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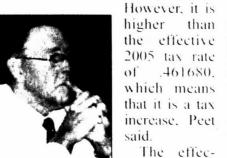
By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

hearing this morning to address Gray County commissioners concerning the county's proposed tax rate for

Gray County Judge Richard Peet declared a public hearing at both 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. because the posted notice of the meeting listed both

The county's proposed tax rate will be voted on by commissioners at their next regular meeting Sept. 15.

The proposed 2005 county tax rate calculating how much tax must be of .498616 cents per \$100 valuation charged for all taxable property in the a greement



Peet

is nearly four cents lower than the county in order to collect the same concerns No citizens attended the public 2004 rate of .522267 center per \$100, amount of funds as in the previous waterline work However, it is fiscal year. Higher property value and rehabilitahigher than assessments this year enabled the tion of recrethe effective proposed tax rate to fall below last ation sites on 2005 tax rate year's rate, even though the 2005 the south side of .461680, county budget is \$354,546 greater of the lake, A which means than that of 2004.

Commissioners also voted to ment concerns increase, Peet extend cost share agreements with trail work for Blackwell the U.S. Forest Service concerning motorcycle The effect work to be done at Lake McClellan, and four-wheeler riders at the lake. tive rate is The agreements were extended for determined by another year.

\$15,000 agree-

Thursday the day

for erratic drivers



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Bush piloted trainers before stopping flying

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush began flying a two-seat training jet more frequently and twice required multiple attempts to land a one-seat fighter in the weeks just before he quit flying for the Texas Air National Guard in 1972, his pilot logs show.

The logs show Bush flew nine times in T-33 trainers in February and March 1972, including eight times in one week and four of those only as a co-pilot. Bush, then a first lieutenant, flew in T-33s only twice in the previous six months and three times in the year ending July 31, 1971.

The records also show Bush required two passes to land an F-102A fighter on March 12 and April 10, 1972. His last flight as an Air National Guard pilot was on April 16.

Meanwhile, questions were raised Thursday about the authenticity of newly unearthed memos purporting to have been written by one of Bush's commanders in 1972 and 1973. The memos, which were publicized by CBS News on its "60 Minutes" program, say Bush ignored a direct order from a superior officer and lost his status as a Guard pilot because he failed to meet military performance standards and undergo a required physical exam.

The network defended the memos, saying its experts who examined the memos concluded they were authentic documents produced by Lt. Col. Jerry Killian.

Houston school board approves school for immigrant students

HOUSTON (AP) — A proposal for a new school designed to meet the needs of immigrant students was approved Thursday by the Houston Independent School District's board.

The school would offer accelerated credit programs, courses yearlong, intensive instruction in English and flexible scheduling - like night and weekend classes — to allow students to work and go to school.

It would open in January to about 125 students between the ages of 17 and 21.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

New doors for city hall

Dennis Dougherty works diligently to finish putting in new doors at Pampa City Hall. Dougherty put in the fourth and final set of doors on the north side of city hall Thursday.

"driving all erratic drivers.' over the road. running people off the

truck

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Thursday, a

citizen called

to report a cat-

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road," at U.S. Highway 60 Texas Highway 152. The citizen

weaving truck and reported "I got there in time to see the progress to law enforce- her turning onto Price Road

Deputies spotted the truck said. in the 1400 block of East Frederic, Hoard said, and a the vehicle's driver told him pursuit of the vehicle began. she was coming to Pampa to

identified by officers as but, still, she could have hurt Rusty Dean Campbell, 51, of somebody," he said. Amarillo, was arrested at the

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noon Thursday,

Lt. Hoard said,

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deputies chasing a tractor- p.m. Justice of the Peace

trailer rig loaded with cattle Kuri Curiman set bond for and the arrest of the truck's Campbell this morning at driver for possessing illegal \$25,000 for possession of a drugs. The other involved a controlled substance and medical situation. \$1,000 for possession of 3:25

> The only two calls I had Thursday were

the wrong way Lt. Joe Hoard Grav County Sheriff's Department

about two minutes, he said. Driver of the cattle truck,

pick her up.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE scene and officers searched the vehicle. In their search, Hoard said Thursday turned out to be they found a felony amount erratic driving day for Gray of methamphetamines and a

County Sheriff's deputies.

Thursday had to do with drug paraphernalia was also erratic drivers," commented found, he said. Lt. Joe Hoard.

One call ended up with the Gray County Jail about 4

Deer Pampa.

from the wrong lane," Hoard

Highway

When he stopped the car, The truck was driving in visit her parents, but was the center turn lane through feeling extremely tired. He town before it came to a stop determined that the woman at Cuyler and Brown streets. had a medical problem and he said. The pursuit lasted called her parents to come

"It was a medical thing,

Ivan aims for Jamaica; death toll stands at 32

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) at least 32 people.

half a million people from coastal Frances. areas, where rains on Ivan's outer edges were already flooding roads.

In its wake, Ivan left Grenada a wasteland of flattened houses, twisted metal and splintered wood and sparked a frenzy of looting, the northwest Authorities found nine more dead in Grenada raising Ivan's death toll edge was kicking up heavy rain and across the region to 32.

winds of 145 mph and could strength-stranded tourists crowded the airport en before its core nears Jamaica on and armed private guards began Friday night or early Saturday, meteo-patrolling against looters. rologists said. They warned of "lifethreatening" flash floods and mud-

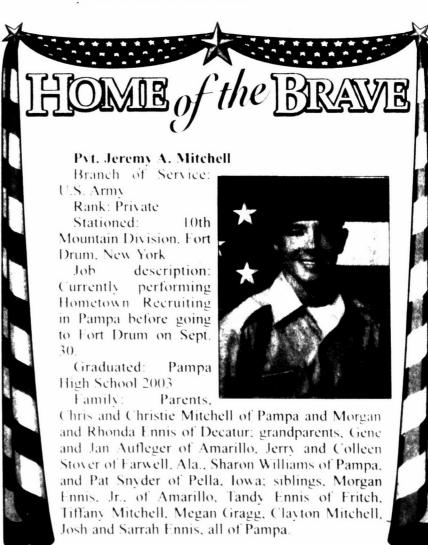
U.S. officials ordered people to Hurricane Ivan's deadly winds and evacuate from the Florida Keys after monstrous waves bore down on forecasters said the storm could hit the Jamaica on Friday, threatening a island chain by Sunday after passing direct hit on its densely populated cap- the Cayman Islands and crossing ital after rayaging Grenada and killing Cuba. It was the third evacuation in Florida in a month, following The Jamaican government ordered Hurricane Charley and Hurricane

The storm's current path would take it directly over Kingston, Jamaica's sprawling capital of 1 million people in the southeast, and smash across the island to exit around Montego Bay in

Friday morning, the storm's leading winds off Jamaica's eastern tip and as The Category 4 hurricane packed far away as Montego Bay, where

Driving rains in Montego Bay

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The second second

Mrs. Kelly was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Canadian. She had been a resident of White Deer most of her life. She graduated from White Deer High School and graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton where she received her B.S. degree in Home

During college, she was state president of the Home Economics Students Association and president of the Royal Academia Honor Society.

She married C.C. Kelly on Aug. 12, 1948, in White Deer.

She was a homemaker. She was a substitute teacher in both the White Deer and Skellytown schools for over 40 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist

WHITE DEER, Texas - Shirley Evans Church and a leader and director of the G.A.'s. She was a member of the Baptist Women's Group and taught Vacation Bible School. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma National Teachers Organization and the Venada Blanco Study

> Survivors include her husband, C.C. Kelly, of the home; one son, Frank Evans Kelly and wife Carolyn Steward Kelly of New Orleans, La.; one daughter, Kimberly Kelly Russell of Dallas; one brother, Brian Ed Evans of White Deer; three sisters, Nancy Evans White of Texarkana, Texas, and Carolyn Evans Carpenter and Barbara Evans Browning, both of Plainview; five grandchildren, Scott Alan Kelly of Gretna, La., Kyle Wayne Kelly and Beth Wood Kelly, both of Slidell, La., and Jennifer Lynne Russell and Jonathan Michael Russell, both of Dallas; one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Kelly of Slidell,

La.; and aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box

337, White Deer, TX 79097. -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Ida Henley Tomberlin, 83

AMARILLO Henley Tomberlin, 83, of Amarillo, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mission Valley Community Cemetery in Mission Valley, Texas, with the Rev. Paul Muehlbrad of Zion Lutheran Church, Mission, Valley, officiating.

