll see is the tidier desktop. That's right, Microsoft has removed much of the iconic clutter found on earlier versions. After installation, you will immediately notice the absence of the "My Computer" icon and, for that matter, any other program icons. The desktop is remarkably sparse, but colorful. Microsoft has chosen to use color and larger, visually appealing buttons to lessen a newbie's learning curve. What does this mean? Well, new users will "figure things out" much faster, but those of us who have been

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**Eric Spellmann**  
Columnist



## Border fence, policy vital issue for future GOP

Republicans face one of the trickiest political problems they have faced as a party since Clinton preempted their program through triangulation and left them temporarily devoid of issues.

As the number of illegal immigrants mounts in the United States, the demands of the party's nativist constituency for tighter border controls and immigration enforcement threatens to put it at odds with America's rapidly growing Hispanic population, dooming the GOP to possible minority status not just in California and New York but in Texas and Florida as well.

The push-pull between Hispanic demands for respect and nativist concerns about job loss, crime, education costs and urban crowding, all exacerbated by illegal immigration, poses a huge problem for party leaders.

The obvious answer to demands for limits on immigration is the border fence passed by the House and pending in the Senate. Slated to extend over 700 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border at a cost upwards of \$2 billion, the

barrier, coupled with increased enforcement manpower and effective employer sanctions, will likely give the United States a means to control population inflows.

But what of the economic, moral, foreign-policy and political issues a fence will raise?

Economically, Mexican illegal immigrants are not in search of welfare but come looking for work. That they find it is obvious. Otherwise how could they send \$11 billion a year home to their

families and why would they come in increasing numbers?

Clearly the American economy needs their services. On a micro-economic level, they do jobs Americans don't want at wages below what we would consider acceptable — and perhaps below those that are legal as well. On a macro level, their presence holds down labor costs and permits the Federal Reserve to take more chances with low interest rates than it could in an inflationary-wage market.

The obvious answer to these concerns is a grand

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## Raffle winner



Jackson Bagwell won National Bank of Commerce's "Christmas Stocking Raffle." Above: Kevin Hunt with Jackson and Jackson's parents, Jason and Meredith Bagwell.

## Morris

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bargain that couples the strictest border defense with a generous guest-worker program, granting legal status to Mexican immigrants and regulating their numbers, working conditions, and wages — and assuring that they contribute to Social Security and other taxes.

The foreign-policy implications of a fence are harder to handle. Already Latin resentment against the United States is fueling the rise of an oil- and cocaine-based leftist oligarchy throughout our hemisphere. Castro now has friends in power in Venezuela and Bolivia and moderate allies in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina.

In Peru, a leftist Chavez look-alike, Ollanta Humala, is leading in the presidential race. In Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega may be heading back to power by a gradual military coup. And in Mexico itself, a Chavez protégé, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, is leading in the polls for the July 2006 presidential race. Can you imagine having a border with a Chavez or a Castro, whose

ability to disregard American concerns would be underscored by massive oil reserves?

But it is in the realm of domestic politics that the GOP would pay the highest price for a purely nativist policy. Texas has now become a majority-minority state, joining California. Can its wholesale flip to the Democratic Party be far behind? Not if the Republicans are seen as an anti-Hispanic party! Is the GOP really willing to make political war against the Latinos by rubbing their noses in a border fence when they now account for 14 percent of the population and will probably increase their share to 18 percent over the next 10 years?

The permanent political price the Republican Party would pay for this shortsightedness is reminiscent of the way it antagonized the African-American vote in the '60s. Remember that Dwight Eisenhower carried blacks in 1952 and 1956. John F. Kennedy only narrowly prevailed in the black community. It was not until Barry Goldwater and Richard Nixon, pursuing the Southern strategy at all costs, drove blacks into the arms of the Democrats that

their votes were irretrievably lost. Is the GOP, driven by the anger of its base, going to make Hispanics permanent Democrats?

By moving away from English-only policies and reaching out to Hispanics, Bush has closed the gap among Latino voters. Gore carried them by 30 points, but Kerry only won among them by 10. But the border backlash may be undoing all this good work.

