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Thomas recognized at Honorable Man March

DEE DEE LARAMORE
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A Pampa man who has dedicated 20 years of his life to law enforcement became Tralee Crisis Center's 2010 Honorable Man at ceremonies observing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in Pampa on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Each year, someone who lives a violence-free life and embodies the qualities of an "honor-



Thomas
Dave Thomas, a former Pampa police officer who now works as a

able man" is chosen from nominations submitted by friends and family to be Tralee's Honorable Man of the Year.

This year's winner is Dave Thomas, a former Pampa police officer who now works as a

child abuse investigator for Child Protective Services.

"He is always there for me no matter how big or little the situation," Thomas' wife of 11 years, Deneen, wrote in her nomination. "He is a great father. Dave has been a great stepfather for my two children and supports them in all their adventures in life."

The Thomases, who became foster parents seven years ago, have adopted two children from the foster system. "This has just made our family complete," Deneen wrote.

Thomas demonstrates his love of children by volunteering as a Tiger Cub Scout leader. His dedication to helping families is expressed not only through his job with CPS, but also as a reserve officer for Roberts County, she said.

Also recognized at the reception Thursday evening was Bryan Fisher, a City of Pampa employee. **HONORABLE** cont. on page 10

A FAIR TO REMEMBER



staff photo by David Bowser
Top O' Texas Pampa Gold Coat Jack Reeves examines a sculpture up for sale in the silent auction Saturday night at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair.

More junior high talk for PISD board

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The old junior high school building will continue to be a topic of discussion by the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees when they meet Tuesday evening.

The school board will also discuss the district's administrative facility needs.

The board will consider authorizing Supt. Barry Haenisch and the district's legal counsel to seek rezoning or a variance of zoning relating to the old junior high at 2401 Charles.

The school board met earlier this month in executive session concerning the issue, but took no action.

The board will consider construction drawings for the Clearwire site at the Pampa High School football field. Clearwire wants to put an antenna on one of the stadium's light poles.

They will consider action on the district's tax roll and consider the district's quarterly financial and investments reports.

The board will also consider **BOARD** cont. on page 10

Pampa detective Beard fueled by desire to help others

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Chris Beard wanted to help his fellow man. The Pampa police detective said that is what led him to a career in law enforcement.

"I wanted to help people," he said, sitting in his office in the Pampa Police Department on a Monday morning. "That's my major thing. I've always wanted to help do good things."

Originally from Houston, Beard grew up in Wheeler.

"I'm a Wheeler Mustang," he grinned.

After graduating from high school in 1997, Beard went to work the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the prison east of Pampa, but after five years of that, he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement.

"I was having a son at the time," Beard said. "He was my firstborn, and I wanted him to be proud of me, proud of something that his Dad does."

He went to the police academy at Amarillo College, and then did a five-month stint for the Quana Police Department.



When Deputy Paul Sublette with the Roberts County Sheriff's Office in Miami called to tell him about an opening in the department, Beard was ready. Sublette had already told Robert County Sheriff Dana Miller about the young man who wanted to be a law enforcement officer.

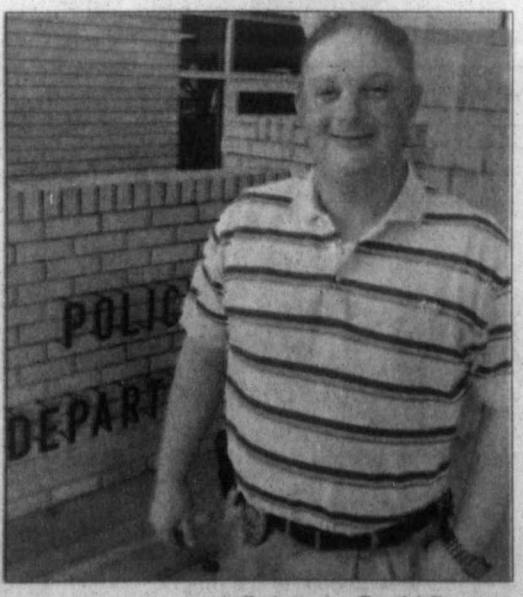
Beard said he wanted to get back up to the panhandle, near his family in Wheeler.

"I love small towns," Beard said. "We moved up to Miami, and we were there for almost five years."

He joined the Pampa Police Department about a year and a half ago.

Beard said he spent about a year on patrol in Pampa, learning the town, before he was promoted to detective.

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staff photo by David Bowser
Pampa PD detective Chris Beard is a Wheeler graduate with ties to Miami and Quana.

BID ON THIS CAR at COUNTRY FAIR!!!