Mrs. Tomberlin was born June 17, 1921, in Salina, Tenn., to Gilbert and Elsie Mae Fletcher. She moved to

Amarillo in 1968 from Pampa and retired from Furr's Grocery Store after 18 years.

She was a member of Polk Street United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star. She lived her life to her strong belief and faith in her Bible. She was also a strong supporter of Boy's Ranch.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister and one granddaughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Rea and husband, Malcolm, of Amarillo; her son, Tom Henley, III, and wife, Betty – more than a daughter-in-law, more like a beloved daughter, of Mission Valley; two sisters, Claudine Carlos of Pampa and Delsa Grider of Perkins, Okla.; two brothers, Ernest Fletcher of Pampa and Donald Fletcher of Grant, Okla.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation or to the charity of your choice.

Services tomorrow

DALTON, Trayce N. — Memorial services, 5:30 p.m., The Chapel at Leonard & Marker,

KELLY, Shirley Evans — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer. **TOMBERLIN**, Ida Henley — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Mission Valley Community Cemetery, Mission Valley.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Forgery of checks valued at \$1,293.16 was reported at United Food Store, 1400 N. Hobart.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 900 block of Browning. A man was taken into custody on outstanding warrants.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Willie Loyd Ballard, 32, 329 Jean, was arrested on a blue warrant for possession of a controlled substance, no driver's license and failure to judgment nisi for burglary of a building.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident

Thursday, Sept. 2

Gator tractor driven by Ricky Wayne Claar Jr., 624 E. Craven, 17, pulling a 1987 trailer owned by the Pampa Band Booster Club collided with a legally parked 1996 Chevrolet Z-71 pickup owned by Beverly Owens, 1301 N. Christine, in the 100 block of East

R.L. Hill, 21, 1055 N. Harvester. No injuries were Dwight was arrested on a reported. Claar was cited for improper left turn.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Sept. 9 Cassandra Ramirez, 20,

8:30 a.m. – A John Deere 325 N. Doyle, was arrested on a bench warrant out of 223rd District Court.

Rusty Dean Campbell, 51, Amarillo, was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana under two ounces. (See related story)

Johnny Gabriel Sanchez,

25, was brought to Gray County Jail from a Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison unit on a bench warrant out of 223rd District Court.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

3:58 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 1200 block of South Finley.

5:31 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas leak at Kentucky and Coffee. A vehicle had struck

a gas meter. Thursday, Sept. 9

2 a.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a trash fire in a trailer behind WW Fiberglass, 201 S. Price

1:27 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 600 block of South Gray.

5:16 p.m. – One unit and one firefighter responded to a trash fire in the alley of the 2200 block of North Dwight.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Sept. 9

10:13 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

11:59 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:25 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Gray and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Friday, Sept. 10

1:37 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Economy: Wholesale prices decline last month, Labor Department says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices dipped 0.1 percent in August as a retreat in food costs helped to blunt a rise in the price of some energy products, a fresh sign that inflation isn't currently a problem for the economy.

The decline in the Producer Price Index came after wholesale costs edged up by 0.1 percent in July, the Labor Department reported

Excluding food and energy costs, which can swing widely from month to month, the core prices also fell in August by 0.1 percent. That followed a 0.1 percent rise the previous month.

The inflation picture painted by the report was better than economists were expecting.



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'I think we've got some pretty good results. Inflation seems to be well-behaved right now.

Scott Anderson Economist

They were forecasting a 0.2 percent rise in overall wholesale prices and a 0.1 percent increase in core prices.

"I think we've got some pretty good results," said Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo. "Inflation seems to be wellbehaved right now.'

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Nasdaq was up 8 points in morning trading, while the Dow Jones industrials were off 27 points, as profit warnings from Alcoa Inc. and Visteon Corp. rattled investors.

The latest snapshot of the inflation climate comes as President Bush and his Democratic rival, John

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views over the health of the economy as they try to win over voters less than two months before Election Day.

to \$50.15 billion in July but that still represented the second highest imbalance on record.

American exports of cars, airplanes and computers rose while imports declined for

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the 8.9 percent improvement in the deficit in July followed a 16.9 percent surge in June which had pushed the trade gap to a record \$55.02 billion.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a Capitol Hill appearance earlier this week, said worries about an unwanted advance in inflation appeared to have eased recently despite high oil

He said the economy

Kerry, offer widely different The U.S. trade deficit fell

the first time in nearly a year.

would be doing even better if oil prices hadn't gone up sharply. High energy prices were blamed for the big slowdown in consumer spending in the April-to-June quarter.

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Lean to the left, lean to the right? This blue-eyed cat watches intently as his photograph is being taken. He might also be interested in several birds lined up on a wire fence behind the photographer.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 88. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear,

with a low around 58. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny,

with a high around 90. South southwest wind around 10 Saturday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 61.

South wind between 5 and 20 mph. 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 90. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South wind around 15 mph. Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South

wind around 15 mph. Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

South wind between 15 and

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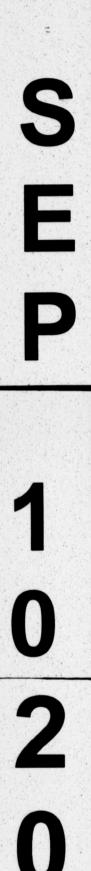
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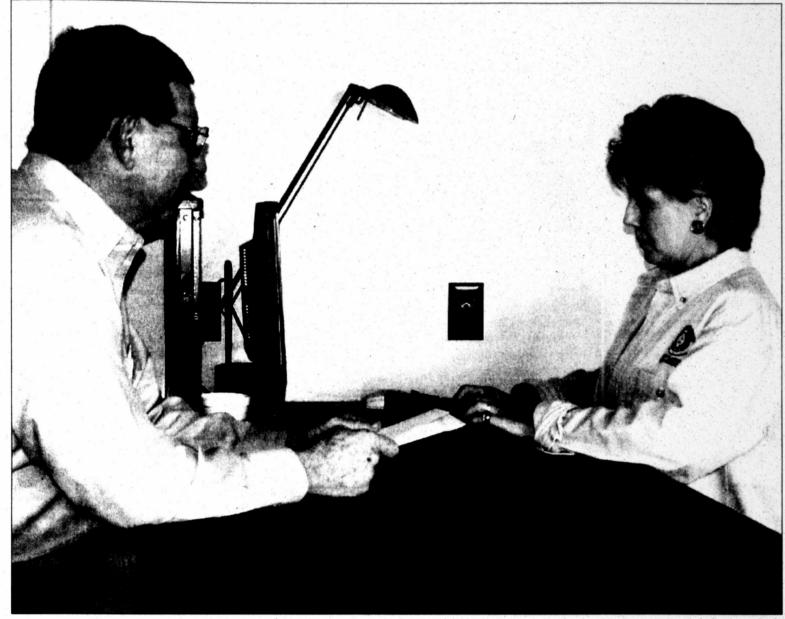
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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

County Clerk Susan Winborne, right, prepares to print a copy of Joe Wheeley's birth certificate in the county clerk's office at Gray County Courthouse. The office can now call up birth certificates from any Texas county and print them, which means that Wheeley, who was born in Tyler in Smith County, no longer has to send a written request along with payment to that county in order to get a copy of his birth certificate. Winborne said the office began the new service on Sept. 3, and during the first week, five outof-county birth certificates were printed at a cost to customers of \$11 each. Of that total, \$3.63 is claimed by the state, and the remainder is kept in Gray County.

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Reggie Blackwell, district ranger with the U.S. Forest Service, addressed commissioners on the two cost share agreements and on the current condition of Lake McClellan.

could do something to keep Hefley, concerning rainfall the fish population fishable, in the vicinity of Lake far as expenses," Blackwell even if we ended with just a McClellan.

10-acre lake," he said.

The fish in what remains of the lake were expected to have died off by last week, Blackwell estimated.

"In the next few days, all that's left of the lake will be a mud flat. It's hard trying to keep a lake full in the Texas Panhandle," he said.

"That area has been a dry spot this year," said Precinct "It would be nice if we 4 Commissioner James

Blackwell explained that Lake McClellan, which was created in the 1940s, is dependent mainly on rainfall for its water level.

Few springs feed any creeks which empty into the lake, and the Ogallala Aquifer has been greatly eroded in the area, he said.

The use of water wells to keep the lake full has been considered, but "we haven't been able to make it work as

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright was absent from this morning's meeting.