The obvious answer is to couple a fence with a good guest-worker program, with a citizenship track predicated on good behavior. But if the Republican Party allows the House bill to become law — a fence with no guest-worker program — it will be antagonize the vital Latino vote and consign itself to permanent minority status.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

## Events calendar

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., Jan. 23, City Hall, Canadian.

• **The Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum** will host the Kwahadi Indian Dancers on the dancers 40th Annual Winter Night Ceremonials at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20, 21, 27, 28 and Feb. 25 at the museum in Amarillo. Dinner will be served prior to the show. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call the museum at (806) 335-3175.

• **College-bound high school students** have until Jan. 20 for late registration to take the ACT exam on the next nationwide test date, Feb. 11. An extra fee is included in late registration. Normal cost of the ACT is \$20 or

\$43 with the optional writing test. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or by mail. Registration materials are available from high school guidance counselors.

• **The next Southwest Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will feature Hody Porterfield and is scheduled Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will also entertain in round-robin sessions that will include poetry, musical arrangements and perhaps some tall-tales. For more information, call (806) 353-5617 or (806) 374-4354.

• **This month's Third Thursday of the Month** at Amarillo Museum of Art will feature classical guitarist Svetlana Petrey from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 19. Petrey was born and raised in Russia. Past performances include a solo concert at San Angelo Museum of Art and an appearance at "Stars of the Panhandle" in March 2005. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

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## Upgrade

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hardware on your desktop will easily connect to your computer. For instance, in the past, connecting a new printer to your system usually involved inserting "driver" disks and multiple "system restarts." In most cases, simply hooking up a piece of equipment to an XP system will automatically cause the correct drivers to be loaded. What could be simpler than that?

One other compatibility issue you will notice is the ease of upgrading. Moving from older versions of Windows to newer versions has always been a hassle. No matter how many times Microsoft lauded the "ease" of upgrading, you always ended up calling your local computer geek to help you out. Needless to say, Microsoft got the hint. Windows XP will easily install over 98, ME, NT, and 2000. If you are upgrading from Windows 95, however, some issues could arise. Be ready.

**Bells and Whistles Galore.** By far, the features that have garnered the most attention in the press, however, are the included programs. You'll remember that this little issue was what started all of the legal wrangling between the government and Microsoft. While these wonderful "add-ons" make Windows XP more robust, they compete directly with software developed by third parties.

For instance, XP includes a program, Remote Desktop Connection, allowing you to control another Windows XP machine over a network. It is a direct threat to Symantec's PC Anywhere program. Additionally, XP includes CD-Writing software so that you can burn your own music or data CD's. Adaptec (now Roxio) currently holds the crown in that software arena.

You'll also find software to edit movies, download music, and manage a digital camera (all at no additional charge). Folks, I guarantee these third-party software companies are not going to sit idly by and let Microsoft take their market share. Get ready for more lawsuits!

Overall, I think you'll find Windows XP to be much easier to use, faster and much less likely to crash than its predecessors, and pretty to boot. If you haven't upgraded in a while, now's your chance.

See you in Cyberspace!