Doug Boyd Motors has donated this beautiful fire-engine-red 2008 low mileage Ford Focus to be auctioned at the Country Fair on October, 16 at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium

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For the record

Obituaries

PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 67 Low 46	High 79 Low 51	High 78 Low 50

Tonight: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. East wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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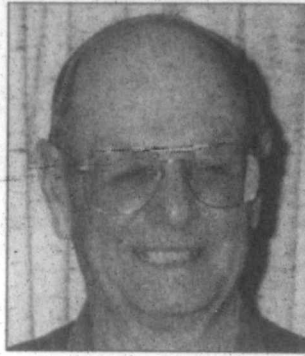
Bill J. Abernathy, 85

Bill J. Abernathy, 85, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors by the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Abernathy was born June 11, 1925, in Guthrie, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1927 and was a 1943 graduate of Pampa High School. After graduating from high school, he entered the U. S. Navy and



Abernathy

served with the Navy Seabees in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Bill married Barbara Davis on May 10, 1946 in Pampa. She preceded him in death in 2004. He worked as warehouse manager for H. R. Thompson Parts and Supply for 45 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Pampa VFW Post.

Survivors include his two daughters, Judith A. Salazar and Karen Sue "Susie" Fultz, both of Pampa; two granddaughters, Jennifer Lopez and husband Greg of Conroe and Lindsay Fultz of Portales, N.M.; and a great granddaughter, Gracelyn Lopez of Conroe. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William N. and Olive Abernathy, and by a sister, Dee Watson.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105, or American Lung Association of Texas, 5926 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX 78731.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Police reported 54 traffic-related calls and three accidents. They also cited 29 abandoned vehicles.

Animal control reported 34 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 17 ambulance calls. Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported one medical call.

Friday, Oct. 15
Pampa Fire Department reported a grass fire in the 1800 block of Belle.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of South Pitts.

Identity theft was reported to the police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A grass fire was reported at Price Road and Kentucky.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of South Reid.

A burglary was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Officers checked on the welfare of occupants in the 200 block of East Brown.

Officers served a warrant in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Officers had escort duty in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of Coronado.

A burglary was reported to police.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1300 block of Garland.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of Hazel.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of West Brown.

Officials launched a fire investigation in the 1100 block of North Cuyler.

Officers had escort duty in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Burglaries were reported in the 1100 block of West Sirocco and in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Rham and Faulkner and in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Christine.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of East Foster.

Officers served a warrant in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Bradley.

City crews turned off water in the 2500 block of North Beech and in the 2300 block of North Navajo.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and in the 100 block of East Craven.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of West Craven.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Saturday, Oct. 16
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Officers reported a violation of a protective order in the 400 block of Graham.

A suspicious person was reported at Randy Matson and Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Darby.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of North Christine.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Deane.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner.

City officials shut off the water in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

Phone harassment was reported to police.

City officials shut off the water in the 100 block of North Wynne and in the 2400 block of Duncan.

Officers assisted another agency at Francis and Starkweather.

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An assault was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. A 911 hangup call was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of West 30th.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of East Browning.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Love.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 300 block

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

An alarm was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Officers checked on the welfare of occupants in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Officers assisted another agency at Browning and Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A threat was made in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

An assault was reported in the 2200 block of West Alcock.

HAZMAT was reported at Crawford and Barnes.

Sunday, Oct. 17
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Huff.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Endangerment was reported at Browning and Warren.

A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of North Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Magnolia.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of North Lefors.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 100 block of North Lefors.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Dogwood.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Somerville.

Found property was reported in the 1600 block of North Dogwood.

The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East 16th.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of Ballard.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Frost.

Found property was reported to police.

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A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Love.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 300 block

of North Warren.

Monday, Oct. 18.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Russell.

City crews shut off water in the 800 block of West 25th.

A prowler was reported in the 200 block of North Houston.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, Oct. 15
Detria Ray-Don McIntosh, 33, of Canadian, was arrested by police on a Hemphill County warrant charging him with possession of a controlled substance.

Stephen Phillips Adams, 61, of Skellytown, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense, and failure to appear.

Brent Keith Crossman, 52, was arrested by police on charges of possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Debra Lynn Rawls, 38, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while license invalid.

Ricardo Joel Rios, 20, of San Antonio, was arrested by deputies on charges of assault with bodily injury against a family member.

Trampis Jerome Smith, 21, of Shamrock, was arrested on a warrant out of Anderson County charging him with theft by check.

Saturday, Oct. 16
Robby Dale Burton, 49, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Pamela Jane Woodruff, 48, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance, tampering with evidence and violation of probation.

Brady Joe Brogdin, 39, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated and having an open container in her vehicle.

Sunday, Oct. 17
Roy Anthony Jiles, 40, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Nancy Dalia Lopez, 29, was arrested by police on charges of a parent contributing to the non-attendance and failure to appear.

Parker Rea Kerlee, 30, of Groom, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear on charges of possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Monday, Oct. 18
Misty Dawn Passini, 31, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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AFTERNOON RUSH

Perry, White cast early votes

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry and his opponent, Democrat Bill White, both cast their votes in the first day of early voting in Texas.

Perry and his wife, Anita, cast their early votes Monday morning at an Austin grocery store. The Republican governor said: "I voted right."

Before voting, he was joined at a campaign stop with several Republican candidates for statewide office, including U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Attorney General Greg Abbott.

White, a former Houston mayor, voted at a Houston community center with his wife, Andrea. He told reporters he did not vote straight Democrat.

He says, "I usually tend to go through office by office and position by position."