U.S. airstrike hits Fallujah, protests in Najaf against militant cleric

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) fourth day of attacks targeting the city where U.S. and Sistani. Iraqi troops have no control, officials said.

Fallujah General Hospital said. The attack followed airstrikes Thursday that reportedly killed nine people in Fallujah and dozens more in the northern town of Tal Afar, also one of the cities that has fallen under insurgent control and become a "no-go" zone for selective force," the semiof-U.S. troops.

A leading Shiite Muslim cleric, Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, U.S. force in Tal Afar, saying the Americans caused had been in charge of securiterrorist organization."

"Since the first day after (Saddam Hussein's) regime collapsed, Tal Afar had terrorist groups, and this is not new," al-Hakim told The testers marched through the Associated Press on Friday. "The new thing is that the military operations are aides leave the city, which

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Al-Hakim is the leader of A U.S. jet fired missiles the biggest Shiite political Friday in the Sunni insurgent party in Iraq and is close to stronghold of Fallujah, the Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-

Turkey on Friday called on the United States to One man was killed in the quickly end military operaattack, Dr. Ahmed Thaer of tions in Tal Afar, saying the attacks have caused casualties of mostly ethnic Turks living there.

> Namik Tan, the foreign ministry spokesman, said Turkey has asked U.S. officials "not to harm the civilian population and avoid using excessive and nonficial Anatolia news agency reported.

Late Thursday, the regioncriticized the use of heavy al government's television station reported U.S. and Iraqi government forces had "catastrophes" that could agreed to allow medical have been avoided if Iraqis teams to enter Tal Afar to care for people wounded ty. The Americans have said from the airstrikes there, but they were fighting "a large that military operations would continue "until the city is liberated from outsiders and saboteurs so that peace can be restored."

In Najaf, about 1,000 proold quarter Friday to demand that Muqtada al-Sadr and his has been ravaged by fighting

Proposal would revise TAKS scoring

AUSTIN (AP) — State Board of Dallas, said it would be a mistake. Education members have proposed a plan to make it easier for high school students to said. "We are trying to get all our kids learnpass the state exam required in order to grad- ing on grade level, and to me, this would

on the tougher test that for the first time this year is required for graduation, was proposed Thursday. No formal vote is scheduled on the proposal.

Under the plan, scores could be averaged from the four major areas of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills: English, math, science and social studies. That would allow students to pass by offsetting a failing score in one area with high scores in other subjects. Under current requirements, students must pass all areas.

"There are some school districts that would like some flexibility for their stu- passed after two rounds of the exam. That dents during this transition period," board leaves almost 50,000 students who haven't. member Bob Craig, R-Lubbock, said in Some people are concerned that failure Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning rates particularly among minority and low-News. Craig supports the measure.

But Chairwoman Geraldine Miller, R- passing standard is increased.

"I am philosophically opposed to this," she lower standards. It would send a false mes-The plan, designed to boost passing rates sage and, in my view, hurt students."

> There are some school districts that There are would like some Republicans and five flexibility for their Democrats on the panel.

students during this transition period.' — Bob Craig

State Board of Education

It was unclear whether the 15-member board would back the idea in time to affect the graduating class of 2005.

Students take the test in spring of their junior year and have five more chances to pass. Results published this week by the Texas Education Agency indicate that 78 percent of seniors have

income students may jump as the exam's

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flooded roads with up to a foot of water. A large storm east of Kingston, Jamaica, surge also flooded roads in and was moving west-northeastern Jamaica.

expected to impede the evac- miles, while tropical stormuation, Power 106 radio reported. In nearby Haiti on Friday,

the storm's leading edge forced piles of sand and water up to knee-high into seaside neighborhoods of Les Cayes, a city of 300,000 on the southwest pensinsula. Hundreds of residents sheltered in schools and church-

Cuba declared a hurricane watch across the entire island Friday, after its leader, Fidel Castro, went on national television the night before warning residents to brace themselves. does, we will all work together" to rebuild, he said.

At 11 am EDT, Ivan's eye was about 155 miles southwest at 12 mph. Hurricane-The onslaught was force winds extended 60 force winds stretched 175 miles.

> In Grenada, an island of 100,000 people that was the hardest hit by the storm so far, authorities tried to get a handle on the extend of the death and destruction, but efforts were hampered by blocked roads, landslides and a lack of telephone serv-Police ice, said Commissioner Fitzroy Bedeau.

> At least 22 people were killed in Grenada, Bedeau told the AP, including the drowned yachters, whose

nationalities he did not "Whatever the hurricane know, people trapped in collapsed homes and a few elderly people who apparently died of shock.

"In another couple of days we may have better knowledge," of the number of deaths, he said. The U.S. Peace Corps was searching for three volunteers unaccounted for since the storm, the U.S. Embassy in Barbados said.

Ivan also killed one person in Tobago, four in Venezuela, one Canadian woman in Barbados, and four youngsters in the Dominican Republic who were swept away by a giant wave Thursday even though the storm was nearly 200 miles away.

"The destruction is worse than I've ever seen," said Michael Steele, a 34-yearold Grenada resident whose home was destroyed.

Viewpoints

Let Vietnam stay in past where it belongs

Whew, the political con- induced separation. We baby ventions are over, not to be seen or heard for another four years. I used to enjoy perhaps enjoy is a misnomer

I used to find informative and thought provoking the two political conventions, for I would use them as they were intended – a means of choosing who would best lead our country. That is the idea, right? Now I look at the political conventions with disdain and antipathy, for the two have replaced the voters needs with nothing but the hot wind of nonsensical rhetoric.

I am a baby boomer, part of my parents' and nation's celebration after enduring four long years of warboomers were forced to endure much during our ascension to adulthood - the Cold War and threat of nuclear war with the Soviet Union and the Vietnam War with the threat of being drafted having defined our existence. It was scary growing up a boomer, particularly when it came to Vietnam and the draft, let alone nuclear war. How do you spell dysfunction? For the life of me, why should the aberration of Vietnam be a deciding factor on who I choose to be President of the United States?

America's involvement in the Vietnam War was wrong for any number of reasons. First on my mind is the loss boomers' lives. We did not world opinion and not let-the spring of 1969. It read, yes, France (read your world history book); stopping the domino effect (read more of we boomers chose any numyour world

Dennis

Columnist

history book); war is good for **Palmitier** business; it was the right thing to do:

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sending "advisors" to Vietnam, with full escalation of our armed forces by Presidents Kennedy and

of close to 60,000 lives. For want to be drafted and wind what? Bailing out France; up sweating/dying over nothing.

When it came to Vietnam,

of avenues to save our lives. Let me point out that many men chose to join the

with President Eisenhower armed forces (Sen. Kerry, Sen. McCain) and support America in the most honorable way. I hold nothing but year-old men must register admiration for those heroes. Johnson, and culminating However, I hold in contempt with President Nixon, their government who failed

ting our soldiers win the war.

Others chose joining the National Guard (President Bush) to save their lives. Student deferments (President Clinton) were an option, of which many participated (yours truly). Some chose Canada as their new home.

Many healthy boomers were able to get medical deferments from their family physician to present to draft boards. Yes, there were draft boards.

By threat of prosecution and law this very day, 18with the Selective Service System.

I will never forget the let-Vietnam was the bane of them by succumbing to ter I received in the mail in

"You are hereby ordered to present yourself for preliminary armed forces physical examination."

If I chose not to present myself, it would be a federal crime punishable with a fine and many years in a federal penitentiary - if found and prosecuted. "Oh, Canada!

I along with 50 other 18 to 19-year-old men from Pampa journeyed by bus to take our physical in Amarillo. I will never forget that day as long as I live. Though resembling a mailman with letters from doctors proclaiming my ill health – I passed the physi-

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 10, the 254th day of 2004. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 10, 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1846. Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing

In 1919. New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1939. Canada declared war on Nazi Germany.

The authentic and pure values, truth, beauty, and goodness, in the activity of a human being are the result of one and the same act, a certain application of the full attention to the object.

> Simone Weil French philosopher

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis.

In 1948, American-born Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio broadcaster Axis Sally, was indicted in Washington, D.C., for treason. (She was later convicted, and served 12 years in prison.)

In 1955, "Gunsmoke" premiered on CBS.

In 1963, 20 black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to

date to be executed by the guillotine in France. In 1979, four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned for a 1954 attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and a

1950 attempt on the life of President Truman were granted clemency by President Carter. Ten years ago: President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore

and top national security advisers met to discuss Haiti, but made no final decisions. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario defeated Steffi Graf to win the U.S. Open women's championship.