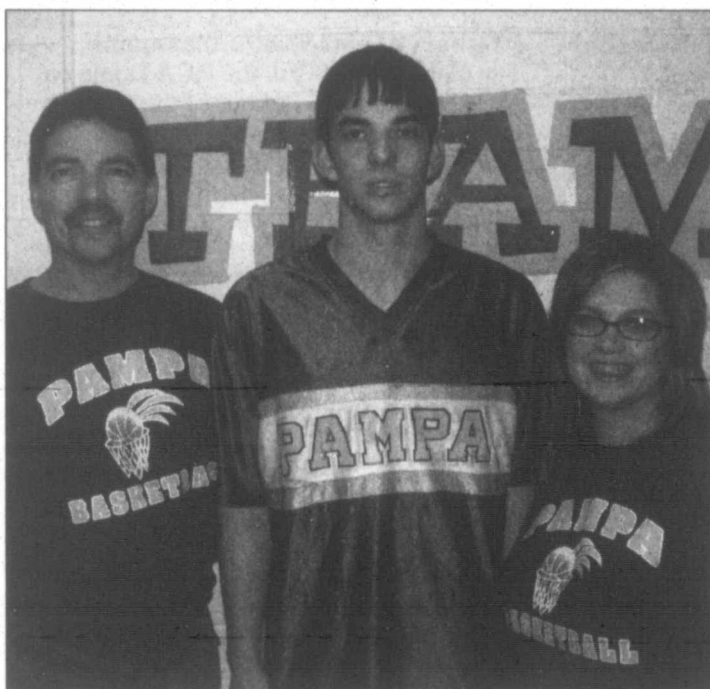
# Sports Day

## Varsity spotlight



### Ryan Torres, Post

**Height:** 6'1"  
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**Grade:** Senior  
**Parents:** Dean & Cathy Crockett  
**Activities:** Basketball, football  
**Interests:** Hanging out with friends, motorcycle riding, athletics.



### Andrew Winton, P/F

**Height:** 6'1"  
**Weight:** 165 lbs  
**Grade:** Junior  
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**Activities:** Basketball, DFY-IT  
**Interests:** Basketball



### Sharod Young, Guard

**Height:** 5'10"  
**Weight:** 160 lbs  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Parents:** Rodney Harris & Tonya Young  
**Activities:** Sports  
**Interests:** Play basketball and football with friends, eat, sleep.

**Note:** This completes the Varsity Spotlights for the 2005-2006 Pampa High School basketball team. All information used was provided by players, boosters and coaching staff. The Harvesters — 15-4 under first year head coach Dustin Miller — will open the District 3-4A season at Randall tomorrow night.

## Services set for Texas Tech coach, former NFL player Brown

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Services have been scheduled in Texas and Washington state for Texas Tech assistant coach Dave Brown, who died this week of an apparent heart attack.

Brown, who played in the NFL for 16 seasons, died Tuesday while playing basketball on the Texas Tech campus. He had coached the Red Raiders' secondary since 2001 and would have turned 53 on Monday.

Texas Tech announced that a viewing will be held Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rix Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Visitation will be Monday as Sunset Funeral Home in Bellevue, Wash.

The time has not been set. A funeral service will be at Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, Wash., on Tuesday at 1 p.m. PST. Burial will follow at the Chapel of the Resurrection in Kirkland, Wash.

Texas Tech is also planning a Lubbock memorial service in about two weeks. Details are pending.

Brown played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Seattle Seahawks and the Green Bay Packers during his pro career. He coached cornerbacks for the Seahawks from 1992-1998.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda, and two sons, Aaron and Sterling.

## FOOTBALL FATE

### Why Wood is in Pampa and Thiessen is now at Amarillo High School

It's funny how fate can take care of things, isn't it? When I first suspected former Pampa High School Coach Heath Parker might have interest in the Tascosa job he now holds, I gave thought to whom I believed might be the right man to replace him. Atop my list a the time was coach Brad Thiessen. It made sense to me then.

Coach Thiessen put together the blueprint that allowed the Stratford Elks to become a perennial 1A powerhouse. Thiessen amassed a record most coaches spend years trying to accomplish. Some never do.

**Michael J. Stevens**

Sports Editor



He has an overall record of 122-60 which includes a perfect season (16-0), a state championship, state semi-finals appearances and a 30-game win streak, all at Stratford. He has been at the helm of the Levelland football program the past two seasons where he managed a 7-14 record and a playoff berth, the school's first since 1996.

I felt what he did for the Stratford and Levelland programs alone made him a strong candidate for Pampa. He obviously knew how smaller communities functioned and how to get the most out of the talent pool available. I hardly knew a thing about Sunray, let alone some guy named Bryan Wood.

Fate brought coach Wood to Pampa and Thiessen spent another season at Levelland. And both programs were better for it.

Coach Wood was the right man for the Harvesters and the community. Looking back, his experience and his path was leading him here long before he arrived.