Patterson 'would have shot' Gilbert

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas land commissioner Jerry Patterson joked that he "would have shot" Democratic nominee for agriculture commissioner Hank Gilbert over some of the tactics used in that campaign.

While introducing Republican Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples at an early voting event Monday in Austin, Patterson told Staples: "I think I would have shot him by now if I were you."

Patterson, a gun-toting Republican who is a strong gun rights advocate, later dismissed the remark as "tongue in cheek" humor the public appreciates.

Patterson says he has made similar remarks in the past.

Staples and Gilbert have been locked in a tough campaign.

Record run for State Fair

DALLAS (AP) — It was a record year for the State Fair of Texas.

Fair officials say fairgoers spent \$37 million on food and amusement rides during the run of the fair, which started Sept. 24 and ended Sunday.

That beats the previous record of \$29.2 million spent in 2007.

Sue Gooding, a fair spokeswoman, told *The Dallas Morning News*, "We've just had incredibly beautiful weather. We had great exhibits, and all the interest in the food was just huge."

Food choices included the new Texas Fried Frito Pie and many other fried items. And new attractions included a tribute to Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry, which gave visitors an opportunity to view championship rings, game balls, trophies and rare family photos.

CPR order switched up

DALLAS (AP) — New guidelines out Monday switch up the steps for CPR, telling rescuers to start with hand, fast chest presses before giving mouth-to-mouth.

The change puts "the simplest step first" for traditional CPR, said Dr. Michael Sayre, co-author of the guidelines issued by the American Heart Association.

In recent years, CPR guidance has been revised to put more emphasis on chest pushes for sudden cardiac arrest. In 2008, the heart group said untrained bystanders or those unwilling to do rescue breaths could do hands-only CPR until paramedics arrive or a defibrillator is used to restore a normal heart beat.

Now, the group says everyone from professionals to bystanders who use standard CPR should begin with chest compressions instead of opening the victim's airway and breathing into their mouth first.

The change ditches the old ABC training — airway-breathing-compressions. That called for rescuers to give two breaths first, then alternate with 30 presses.

White corrals news endorsements

HOUSTON (AP) — Bill White's candidacy for governor of Texas has received the backing of the editorial boards of six more daily Texas newspapers, while Gov. Rick Perry has picked up one in support of his re-election.

The *San Antonio Express-News*, *Amarillo Globe-News*, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, *San Angelo Standard-Times*, *Wichita Falls Times Record News* and *The Eagle of Bryan-College Station* published their endorsements of the former Houston mayor's campaign in their Sunday editions. White received prior endorsements from *The Dallas Morning News*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, *Beaumont Enterprise* and *Galveston County Daily News*.

Meanwhile, the editorial board of the *Waco Tribune-Herald* endorsed the Republican Perry's re-election in an editorial published Sunday.

Perry has broken with tradition this year and chosen not to seek endorsements from newspaper editorial boards.

'Poison pill' for J.C. Penney

PLANO (AP) — J.C. Penney Co. Inc. is enacting a one-year "poison pill" in an effort to ward off hostile takeovers in the wake of activist investor William Ackman taking a large stake in the company.

Ackman and his hedge fund Pershing Square Management on Oct. 8 disclosed a nearly 17 percent stake in J.C. Penney. Pershing Square owns about 39.1 million shares of J.C. Penney's stock, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The same day, Vornado Realty Trust disclosed a 9.9 percent stake and said it would consult with Pershing Square.

The department store chain said Monday that it enacted the shareholder rights agreement because of recent stock purchases and to ensure fair treatment of stockholders, a clear reference to Ackman's move.

A poison pill defends against takeovers by diluting the holdings of the would-be acquirer.

Resentencing begins in stabbing

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors have told jurors that a Texas woman convicted of stabbing her tied-up husband 193 times and burying him in their backyard falsified claims she was physically abused by her husband in order to cover up the crime.

A new punishment trial began Monday for Susan Wright, who is being resentenced for the 2003 killing of her 34-year-old husband Jeffrey after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last year threw out her original punishment.

The court agreed with her appeals attorney that her trial lawyers were deficient by presenting a meager case during the punishment phase of her trial.

Testimony began after prosecutors presented their opening statements. Wright's attorneys declined to give an opening statement but they have contended their client killed her husband in self-defense after years of abuse.

FRIDAY FIRE



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Pampa firefighters made short work of a grass fire Friday on the west side of town. A man was burning brush and tree limbs Friday morning near Memory Gardens Cemetery when wind fanned the flames into the grass surrounding the pile of brush, firefighters said today. Officials said the fire was reported about 11:30 a.m. Friday in the 1800 block of Belle. Four Pampa fire units and seven personnel responded to the call.

Halliburton CEO: Oil still strong

NEW YORK (AP) — Halliburton Co. said Monday its net income more than doubled in the third quarter as vigorous onshore oil and gas drilling in North America offset sluggish activity just about everywhere else.

CEO Dave Lesar said the oil business is still strong despite the Gulf of Mexico drilling ban that stalled numerous projects this year. Lesar said he expects the world to continue to expand its appetite for gasoline and other petroleum products and, by 2012, global demand will exceed consumption records set in 2007.