Five years ago: The U.S. government began freeing 14 Puerto Rican nationalists granted clemency by President Clinton. A federal judge ordered an end to busing and other means of achieving racial balance in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, the North Carolina school system that pioneered urban busing in the United States after a landmark Supreme Court ruling three decades earlier.

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We can choose our battleground

crew of a plane due to travel from an Egyptian resort to Moscow refused to fly when two Chechnyan women got on board. The Egyptian authorities, however, asked that the women be allowed to get on the plane. Guess what? They got on the plane. They then acted suspiciously, locking themselves in the toilet right after they boarded and as a result they were kicked off the aircraft. Rightly so.

wait a minute. Isn't this profiling?" Of course it is. happened in Russia in recent

The passengers and the weeks - planes being blown measure to save lives? It's out of the sky, subways being bombed and hundreds of children being held captive in a school with more ly incorrect word. We need

> being mur-Michael dered and Reagan another 600 injured and Columnist hospitalized - is it too much to ask that we

than 200

begin to recognize exactly what's going on in the world Some would say, "Hey, and take steps such as profiling to prevent it?

As in the case of the When you look at what has Chechnyan women, isn't profiling the appropriate

long past time to begin profiling, even if the president won't mention that political-



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all, at war.

Does any-

right now – a war between the freedom loving people in the world and the terrorists trying to destroy them? And isn't it obvious that the terrorists attacking us are all

Yet we worry we might offend the tender sensibilities of the terrorists by recognizing just who it is trying to kill us. These are people who don't care about women, who don't care about children, who wouldn't hesitate a single minute to kill women and children. Yet we are afraid to offend them by taking the obvious

precaution of profiling. We need not look any further than the atrocity in Southern Russia where mothers were forced to choose which of their children held captive in their

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State of American workers varies

Labor Day is one of those terms, like driveway and parkway, that means the opposite of what it seems to mean. Honoring the nation's workers, Labor Day is not for working but for picnics.

However, policy wonks, labor union officials, politicians and, of course, editorial writers typically regard the occasion as one suited to making pronouncements about the workers' status, job prospects and government economic policy.

U.S. The Labor Department reported (Sept. 3) that the United States added a net 144,000 new jobs in August, a rate that is enough to keep up with pop-

ulation growth, but not Fair Labor Standards Act. enough to erase the net loss March 2001. The unemploy-August, but

that reflected a shrinking labor force some people stopped

working and some of the 8 million Americans out of work stopped looking for work.

The ranks of the employed have their own worries, one of which is the Bush administration's new rules on overtime under the

The liberal Economic

of 1 million jobs since Policy Institute predicts 6 million workers will lose ment rate fell from 5.5 per- overtime eligibility. Union cent in July to 5.4 percent in officials contend the rules

> Texas Thoughts to reduce overtime eligibility, Houston Chronicle hire fewer

> > workers and demand more unpaid hours on the job.

Labor Department officials insist 1.3 million workers will gain overtime eligibility. The officials say the rules more clearly delineate which workers are entitled to

time-and-a-half pay for hours worked beyond 40 per week, a needed change that should reduce lawsuits over pay disputes. For now, it seems, winners and losers will be determined by how individual employers apply

Meanwhile, a report from the American Enterprise Institute paints a virtual worker's paradise. In "The State of the American Worker: 2004," researchers Karlyn Bowman and Bryan O'Keefe concluded after perusing a stack of polling data that most people are satisfied with their jobs;

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Austin 5th Grade Olympians

fifth grade physical education students at Austin Elementary recently conducted their own Olympics. Events included swimming, javelin throw, equestrian jumping, hammer throw and hurdles. Students represented assigned countries and learned facts about each country throughout the competition. The event culminated with Coach Kelly Porter presentating gold, silver and bronze medals to the winning athletes. Above: (front) Channar Clendennen Callie Hampton, Jessica Zellefrow, Jacob Johnson, Craig Little; (second row) Dusty Spear, Latigo Collins, Landon Powell, Landon Karbo, Kirsten Kuhn, Bree Howard, Tara Garcia, Dakota Britt; (third row) Chris Taylor, Cade Morse, Christopher Turlington, Collin McClendon, Collin Killgo; (back) Trevor Smith, Delaney Clendening, Autumn Chidester, Brady Roye, Michael Roberts and Ryne Richardson.

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cal; status 1-A. Others passed as well, while some failed to 4-F, never to be drafted. Of those that passed the physical, some joined the National Guard, some were able to receive deferments and continue their education

and life, some were drafted. Later, in the fall of 1969, armed forces and paid the

with number 324, I was saved from the draft. Those with numbers 1 to 257, who were unable to have a deferment, who waited too long to join the National Guard, who didn't seek haven in Canada, were drafted. Worry created by Vietnam and the draft robbed boomers of what should have been a wonderful time in our lives.

the lottery was invoked and

For boomers who joined or were drafted into the

ultimate sacrifice Vietnam, they are sitting at the right hand of God, each and every one a hero.

For those who returned from Vietnam and suffered the indignation given them by the very country they fought for, I commend and call a hero.

On the other hand, those of us who chose the National Guard, were able to get a deferment, chose Canada, got that high lottery number, have no reason to feel

ashamed. We did what we had to do, what we felt to be the right choice for our longevity.

Vietnam was indeed an aberration, a blight on America's history book. It has not/will not initiate any reasoning on my choice for a president.

Dennis Palmitier graduated from Pampa High School. He is a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Al-Qaida airs new tape near 9-11 anniversary

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - For said the tape was likely aimed rallying its supporters near the anniversary of the Sept. 11 investigating if the images of Rice, said Friday on NBC's the terror network's No. 2 leader were new or not.

In the tape, broadcast remains a threat." Thursday by the Arab television station Al-Jazeera, Ayman "are sitting in a cave making al-Zawahri proclaims that the these tapes. It's a lot more dif-United States will be defeated in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A bearded al-Zawahri, camera as he spoke. An assault weapon was propped against the wall behind him.

"The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan has become a matter of time, with God's help," al-Zawahri said on the tape. "The Americans in both countries are between two fires, if they continue they bleed to death and if they withdraw they lose everything."

After a technical analysis of the video aired on Al-Jazeera on Thursday, the CIA assessed some speculation over bin with a high level of confi- Laden's fate. dence that the person who appears is al-Zawahri, an Minister Sheikh agency official said Friday, Ahmed said Friday the alspeaking on the condition of Qaida leader might be dead, anonymity.

Experts were also investigating what message the video might be seeking to convey He later called The AP to clarand whether the videotape is actually an older audiotape, just my political guess that now joined with its images.

Pakistani army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan, whose anything from him for a long forces staged an offensive time, while statements from against al-Qaida and Taliban Mullah Omar and Ayman alremnants in the border region Zawahri occasionally keep with Afghanistan this week, coming," he said.

the second year in a row, al- at "boosting the morale of the Qaida released a videotape terrorists who have suffered heavy casualties."

President Bush's national attacks, and experts were security adviser, Condoleezza "Today" that the tape was a "reminder that al-Qaida

Al-Qaida leaders, she said, ficult but they are still a very dangerous organization."

In the latest tape, alwearing eyeglasses, a white Zawahri makes a rare appearturban and a black vest over a ance without al-Qaida chief white shirt, looked into the Osama bin Laden, raising

> The defeat of America in Iraq and Afghanistan has become a matter of time with God's help.

Ayman al-Zawahri

Pakistani Information Rashid given his absence. "It isn't clear if Osama is alive or dead," Ahmed told reporters. ify his statement, saying, "It is Osama bin Laden is nowhere because we have not heard

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school by Chechnyan terrorists they could carry to safety, and which must be left behind, perhaps to die. One mother speaking from the safety of a nearby house was quoted as saying she could not understand how her friends could tell her how happy she should be that she had been allowed by the gun-toting thugs to take her son out of the school while leaving her daughter behind.

"People say they are happy that my son and I were saved," she told a reporter. "But how can I be happy? My daughter is still inside the school."

I can understand how she felt. I have two children. I can't imagine what it would be like to have to choose and which one killed. The monsters who demand that innocent parents make such choices are the enemies we

These are only the latest incidents in the war against fanatical Muslim terrorists there will be many more such atrocities to come. Every single one of us could be faced with the sort of horror Russian parents endured in that Russian school. Our enemies don't attack those who can fight back, they only war against those who are helpless. They attack women, they attack children.