Coach Thiessen on the other hand may not be as fortunate. I hope he has some science and biology under his teaching belt because he will be under a microscope for a long time.

Though no one will say it aloud, when it comes to the pecking order of Amarillo high school football, the city's namesake school gets the lion's share of the attention. Tascosa and Palo Duro get their share, while Caprock fights for what it can get. I think some folks forget about River Road. It's still in Amarillo, isn't it?

While they get attention, the Golden Sandstorm faithful don't like losing. That's not the kind of attention they like. Really, who does?

When you are a coaching legend such as the man Thiessen is replacing, you can be forgiven should you have a bad game or season, especially in the twilight of your career. But Larry Dippel went out on a solid note going 10-2, winning the 2-5A title and going to the area round of the playoffs. His team fought through some tough injuries along the way as well.

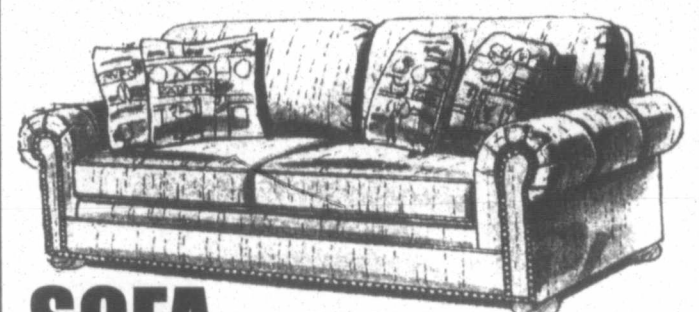
Amarillo High School parents, boosters and supporting businesses might understand a loss or two, but their patience only goes so far. They expect nothing but the best. At the first sign of what they perceive to be trouble, the rumblings begin.

The Amarillo media will jump on your bandwagon but bail on you at the first hint something is wrong and proceed to roast and question you.

These are things a coach really doesn't contend with much in a smaller community. The move from the 1A environment to 5A must be extraordinary, if not just a little unsettling.

Still I think Coach Thiessen will do just fine. I am sure he will seek wisdom from Dippel, who will be quick to provide it. Dippel will make sure the players know and accept Thiessen, making the transition as smooth as possible. The question then becomes how well will the parents, boosters, businesses and media accept him? That answer is still little more than seven months away.

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## Unknown number killed after stampede

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Muslim pilgrims rushing to complete a symbolic stoning ritual on the last day of the hajj tripped over luggage today, and an unknown number of people were killed in the ensuing stampede, the Interior Ministry said. State-run television said dozens died or were injured.

The stampede occurred as tens of thousands of pilgrims headed toward al-Jamarat, a series of three pillars representing the devil that the faithful pelt with stones to purge themselves of sin.

A ministry spokesman, Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, said the stampede happened as pilgrims were rushing to complete the last of three days of the stoning ritual before sunset. Some pieces of luggage spilled from moving buses at one entrance to al-Jamarat, causing pilgrims to trip and pile up, al-Turki said.

Al-Turki said there were deaths, but he could not give an exact number. State-run Saudi television Al-Ekhbariyah cited police officials as saying dozens were killed and injured.

Ambulances and police cars streamed into the area, and security forces tried to

move pilgrims away from part of the site, though thousands continued with the ritual.

The pillars are located on a large pedestrian bridge, the width of an eight-lane highway over the desert plain of Mina outside the holy city of Mecca. A number of ramps lead up the bridge to give pilgrims access to the site, and the stampede occurred at the base of one ramp.

The stampede took place despite Saudi efforts to improve traffic for the massive crowds of pilgrims at the site, where all 2.5 million pilgrims participating in the annual hajj move from pillar to pillar to throw their stones, then exit.

Saudi authorities recently widened the bridge and built extra ramps and increased the time pilgrims can carry out the rite.

The stoning ritual is one of the last events of the hajj pilgrimage to Islam's holiest sites, which able-bodied Muslims with the financial means are required by their faith to do at least once.

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