That's "a scenario that bodes well for Halliburton," Lesar told analysts in a conference call.

Shares dropped \$1.75, nearly 5 percent, at \$34.07 in midday trading. Halliburton stock rose 17.7 percent between Labor Day and Friday's close, and analysts said investors were in the mood to lock in profits following an earnings report that confirmed their expectations.

Halliburton, which provides a variety of services to the oil and gas industry, reported earnings of \$544 million, or 60 cents per share, for the three months ended Sept. 30. That compares with \$262 million, or 29 cents per share, for the same period last year.

Revenue also increased 30 percent to \$4.67 billion. Wall Street was expecting earnings of 56 cents per share on revenue of \$4.78 billion.

Halliburton, based in Houston, is the first major oil services company to report third-quarter earnings. The results show how a surge in shale drilling is making up for a loss of business in the Gulf of Mexico, the company said. The government shut down deep water exploration for months following the BP oil spill and created new rules that stalled numerous drilling projects.

Lesar said the company has transferred about 400 employees from the Gulf to other company operations in the U.S. and overseas. Though the government recently lifted its ban on deepwater exploration, Lesar said the offshore drilling business will continue to suffer while companies adjust to new regulations.

Meanwhile, Halliburton expects to continue to benefit from a surge in land-based drilling activity. New tech-

nology has made it easier for oil and gas companies to tap vast deposits of underground shale, and the industry is moving aggressively to take advantage.

Halliburton said its global operation declined during the quarter everywhere except

in North America. In North America, completion and production income soared to \$458 million from \$14 million in the year-ago quarter. Drilling and evaluation income jumped to \$115 million from \$32 million in the same period.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2010. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 18, 1962, James D. Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins were honored with the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for determining the double-helix molecular structure of DNA.

On this date:

In 1685, King Louis XIV signed the Edict of Fontainebleau, revoking the Edict of Nantes that had established legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots. (The French Parliament recorded the new edict four days later.)

In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.

In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between New York and Chicago was officially opened (it could only handle one call at a time).

In 1910, the E.M. Forster novel "Howards End" was first published.

In 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton honored the 17 sailors killed in a suicide bomb attack against the USS Cole as he attended a ceremony at the Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia.

Five years ago: Tropical Storm Wilma strengthened into a hurricane as it continued on a path toward Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, then south Florida.

One year ago: A suicide bomber struck a meeting between Revolutionary Guard commanders and Shiite and Sunni tribal leaders in the Iranian border town of Pishin, killing 42 people, including 15 Guard members. Jessica Watson, a 16-year-old Australian, steered her bright pink yacht out of Sydney Harbor to start her bid to become the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted around the world. (She succeeded, returning to Sydney Harbor in May 2010.)

Today's Birthdays: Rock-and-roll performer Chuck Berry is 84. Sportscaster Keith Jackson is 82. Actress Dawn Wells is 72. College and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Mike Ditka is 71. Actor Joe Morton is 63. Actress Pam Dawber is 60. Author Terry McMillan is 59. Writer-producer Chuck Lorre is 58. Gospel singer Vickie Winans is 57. International Tennis Hall of Famer Martina Navratilova is 54. Boxer Thomas Hearns is 52. Actor Jean-Claude Van Damme is 50. Actress Erin Moran is 50. Jazz musician Wynton Marsalis is 49. Actor Vincent Spano is 48. Rock musician Tim Cross is 44. Tennis player Michael Stich (shreek) is 42. Singer Nonchalant is 37. Rock musician Peter Svenson (The Cardigans) is 36. Actor Wesley Jonathan is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Ne-Yo is 31. Actress-model Freida Pinto is 26. Actor Zac Efron is 23. Actress Joy Lauren is 21. Actor Tyler Posey is 19.

Thought for Today: "The strongest are those who renounce their own times and become a living part of those yet to come. The strongest, and the rarest." — Milovan Djilas (1911-1995), Yugoslav author and politician.

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School system a model of cooperation

This past weekend, I drove to New Mexico to spend a little time with my family.

My trip to Albuquerque coincided with the International Balloon Fiesta, and I set aside some time to enjoy that event.

Now, for anyone who knows, in order to not miss a moment of the festivities, one must wake up very, very, early in the morning. However, watching the pilots prepare for a mass ascension is truly an amazing experience. I walked among hundreds of hot air balloons as they blasted yellow plumes of fire that lit the indigo sky with flickering globes of brilliant colors. Tens of thousands of spectators mingled with the pilots and their crews that work diligently together to make sure that everyone is safe.

As the morning sun began to break beyond the dark silhouette of the Sandia Mountains, the band began to play "The Star Spangled Banner." Those of us in the crowd saluted a huge American flag that majestically hung from the first balloon, and it effortlessly lifted into the quiet blue of the desert sky. Soon after, the balloons began lifting off in waves, scores of balloons with different shapes and sizes filled the brightening sky with beautiful colors and whimsical shapes that left a lasting impression on everyone who watched.