We are at war, and that's the kind of war we are fighting. It is a global war and it is being fought in Russia, in Israel, and the middle East, in Spain, in France – and it happened here in America

The Democrats and the media are outraged because

which one could be saved Vice President Cheney had the courage to warn us that war could come home to our shores, should the American people choose to elect John Kerry.

> He was right. We are either going to go after and kill these terrorists on their home grounds or we are going to have to face them here at home. President Bush has made it clear that he will fight them wherever they live. John Kerry can't seem to decide where or how, or even if, he'd fight them. He would leave it up to the enemy to choose the battle ground, and you can be sure it would not be on their turf but on ours.

Dick Cheney was right.

Michael Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America

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loyal to their companies (though a smaller number believed the reverse was true); happy with how much time off they get; not unduly stressed on the job; like their colleagues; and fear neither layoffs or job outsourcing.

Many workers, however, expressed dissatisfaction with their pay. Since most wages have people's remained flat as the gap between the rich and the middle class has increased, a little dissatisfaction seems justified.

Not all work occurs outside the home. Finding still more good news, the AEI researchers said Americans, on average, spend less time on household chores nowadays despite living in much larger homes. The researchers also noted that

men are picking up more of their share of the housework. Still, women average 7.5 hours per week more on housework than men. Men time their men devote to domestic duties.

Growing numbers of people say they find pleasure in tasks, such as cooking, that they once thought of in terms of pure work. Martha Stewart no doubt can take credit for teaching many Americans that chores can be more domestic art than drudgery if one hones one's skills and cultivates one's tastes.

It's a new way of looking at work. Americans also have a new way of thinking about the "work ethic," a term referring to the responsibility to earn one's keep. Nowadays, talk of ethics and work is apt to bring to mind corporate executives in handcuffs for crimes to

enrich insiders at the expense of a company's solvency and workers' nest eggs. Some who toil long hours at wages low enough told pollsters their wives to qualify them for welfare underestimate how much might also question the ethics of paying millions to CEOs who run their companies into the ground.

Americans should consider what happens at the end of one's working life. The work might end in the fifth decade of a career, but the need to pay bills goes on uninterrupted.

So, when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan sounds the alarm about looming crises in Social Security and Medicare, workers ought to take heed and, as Greenspan put it, "adjust through other channels."

Translation: Hope for government reforms and an expanding economy, but start saving and investing

Calendar of events

 The Seventh Annual Pioneer Day will kick-off in the city of Cheyenne, Okla., at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in Cheyenne City Park. In observance of the day, all veterans and active servicemen will be honored. A parade and program is planned. An auction of day hunts for quail, deer and turkey on private lands will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., a free hot dog supper and back to school dance will be held in the

 Pampa Area Singles next dance will feature Indian Summer and is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Snacks are welcome. No smoking and no alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059

Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the first Thursday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. All members are urged to attend.

Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a member of American Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

Gray County Association for

Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop. Gray County Extension Education

meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse

 Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294

 Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in the hobby of water gardening and fish keeping is welcome. For more information, contact Gary Stevens at 669-7956, Jack Chisum at 665-2878 or Debbie Davis at 665-0123.

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

American Cancer Society



American Cancer Society will host Relay for Life at Recreation Park, Saturday September 11 at 4:00. The Relay will feature a Survivors Walk, Luminaria Service and fun for the whole family. Money raised will provide local services including:

- * Transportation to cancer related medical appointments
- * Temporary housing while receiving treatment
- * Medical equipment
- * Medical supplies wigs, breast comfort pillows, ostomy supplies, etc.
- * Education and information related to cancer diagnosis
- * Counseling and support services
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Relay for Life is about a Community that takes up the fight against cancer. For more information contact:

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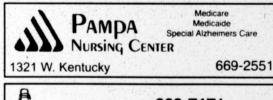
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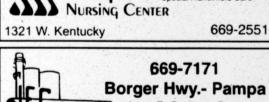
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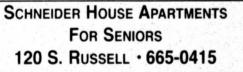












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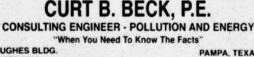


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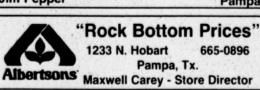
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At age 92, Rev. Cooper still climbing toward home

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Archie Cooper, a retired Pentecostal Holiness preacher, will be 92 today. He'll mark the day, but only as a stepping stone toward his ultimate goal - heaven.

He said as much in a poem he wrote a couple of weeks ago titled "My Age:"

"For a whole year it's been ninety one, Some things finished, some just begun, A speedy race with grunts and groans, Climbing toward my home sweet home."

Around his hometown of McLean, he's known as the man that put "In God We Trust" back in the schools after he successfully campaigned for signs with these words to be posted in the school rooms in July 2001.

His efforts influenced others to do the same in schools in Turkey, Burkburnett, Shamrock, he adds. Pampa's Community Christian School, and Boise City, Okla.

He's not someone who believes in the impossible.

If someone told him it couldn't be done, he'd probably answer, "With God all things are possible.'

At 92, he lives alone, cares for himself, drives to Oklahoma City, Amarillo and around the Oklahoma Panhandle.

He mows his lawn, climbs ladders "when necessary" and

walks two miles every day in about 35 min-

"I jump the rope some to show that I can,"

And he preaches every chance he can.

"Even now, his greatest joy is for someone to invite him to preach," says his daughter, Wynona Hail of Elk Grove, Calif. "Most preachers look forward to retirement, but not Dad!"

During a recent visit with her father, Wynona said he advised her to get up early with him and walk for her health. After a brisk 7:30 a.m. walk, she learned he's "in better shape than I." Her husband William Hail said.

"When it is Dad's time to go to heav-

en. God will have to run to catch him." Another daughter, Trucile Miller of Katy, said this of her father:

write many pages about my love and admiration of this man as a father," she wrote in a letter to The

Pampa News. "Instead want to speak of him as a prayer warrior When it is Dad's time to go to heaven, God will have to run to catch him.'

> William Hail Son-in-law

and a man of his word. I am amazed how often extended family and friends who do not

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Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore

Coordinators of the Children's Program Revitalization, Shirley Winborne and Mary Sturgeon, far left and far right, discuss details of the program's open house with Barry Loving, center, pastor of First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. The public is invited to the open house from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 12.

FCC open house to showcase new Sunday School program

Members of First Christian Sunday School. Church of Pampa invite the public to

The opening of the new wing is than 100 church members.

the Education ing. begin a new program of rotational walls of the old rooms, providing the

an open house celebrating the open-tive program," said Shirley gram. Before entering the new wing, ing of the new children's wing from Winborne, one of the program's visitors will see painted on the wall 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12, in coordinators. "The only other exam- a Bible verse, "Let the children the church's fellowship hall, 1633 ples in the Panhandle are located in come to me, and do not hinder them; Amarillo and Lubbock."

"Another advantage of this heaven." (Matthew 19:14) the fruition of several months of approach is that it reaches the differfundraising and hard work started by ent learning styles of children such way, each age group will go to one Program as audio, visual, kinesthetic and tac- of five stations which feature music Revitalization committee and con-tile," said Mary Sturgeon, and movement, computer and tinued through the efforts of more. Winborne's co-coordinator, adding library, drama, art and science and that the teachers at the five stations Inspired by Youth Minister Paul have gone through extensive train-

Department, headed by Nancy Church members hand-painted Brogdin, decided to not only reno- murals depicting Bible stories and vate the children's wing but also Jerusalem during Jesus' time on the

background for the five stations of "This is a very new and innova- the rotational Sunday School profor to such belongs the kingdom of

After entering the arched door-

Children attending the program, designed for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, will study the same Bible story for five weeks, visiting a different station each week.

- Dee Dee Laramore, editor

River of Life plans series with Rev. Dianna Mayes

411 Chamberlain, plans a Services. She is series of services featuring a Desert Storm the Rev. Dianna Mayes, veteran. For the Sept. 12-Sept. 15.

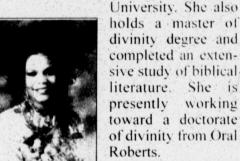
"Come join us for five she has worked days of life-changing, excit- with numerous ing, motivating Word that private and pubwill cause you to triumph lic social servicover every circumstance in es and mental your life," said Pastor Danny health agencies L. Trussell.

Services are scheduled for gram adminis-Sunday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. trator and cliniand 6 p.m., and Monday cal therapist. through Wednesday, Sept. 13-15, at 7 p.m.