Putting on such a massive event, like the International Balloon Fiesta, takes a full year of intensive planning and precise preparation, and it must involve the diverse talents of many, many people. My ability to enjoy the ascension of hundreds of gigantic yet unwieldy balloons was, in part, due to the experience and expertise of the pilots, and yet their ability to perform was dependent on the simultaneous work completed by thousands of crew members, vendors, and support staff — both on and behind the scenes.

County Class



EVAN SMITH

This dynamic model reminded me of how our own school system works. For teachers and administrators, each year is filled with the planning, studying, learning, and preparing for the next step in the educational process. Through

a knowledgeable, well practiced system of support, with parents alongside educators, each student will learn the necessary content, skills, and cognitive processes that will launch them successfully forward. This is why educators and support personnel throughout the district spend a great deal of time in preparation — so that they may provide what is necessary for our students to grow intellectually and physically. Finally, the oversight and foundational support for this entire process is provided from the Pampa ISD School Board.

Your Pampa ISD Board of Trustees consists of a group of seven dedicated men and women who give freely of their time and energy in order to watch over and guide our school district. They, along with Mr. Barry Haenisch, our superintendent, make up what is called our "Team of Eight". Derrell DeLoach, Lee Porter, Dana Terry, Lance DeFever, David Teichman, Cay Warner, and Matt Brock are your elected leaders on the board. Recently, they (along with previous members, Joe Martinez and Mark McVay) were recognized by the Texas

Association of School Boards (TASB) as one of the five "honor boards" in the entire state of Texas. The TASB Conference was held this September in Houston, and during a general session, which was attended by thousands of other school board members and administrators from all areas of Texas, our Board members were presented on stage. This public recognition honors the outstanding contribution of our local school board. This was a very prestigious event and honor for the Pampa Independent School District.

In our district, teamwork at all levels begins with visionary direction from our school board and the strong leadership of our superintendent. As a community, you have had an opportunity to witness the positive direction and to enjoy many of the products and performances of our district — the dedication of the new Pampa Junior High School, the Harvester Hall of Fame, weekly sporting and academic events, band and choir performances, A & B honor rolls, and the culmination of district and community pride being held each May with the successful and meaningful graduation of our students.

In the same way that each successful year of planning and preparing for the International Balloon Fiesta results in a wonderful week of amazing sights, the work accomplished by our community, through parents, through the strong leadership of our own "Team of 8." Through our dedicated staff and professional educators, is guiding our future leaders each and every day in classrooms throughout the district — and our payoff is not to provide a successful week, but to equip our students with the tools and knowledge to procure a lifetime of success.

Evan Smith is the Assistant Superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District.

Marriage is the key to U.S. spending cuts

The attack on the institution of marriage is not only the biggest cultural but also the biggest fiscal issue of our times, and political and judicial attacks by gays are only part of the problem. Marriage is being assaulted by unilateral divorce, feminist hostility toward marriage, the bias of family courts against fathers and the taxpayer-paid financial incentives that subsidize illegitimate births.

Forty-five years ago, a liberal in Lyndon Johnson's Labor Department, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, shocked the nation with a report called "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action." The Great Society's welfare handouts to women were breaking up black families by making husbands irrelevant.

Since the Moynihan Report, out-of-wedlock births in the United States have grown to 72.3 percent for blacks, 52.5 percent for Hispanics and 28.6 percent for whites (non-Hispanic). For the population as a whole, out-of-wedlock births have risen from 6 percent in the 1960s to 40.6 percent today.

Sounding a Moynihan-style alarm today is Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation. He has assembled figures from U.S. Census Bureau and Centers for Disease Control data, and they are downright scary.

This is not, as Moynihan indicated, merely a black problem, and it's not just a cultural problem, as the RINOs (Republicans in Name Only, the fiscal conservatives who disdain social issues) like to portray it. It's a very big money problem because the government is transferring nearly \$1 trillion in taxpayer-funded handouts to the 40 percent of Americans who rely on government for all or part of their living expenses.

The crux of this problem and its costs is that a lack of marriage causes poverty. The poverty rate for single parents with children is 36.5 percent, while it is only 6.4 percent for married couples with



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

children.

We just suffered the largest increase in government-designated poverty: 3.7 million more Americans moved into the "poor" column in 2009. The number of Americans receiving food stamps just rose to a record 41.8 million.

Barack Obama's solution for the poverty problem is more redistribution of money from taxpayers to the poor. But there's no evidence that more money is the remedy because we've been increasing handouts every year, and the problem keeps getting worse.

Contrary to a lot of chatter, this isn't a teenage problem (only 7.7 percent of new single moms are minors), and it isn't a failure of birth control, and it isn't the accidents of unplanned pregnancies. These single moms want their babies and confidently expect Big Brother to provide for them.

Rector's solution to the poverty problem is marriage. He urges government policies to promote and strengthen the institution of marriage instead of providing incentives to discourage it.

Marriage drops the probability of child poverty by 82 percent. Marriage has just as dramatic an effect as adding five to six years to the parents' level of education.

If single moms were to marry the fathers of their children, the children would immediately be lifted out of poverty. Eight out of 10 of these fathers were employed at the time of the births of their out-of-wedlock children.

Government should reduce or eliminate the marriage penalties in welfare programs, in tax law and even in

macare. Rector explains that marriage penalties occur in many means-tested welfare programs such as food stamps, public housing, Medicaid, daycare and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Ronald Reagan's advice is still pertinent. If we subsidize something, we'll get more of it; if we tax it, we'll get less of it.

Interviews with low-income single moms show that they are not hostile to marriage as an institution or as a life goal. In fact, they dream of having a husband, children, a minivan and a house in the suburbs "with a white picket fence," but nobody tells them they will probably always be poor if they have babies without getting married.

What about the guidance we give kids in school? We tell them they will be poor if they become school dropouts and that it's self-destructive to use illegal drugs, but it's just as important to warn them about the life of poverty ahead of them if they produce babies before they marry.

What about the moral guidance we expect from the churches? Do they tell young people not to pretend they can form a "family" without marriage and a father for the children?

What about the conservatives who limit their concerns to fiscal priorities? Do they identify what the taxpayers' money is being spent on and then urge cutting the taxpayer-paid incentives that encourage illegitimate births?

As far back as 1993, Charles Murray identified "illegitimacy as the single most important social problem of our time ... because it drives everything else." It's time we put it at the top of our agenda.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and the author of the newly revised and expanded "Supremacists."

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Chamber

2010 Country Fair team's cooperative spirit a joy to see

As this goes to press the 26th Annual Country Fair is over. As I write, however, it is still in the future, so I cannot say whether it was a financial or even an entertainment success.

We had a lot of unusual challenges this year — one was that Erica, our new administrative assistant, had to learn it from the ground up, but the strangest set of circumstances involved the team recruited to solicit items for the live and silent auctions. One changed jobs and had less time, one was getting a new business set up, one had a sudden illness, and one even broke bones! (Kerrick, you didn't have to go to such extremes!)

What I can say was successful, however, is the cooperative spirit that went into it. I have repeatedly stated that the Pampa Chamber absolutely amazes me in this. They work as a team to make every event successful! Thanks to everyone who worked, set up, solicited, donated, decorated, attended, or assisted in some

Chamber Music



JOE WEAVER

other way. You make Pampa a great community to live in.

Speaking of success, the Southwest Wind concert on Sunday saw a large number of attendees. The group put on quite a performance, and Pampa Concert Association certainly appreciates all of the help they got from the VFW and *The Pampa News*.

Things are really gearing up for the Holidays.

The Christmas Parade is about six weeks away now, scheduled for December 4 at 2 p.m. The theme for the parade and our seasonal shopping event is "Boomtown Christmas", harkening back to the founding of the Chamber 85 years ago.

Some have asked why we don't do a nighttime parade anymore and the reason has to do with safety. To be safe, we don't want children darting around in the dark to pick up candy, and parade participants want to throw candy. Last year's was the first Christmas parade I've seen in Pampa and the 2 p.m. time seemed to work out well for everyone.

The Pampa High Cheerleaders will hold a "Jingle Bell Run" during the holidays. Details are still being worked out, but tentative plans are for it to be held on the evening of December 11. Cheerleading sponsor Sandee Stokes is getting things in gear, but she is looking for help. If you would like to assist her, call 669-4800

(PHS) and ask for her, or send her an e-mail at sandee.stokes@pampaisd.net.

It's not too early to be thinking about Citizen and Business of the year nominations. If you have a candidate in mind, prepare to send or drop off a letter with reasons why the nominee should be selected. The Citizen of the Year is selected on the basis of community involvement and civic spirit, among other things. The Business of the Year will be selected based on those things, as well as good business practices, reputation, etc. And it doesn't have to be a retailer. There are lots of deserving manufacturers, wholesalers, service providers, fabricators, and other things that would qualify.

Happy Halloween!

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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Photos by David Bowser

Columbus Morgan, (center) talks with Dick and Dot Stowers during the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair Saturday night at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.



Cathy Baggett peruses the auction items in the foyer of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium Saturday night at the Black Hat and Pearls celebration of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair.



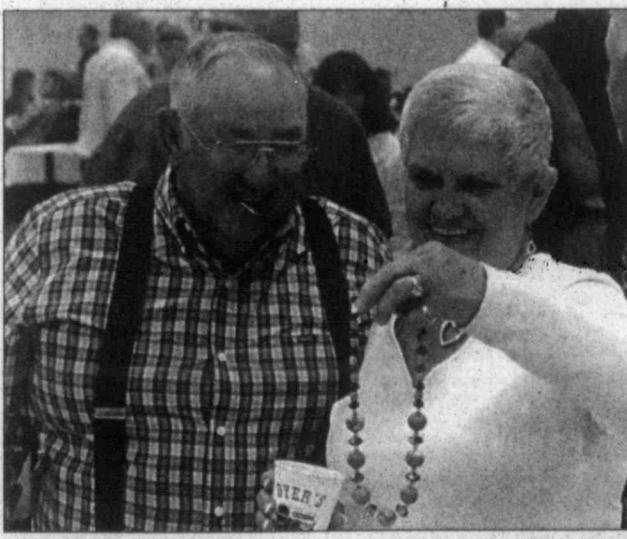
Debbie Douglas examines a weed eater in Saturday night's silent auction during the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair.