SKELLYTOWN - River Captain where she served as four-year study in ministerial of Life Assembly of God, a Chief of Social Work leadership from Oral Roberts

past 26 years, as both a pro-

A graduate of Wayne State to have her back, expecting University, she holds bache- great things from God during Rev. Mayes is a retired lor and master degrees in this time," Pastor Trussell United States Air Force social work, and completed a said.



Rev. Mayes

holds a master of divinity degree and completed an extensive study of biblical literature. She is presently working toward a doctorate of divinity from Oral

"This is Dianna's second time to preach

Skellytown. We are excited



Free for Sure graduates

Pampa Prison Fellowship graduated a class of 11 inmates from the "Free for Sure" Bible Study. On the top row are Louis Salgado, Kurt Wilson, Curtis Kimble, Randy Cook, and Roy Lindsey. In the middle are Kurt Cahill, Richard Paul, Guy McIntyre, and Leroy Cox. Bottom row, Sam Salas and David Maldonado. These men have successfully completed the one-year study. Pampa Prison Ministry works with all denominations and welcomes Christian volunteers. If interested, call 665-2830.

Violinist to play at Central Baptist

Starkweather and

Browning, at 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. Dr. Nikol was born into a pastor's

family in communist Bulgaria and learned firsthand about anti-Christian Dr. Nikol religious persecu-

tion at a young age. Her father violin with David Oistrach.

Violinist Dr. Margaret Christian persecution endured Because of her determina-Nikol will be in concert at by the family, God placed her tion to stay faithful to her Central Baptist Church, in some of the best schools Christian commitment, she

> ing in Bulgaria, University tor of musicology nist countries. degree and studied

preached the Gospel, and Dr. violin competition, Dr. Nikol cert. Nikol's family suffered great- was officially assigned to ly during those difficult times. work in East Germany as a 665-1631. In spite of the anti- concert violist.

behind the Iron was forced in 1982 to make Curtain training her dramatic escape to the professional musi- West. Since then, she has cians. After study- lived in the United States.

She is also president of she enrolled at the International Impact, Inc., a of non-denominational Christian Moscow, where ministry assisting Christians she earned a doc- who live in former commu-

The concert is free to the public. A love offering will be was jailed because he After winning a European taken at the close of the con-

For more information, call

New Beginnings Retreat of "Peacework." Center, Sept. 24-26.

Friday, Sept. 17, is the

Evangelist David Minson of Lubbock will conduct gospel meetings, Sept. 15-19, at the Church of Christ, 400 N. Wells. Week night services will be at 7 p.m. and Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. An incorrect name for the evangelist was

Registration nears for fall retreat deadline for registration and Bonnie Thomas, comes from by calling First Baptist retreat fees for the Christian Estes Park, Colo., and will Pampa 669-1155 or Retreat Women's Fall Retreat at be speaking using the theme Director Kathryn Green at

Cost information and are welcome.

The retreat speaker, more details may be obtained 669-0148. All area women

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study begins

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study began Revelations for this year. Thursday, Sept. 9, at First Baptist Church. Thursdays, in Room 101 of the church.

study the book of Daniel, then Jude, then at 665-1726.

Childcare is available by calling Lisa at The Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. on 669-3529 by the noon the Wednesday before the Bible Study meeting.

Women of all ages are welcome to come For more information, call Linda Starnes

Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship sets 'homecoming' celebration on Sunday

Church, welcomes the public to join them in Sunday, Sept. 12, with dinner afterwards.

The congregation of Lighthouse a "homecoming" celebration for old friends Covenant Fellowship, formerly Hiland and new. Services begin at 10:30 a.m.,

Correction

provided to The News.

SWEET CORN

Becky Weick of Etter, at M.K. Brown Parking Lot, Sat. 7:30 am, for the last time this year with corn. Thanks for your business during a weather challenged season. 806-966-5221 or 922-3720

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Dear Abby... By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: 1 am a 15- turned to you. Please help me, year-old girl who baby-sits for extra money. I baby-sat for a new family last week. After I put the kids to bed, I found a snake in the house. I was scared for the kids, so I grabbed a kitchen knife and chopped off the snake's head.

When the parents returned, I found out it was their pet snake that had escaped from its cage, and they were really angry, I feel terrible about it. Although I apologized, they won't talk to me when they see me in the neighborhood.

Should I write them a letter of apology or buy them a new snake? I don't know what the proper etiquette is when you kill someone's pet.

RATTLED IN TEXAS

DEAR RATTLED: You reacted to what you perceived as a danger. What is unfortunate is that the couple child. for whom you were baby-sitting were so careless they not only failed to tell you they had an exotic pet in the house, but also compounded it by leaving without making (age 21) and a sister (age 17) to sure the creature was securely in its cage where it belonged. You do not "owe" the family a replacement. frequently wind up sharing. They owe you an apology.

DEAR ABBY: I was sexually harassed at the age of 7. 1. wasn't raped; I was just courage the behavior, and only touched and used by my brother's friend.

I am now 13 and I'm very fond of one boy in particular. But ever since I was 7, I can't open up to guys. When I try, I get scared because I remember what happened to me.

I never told my parents what happened, because I never felt like I needed to. But now I'm getting older and I realize how wrong it was -- of him, I mean. been sleeping apart since well I was so young I didn't understand what was happening.

I want some help, but I don't know where to go, so I've

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DEAR YOUNG LADY: Please clip this letter, give it to your mother and tell her you wrote it. You were not harassed; you were MOLESTED. It is important that you talk about what happened with a professional, possibly one who specializes in post-traumatic stress, who can help you work it through. The sooner you start, the sooner you can begin to build healthy relationships with peers. I wish you the best of luck.

P.S. I regret that you didn't report the molestation to your parents when it occurred. Had you done so, you could have received help then, and guaranteed that the boy could not abuse another

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it is appropriate for a brother share the same bed? The siblings each have a large, comfortable bed of their own, but This is very troubling to a dear friend of mine, who is their stepparent. It seems the biological parent is hesitant to disreluctantly admits it might be inappropriate.

JUST ASKING IN HOUSTON

DEAR JUST: I am mystified at the attitude of the biological parent, who appears to be ignoring a possibly incestuous relationship. Of course it's not appropriate. The "children" should have before puberty.

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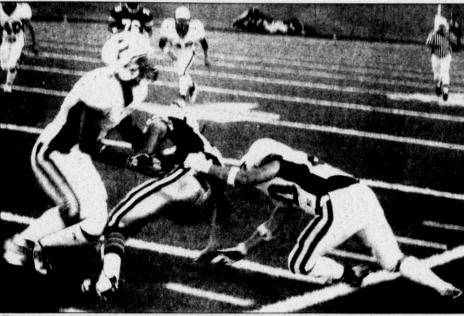
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Sports Day



Pampa defenders Tyler Doughty, above left, and Dusty Lenderman, wrap-up a Sandie ball carrier. Cam Segar, below, carries the ball around the right side of the line for a solid gain, eluding a couple of Sandie defenders along the way.



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

Other games of interest

Here are the games of local and regional interest scheduled for tonight.

Canadian vs. Perryton, 7:30 p.m. White Deer vs. Claude, 7:30 p.m. McLean vs. Hedley, 7 p.m. Miami vs. Lefors, 7:30 p.m. Groom @ Higgins, 7:30 p.m.

Perryton @ Canadian, 7:30 p.m. Tascosa @ Palo Duro, 7:30 p.m. Canyon @ Randall, 7:30 p.m. Borger @ Dumas, 7:30 p.m. Big Spring @ Hereford, 7:30 p.m.

Wheeler is off this week.



With running back Mark Williams, #9, looking for someone to stick, Pampa quarterback Tyler Doughty, #4, looks downfield for his receiver, Clayton Hall, #14.

Harvesters run out of time

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester varsity football team entered Dick Bivins Stadium last night with a 1-1 non-district record. They left with a 1-2 non-district record. But it was what took place on the artificial turf in the four quarters of play against Amarillo High that was not only fun to watch, but should give this team reason to be excited as the district schedule draws near.

Pampa was near stellar on both sides of the ball in the first half. The defense was stout and unwilling to give up ground to the Sandie offense. QB Cobb and James Coffee both had quarterback sacks early in the game. In fact, it appeared both were in on trip, to see. or near almost every tackle made

least, relentless in the first half. chewed up the clock kept scored yet another touchdown on

Amarillo's offense on the side- a Doughty pass to QB Cobb. The lines. Tyler Doughty capped off one of those long drives with a great looking touchdown run in the first quarter. Seth Foster's extra point try failed, giving the Harvesters a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Doughty would score another TD with 9:40 left to play in the second quarter. The extra point failed, but Pampa increased its lead to 12-0.

The Sandies would get on the board with 6:59 left to play in the first half with a touchdown. The extra point was good and the Pampa lead was cut to 12-7. And then the unity and continued growth of this team was put on display for all, especially the Harvester faithful who made the

With time running out in the The defensive line was just as first half, Doughty and the offense, unshaken by the quick The offense was, to say the Sandie score, did so themselves. They moved the ball down field Long, sustained drives that and, with just 19.1 seconds left,

try for 2-points fell short, but the Pampa lead again grew to 18-7 at the half.

The second half started a little rough. A Sandie defender recovered an early Pampa fumble for a quick TD. Amarillo converted a 2-point attempt and cut the Harvester lead to 18-15 with 10:57 to play in the third quarter.

Again, the Pampa offense was resilient. Another drive, another score. This time a Foster field goal, making it 21-15, Pampa with little more than 5-minutes to go in the third. Amarillo scored another touchdown and the quarter ended with the score, 21-22 in favor of Amarillo.

Midway through the fourth, that lead would grow to as much as 21-36, Sandies. Their last score coming with 4:44 on the game clock. It would have been easy to color this game over. In fact, much of the Amarillo crowd did, making their way to the parking lot.

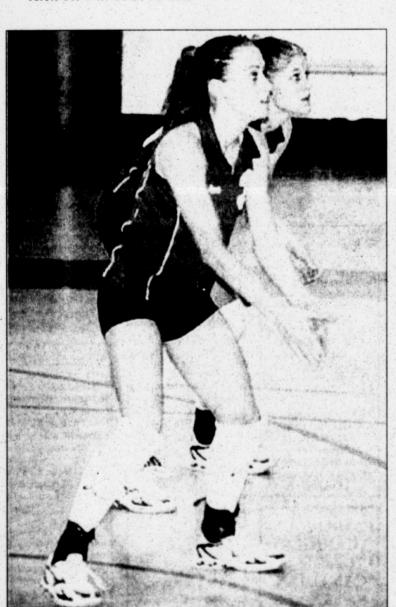
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Pampa JV hosts Amarillo

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Just a reminder-the Pampa Harvester JV team takes the home field tomorrow morning against the visiting Amarillo High JV team.

Pampa enters the game 2-0. Kick off will be at 11 a.m.



Anticipation

PHS Lady Harvester senior Alyssa Bromwell, front, and junior Jackie Gerber are ready on defense during a recent match in Graham, Texas. The JV and varsity teams are at Tascosa tomorrow. Matches begin at 12 noon.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

PAC taking registrations By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

The Pampa Aquatic Club (PAC) will hold Tuesday signups for during the month of September, at the Pampa Youth Center pool from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, please call Tammy Henthorn at 665-

A PHS Soccer Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13, at 8:30 p.m. in the library, following the open house.

Registrations are currently underway for the Mid America Youth Basketball (MAYB) winter season. Registrations are currently being taken for grades 3 though 8, boys and girls. Over 100 tournaments nationwide have been scheduled for teams to choose from with discounts for multi-tournament entries. For more information, call (316) 284-0354. Or visit www.mayb.com.

8th grade teams sport new colors

The Pampa 8th grade from Casey Trimble for the teams, sporting their new extra point: green and gold jerseys, came away with sound wins Hayden Skinner 6-yard TD over Westover Park this run and a Jeremy Busse past Tuesday.

Trimble touchdown runs of 2-yards and 1-yard, won its game, 20-12. Madison Wilson chipped in an 80vard touchdown run. Thomas Fraser took the toss

The B Team used a sack for a safety for its win. The A Team, on the Corban Harris ran in the strength of a pair of Casey extra point. Final, Pampa 10, Westover Park 6.

Both teams are back on the field next Tuesday when they visit Hereford. B Team start is set for 5 p.m. A Team at 6:30 p.m.

Drexler tops list

SPRINGFIELD. Hall of Fame as a player, playgrounds, line.

dreamed he would be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Or that the Hall of Famer who would present him at the ceremonies Friday would be good friend Julius Erving.

"He seemed to fly. I wanted to be like him," said Drexler, who earned the nickname "Clyde the Glide" for his own swooping moves to the basket.

Former coach Bill Sharman, already in the

Mass. (AP) — As a kid also will be inducted alone on the Houston along with the late Clyde Maurice Stokes, the Drexler would imagine 1956 NBA rookie of the he was Dr. J with a year; Lynette Woodard, championship on the an Olympic gold medalist and the first woman But Drexler never to play for the Harlem Globetrotters; Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns; and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star.

> What set Drexler apart, Erving said, was his ability and imagination to take the game above the rim "and make things happen."

Selected one of the 50 greatest players in the NBA in 1997, the 6foot-7 guard excelled at all levels of the game.

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Astros split with Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Because Josh Fogg didn't resemble Oliver Perez, the Houston Astros again look a team that's going to be hard to stop in September.

Jeff Bagwell, Brad Ausmus and Lance Berkman drove in two runs each and the Astros shook off Perez's dominance in the opener, beating Pittsburgh 9-2 Thursday night for their 13th victory in 14 games and a doubleheader split.

In the first game, Perez ended Houston's 12-game winning streak with the most dominating start of his short career, striking 14 in a 3-1 victory — the Astros' only loss since Aug. 26.

The Astros averaged nineplus runs during their franchise-record tying winning streak and quickly returned to

form by scoring nine in the second game. The Astros won their 16th in 18 games and 21st in 25 games and are tied with the Giants for the NL wild-card lead, despite trailing by seven games only three weeks ago.

"We needed the second game in a big way," Craig Biggio said.

Fogg (9-10) didn't offer nearly the challenge Perez did, giving Houston a gift run with a balk while allowing eight runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"The win's important to us because we're in the pennant race," manager Phil Garner said. "The second thing is we want to keep driving, and to keep driving you want to keep winning. You don't want any letdowns.

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As a key part of the high-flying "Phi Slama Jama" teams at the University of Houston he played in two Final Fours. In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995. He's one of three players in league history with 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists, and won an Olympic gold medal with the Dream Team

Woodard, also selected in her first year of eligibility, averaged 26 points at the University of Kansas, won an Olympic gold medal with the U.S. team in 1984, and played in the WNBA with Cleveland and Detroit.

In college, the 6-foot guard was a domi-

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1979, rebounding in 1978 and steals in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Sharman, inducted as a player in 1976, will be presented by Bob Cousy, his backcourt partner with the Boston Celtics. As a coach he won titles in three professional leagues - the ABL with the Cleveland Pipers in 1962, the ABA with the Utah Stars in 1971, and the NBA with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1972 — to go with his four NBA titles as a player with the Celtics.

During the 1971-72 season, the Lakers, led by Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West. posted an NBA-record 33-game winning streak.

The only others to be inducted as both players and coaches are John Wooden and Lenny Wilkens.

Stokes, the league's top rookie in 1956, had his career cut short when he was paralyzed in his third season when he fell during a game.

Teammate Jack Twyman, a Hall of Famer nating force, leading the nation in scoring in who at age 24 became Stokes' legal

guardian and organized an annual all-star game to help defray Stokes' enormous medical expenses, will accept on Stokes behalf. Stokes died in 1970 at the age of 36.

Colangelo is a four-time NBA executive of the year and also was instrumental in creating the WNBA.

Dalipagic was a three time European player of the year.

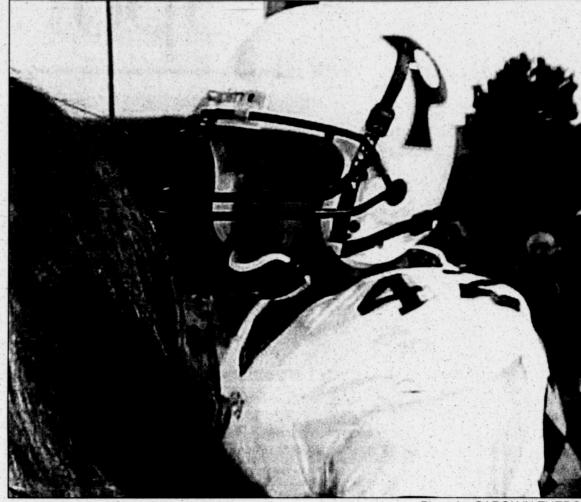


Photo by CAROLYN THERC

Chomping at the bit

PHS varsity sophomore James Coffee looks focused and ready to get back onto the field during last night's game against Amarillo High. Coffee had a solid night on defense including an early sack of the Sandie quarterback.