Tommy and Patricia Parks look over the list of items that were auctioned off Saturday night at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.



Schuyler Fulton stirs her tea following a steak dinner at Saturday night's Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair at M.K. Brown.



Neil and Mary Fulton look at a necklace in Saturday's silent auction at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Country Fair.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Oct. 18 Early Voting Starts @ Courthouse
- Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m. Wilson Elementary Mentor Program Orientation (call 669-4930 for info)
- Oct. 19, 6 p.m. Planning and Informational meeting for Tree Lighting & Christmas on Main; for information call Pam or Myra at 665-0353 (Shepard's Home Health)
- Oct. 28 MDA Lock-up (Help bail out Chamber Director Joe Weaver!)
- Oct. 29 Early voting ends
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Nov. 2 Election Day — Get out and VOTE!
- Nov. 15 to Dec. 3 "Boomtown Christmas: Shop Pampa and Strike It Rich!"

HOLIDAY EVENTS

- Nov. 25 & 26 Chamber Closed for Holiday. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Dec. 4 Altrusa's Soup with Mrs. Claus
- Dec. 4 Christmas Parade, Theme "Boomtown Christmas"
- Dec. 4 Christmas Tree Lighting on the Square & Christmas on Main
- Dec. 4 Library Story Time and Crafts
- Dec. 11 Jingle Bell Run, contact Sandee Stokes at 669-4800 (PHS) or sandee.stokes@pampaisd.net

Some stores will have special holiday hours (If you have an event of general interest planned, please let us know.)



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Another COLA fizzles out again

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Good thing I'm not a betting man. A year ago, I would have wagered my next pension check that I would never be writing another column like this one. But it looks like for the second year in a row, there will be no cost of living increase for Social Security recipients.

Annual increases to Social Security benefits, called cost-of-living-adjustments or COLAs, are tied to the rate of inflation. For example, if inflation goes up 5 percent in one year, Social Security recipients get a 5 percent increase in their Social Security checks the following year. But if there is no measurable inflation, the law says there can be no increase in old-age pension checks.

Prior to the early 1970s, Social Security beneficiaries received increases in their monthly checks only when Congress felt good and ready (or politically pressured) to give them one. They were usually "catch-up COLAs" spaced several years apart.

But in 1972, Congress passed a law that mandated automatic yearly Social Security cost of living increases tied to the consumer price index. For those of you who love the minutiae of government operations, the COLA is actually based on the Department of Labor's inflation measuring stick called the "Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers," known as the "CPI-W" by Washington insiders.

And to really get technical about it, the COLA is based on the CPI-W as measured from October of one year until September of the next year. So, for example, the 2009 COLA was based on the increase in CPI-W inflation from Oct. 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2009. That's why you always read and hear about



Social Security COLA announcements in October of each year. If you want to learn more about the CPI-W and what it measures, go to www.bls.gov. BLS stands for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a branch of the labor department.

A year ago, I wrote the following in one of my columns: "A cost of living raise has been automatically added to Social Security checks every year since 1972. And that's because we've had some degree of inflation every year since 1972. But for the first time in decades, we've actually experienced a year with no inflation. So the government has announced there will be no COLA increases added to Social Security benefits in 2010."

Well, now it looks like we can ditto that for 2011. Because the Department of Labor could measure no inflation for those "urban wage earners and clerical workers" between October 2009 and September 2010, by law, there can be no Social Security increase next year.

But hold on! I wonder if members of Congress will stumble over themselves to pass some kind of token one-time payment for Social Security beneficiaries. I assure you there will be lots of political pressure to do so. I feel just a small dose of that pressure this time each year when my e-mail inbox overflows with angry letters from senior citizens. And almost all the e-mails have, essentially the same message: "I think we deserve more money!"

And here's an interesting side-light to that phenomenon: I get those messages even in years when

Social Security recipients receive generous COLAs. I remember back in the late 70s and early 80s, when seniors were getting annual COLAs in the 10 percent and higher range, I still got lots of mail from ticked-off seniors who said it wasn't enough. So you can imagine what my mail (let alone Congress's mail) looks like when there is no COLA!

And what does Congress do when senior citizens bark? They frequently jump! Here's an example that shows just how high (or is it low?) they can go. When the automatic COLA law was originally passed in 1972, it included a provision that said COLAs would not be granted if the annual inflation rate was less than 3 percent. At the time, inflation rates were running near double digits, so that seemed like a reasonable provision that would never need to be implemented.

But a little more than a decade later, the country was in a period of sustained low inflation. And sure enough, in 1986, the CPI-W rate fell below 3 percent for the first time. So, Congress (and bear in mind, it was a conservative Congress) quickly passed a law that granted annual COLAs to Social Security recipients no matter how low the inflation rate might be.

But even that generous law didn't take into account what would happen if we had no measurable inflation. Assuming the country swings conservative in the upcoming midterm elections, I think this will be one of the first tests of their fiscal responsibility. Will they toe the line and say no to grandmas everywhere who will be demanding higher Social Security checks? Or will they wilt under pressure like a tea bag soaked in hot water?