Pampa

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The Pampa crowd remained. Based on how this team had performed during the game, it would have been foolish and unfair to think they would not continue the fight. And on the ensuing Pampa possession, it was made clear that this is a team, a concept, and a tradition that does not base its performance by what the scoreboard says. Coach Parker, in his pre-game address to his team, asked what the goal for the night was. The reply wasn't to win. It enough time left in the game. was, "To improve."

Pampa took the ball with little more than 4-minutes to play. Again, drove it down field and scored a touchdown. Extra point was good and the score with 2:24 seconds to play was 36-28, Amarillo.

Feeding off the intensity, the Harvester defense took the field and promptly shut the Sandies down. Amarillo, in an effort to run as much time off the clock as possible, took a delay-of-game penalty and punted the ball. Doughty and the offense had one more shot. But there just wasn't

And though the final score showed Amarillo taking the win, 36-28, final game stats will no doubt show they were soundly controlled by a well-prepared Pampa team. And those who were there saw a Harvester team that was not only up to the challenge, but wound up battling the clock, as well as the opposition.

Improve? Mission accomplished. Pampa is on the road to face Borger

next Friday night. It is the last non-district game of the season. Kick off will be at 7:30 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Stay grounded. A special loved one could be wifty and troublesome. You might feel put out as a fun plan goes down the drain. A child or loved one could be depressed as well. Don't be too me-oriented. Tonight: Go with a

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Move forward, and you will discover that others could give you flak. Perhaps a family member wants to be closer. Revamp your day, and everyone will be a lot happier -- you included. Let go of others' demands. Be yourself. Tonight: Socialize away. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Balance your checkbook. At first you see a situation one way, but with some perspective, you see other possibilities. Draw the line on how much you spend. Fun doesn't always have to cost. Tonight: Indulge, my Moon Child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** A problem hits with a child or loved one. The only way to win is not to play. Pull out and make a decision, then regroup. Your new suggestion makes everyone happy. Let the good feelings flow. Tonight: Dance the night

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Step back and do more listening. What you hear could make you uncomfortable. Family could be difficult, as they want what they want. Your best bet is to please them for now. Your instincts work. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Don't hang out alone, and you'll be much happier. Listen to others' judgments. If you present a situation one way, you'll get an unequivocal "no." Try again, and everyone will agree. Be more in touch with your verbal style. Tonight: Party-hopping.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You might make more out of a problem than really exists. Go within for answers. You could feel limited by finances. Veer or change plans accordingly if you need to. You can and will make someone who counts happy if you distance yourself from your personal issues. Tonight: Dinner or munchies for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** You could feel like someone lets you down, causing tension between you and a loved one or friend. Let go and follow through, and make him or her happy. Friends naturally join in. You'll love it. Tonight: The only answer

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Commerce The Department reported Friday that the 8.9 percent improvement in the deficit in July followed a 16.9 percent surge in June which had pushed the trade gap to a record \$55.02 billion. Nevertheless, the \$50.15 red-ink figure was the second highest imbalance on record.

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The country's exploding trade deficit has become an issue in the presidential race with Democratic challenger John Kerry contending that President Bush has not done enough to protect American workers against unfair competition from low-wage nations with poor records on labor rights and environmental protection.

Kerry singles out China as the chief culprit in that regard. The new report showed that America's

deficit with China hit a new monthly record of \$14.9 billion, leaving the imbalance with China so far this year 28 percent above last year's

The U.S. deficit with China hit \$124.1 billion last year, the largest imbalance ever suffered with a single country.

Critics contend that the Bush administration has not done enough to force China to open up its markets to U.S. exports of manufactured goods and farm products or to pressure the Chinese to stop managing its currency in such a way that it gives Chinese products an estimated 40 percent price advantage over U.S. goods.

House votes against overtime regs, Dems claiming victory

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overturn new Bush administration rules on which workers qualify for overtime pay was hailed by Democrats trying to convince undecided voters they are the party that better protects worker rights.

In a sharp rebuke to President Bush, the House voted 223-193 Thursday to stop the

Labor Department from carrying out the new rules. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called it a "rare victory for middleclass Americans."

"President Bush's overtime regulations will affect 6 million workers," with some losing 25 percent of their incomes, Pelosi said.

Those figures were strongly disputed by the White House and the Labor Department, which said the biggest overhaul of overtime rules in more than 50

years would add more than 1 million mostly lower-paid workers to those eligible for overtime. The new regulations went into effect on Aug. 23.

"I do think the clarity that comes with these new rules will help better protect American workers," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohie, chairman of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

The overtime vote was an amendment to a \$142.5 billion spending bill for health, education and job training programs in 2005. The White House has threatened to veto the entire bill if the overtime language is included.

It's unlikely to get to that point. House Republican Whip Roy Blunt, R-Ohio, said he was confident the language would be stripped when the House and Senate, which has yet to consider the bill, meet to work out the final version. By that time, he said, there will be "overwhelming evidence" the new

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House vote to rules are benefiting tens of thousands of workers.

> But Democrats and labor unions said the vote was still another milestone in the struggle to stop the rule changes. Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said the vote "underscores the bipartisan opposition to George Bush's war on overtime pay."

> > Twenty-two Republicans joined all 200 voting Democrats and one independent in voting for the amendment sponsored by Reps. David Obey, D-Wis., and George Miller, D-Calif.

The Senate on Thursday also challenged the Bush administration's policy of restricting travel to Cuba. And on Wednesday the Senate disregarded a White House veto threat and voted to prohibit Bush from giving federal immigration jobs to private workers.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who has led opposition to the overtime rules in the Senate, said it was the fifth time in a year that Congress has voted against the rules. "Clearly, President Bush needs to listen to the message Congress is sending."

The Obey-Miller amendment would protect overtime eligibility for any worker who had it before Aug. 23.

It would preserve one provision of the new rules that expands overtime pay to workers earning up to \$23,660.

Opponents of the rules and their supporters have presented vastly different scenarios of their possible effects. Opponents warn that the overtime protections of some 6 million workers — chefs, nurses, police officers, journalists, athletic trainers, lower-level computer employees and those who perform small amounts of supervisory work — would be weakened by the rules.

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Always willing to learn something new, he began playing the harmonica in his later years.

He now has one for almost every key, and according to daughter Wynona, "will play you a tune if he has the slightest hint that you would like to hear it."

Cooper

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profess a Christian faith call him to say they need him to pray for a loved one. They recognize and have faith in him as a prayer warrior even though they do not pray often.

"Another thing that really surprises even me, many parishioners he pastored in the 19302, 1940s, 1950s, etc., from across many states still call him and ask him to pray over the phone for an urgent need," she said.

Rev. Cooper was raised as one of 10 children, the fifth child born to his mother and father. He remembers walking as much as four miles to attend a one room school.

"We lived by kerosene lights most of my life," he said. "Mother read the Bible by kerosene lamps. When she became emotional, her tears sometimes dropped on the Bible. The Bible spoke to her.'

He remembers others uses for kerosene during those growing-up years: "... when we got cuts and bruises, we had the remedy - kerosene," but he cautions that "too much kerosene under a bandage for too long might blister."

Those bandages were often torn from worn-out sheets.

The Cooper family seldom needed a doctor, even for childbirth. Hospitals were

as scarce as hospitals," he

Before the 10th of the Cooper children was born, Rev. Cooper's dad bought a used Buick touring car with a fold-down top and two running boards. The running boards were a good place to

stand when every seat of vehicle was filled.

He remembers the car "would travel upward of 25 miles an hour with 16 to 17 hundred pounds of humanity in and on going to a litcountry tle church."

He remembers hollering "Yeee-hooo" as they zipped along.

"The attendance at the little church swelled when 11 people climbed off and out of that Buick," he recalls.

"I accepted Jesus Christ into my heart in 1932 at the age of 20," he says of the start of his faith journey, adding that, "At the age of 21, God called me to preach.

His first church was the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Hooker, Okla. About a year later, he married Virginia Mae Conway of Keyes, Okla., his life's companion for more than 60

Retired minister "One of my fondest memories is how he loved to play with his grandkids and great grandkids," says Wynona. "He has spent many hours in the floor wrestling with them, letting them stand on his hands and feet or ride the 'bucking



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