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Enthusiasm gap for GOP no myth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The enthusiasm gap between Democrats and Republicans in the first midterm elections of President Barack Obama's presidency is no myth — and his party may suffer hugely in two weeks because of it.

Just half of those who voted for Obama in 2008 say they will definitely show up Nov. 2 while two-thirds of those who voted for Republican presidential nominee John McCain in the last election say they're certain to vote next month, according to an Associated Press-Knowledge Networks poll.

The difference in the excitement level between the two parties is buoying Republicans, who are poised for big electoral gains, and worrying Democrats, who are seeking to hang onto majorities in Congress as well among governors. Obama's party hopes its superior get-out-the-vote operation, updated from his groundbreaking campaign, can overcome Republicans' energized supporters to mitigate expected losses across the board.

Nearly two years after putting Obama in the White House, the survey also found that one-quarter of those who voted for the Democrat are defecting to the GOP or considering voting against the party in power in November. Yet in a reflection of broad dissatisfaction with politics, just as many people who backed McCain are either supporting Democrats now or still considering how to vote.

To find out how the electorate's political views have changed since the 2008 election, the AP and Knowledge Networks re-interviewed the same 1,254 people who were part of a random sample of Americans surveyed up to 11 times throughout the 2008 campaign by the two organizations and Yahoo News.

While no president can be expected to fully rally his supporters when he's not on the ballot, the survey illustrates the wide scope of Obama voters' disappointment with the president and his policies almost halfway through his first term — and two years before he's likely to seek their backing again.

"He's not listening to the majority of the people who elected him. It's like he's ignoring his base," said SaraSue Crawford of Jacksonville, Fla., who points to Obama's health care overhaul law. She's deciding whether to support Republicans in the hopes of "shaking up the status quo" and restoring a balance of power in Washington. She says she may back Obama in 2012 — if he changes course by listening more.

Disillusionment with Obama was evident in the survey. In a reversal from 2008, it found that Obama backers who expected change in Washington — 63 percent — now think nothing ever will happen. Just 36 percent still think Obama can do it, while a majority of McCain supporters now say things can change if the right person is elected.

On the dominant issue of the 2010 campaign, just 40 percent of Obama supporters who are fleeing Democrats say he'll be able to improve the economy over the next two years. Those who are sticking with Democrats are more optimistic: 70 percent say Obama's policies will help the nation recover from the recession.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My hardworking husband of four years, "Brian," loves to eat out three or four nights a week. It's nice not to have to cook, and I have become spoiled. He loves treating. We take along friends, family members or business associates.

The problem is, Brian wants to sit for two or three hours, have drinks and talk before he eats. He insists that I wait until he is ready to eat. Sometimes it becomes as late as 10 p.m.

I have a sensitive stomach and I need to eat early. I have eaten dinner early my entire life. If I eat late, my stomach goes into my knots, and by the time we get home it's time for bed because I'm sleepy. Brian can sleep on a full stomach with no problem. I get acid reflux.

Brian expects our guests to adhere to his routine. Even when we have cookouts, everyone must wait for the entree. He says, "Well, they'll just have to wait. I don't want anyone to eat and run."

I put out appetizers, but it's not enough to hold them. If we don't wait, he gets angry and threatens not to have another cookout. I have explained that not everyone can eat so late.

Abby, what's your perspective on this? Who's right here? — HUNGRY IN ARIZONA

DEAR HUNGRY: You are. It appears you married a hardworking, self-centered drinker with a need to control everyone around him. A generous host takes the needs and wishes of his guests into consideration. A selfish one behaves like your husband does. Frankly, I'm surprised that anyone who didn't have to would accept

more than two dinner or cookout invitations.

You should eat something before going to dinner with him and do the same at home whenever you need to. If you don't, it could have a serious, negative impact on your health.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago I made a horrible mistake. I broke the law and was convicted of three misdemeanors. I live in a small town, so the news became very public. I lost my job, many friends and my reputation.

I am still working to rebuild my life and find some sense of normalcy for myself and my family. I have been in therapy since the event and have learned a lot from this experience.

My problem is, my brother will not forgive me. He holds it over my head and refuses to support me in my efforts. He said I deserve whatever I get. I love my brother and am close to my other siblings. I don't want our relationship to be estranged, but I can't take his judgmental attitude anymore. What can I do? — SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SIB

DEAR SIB: Because you are in therapy, discuss this with your therapist. I assume that having been convicted, you have paid -- or are repaying -- your debt to society. You are working to rebuild your life; you are doing all you can right now to get back on track. You are close with your other siblings, so work with that. Do not measure your worth through your brother's eyes. He may not be capable of forgiveness. And if that's the case, it's a reflection of who he is — not who you are.

Jordanian faces sentencing in Dallas plot

DALLAS (AP) — A 20-year-old Jordanian man caught in an FBI sting trying to blow up a Dallas skyscraper was depressed and slept by his mother's grave after her death from cancer, his father testified Monday during a sentencing hearing.



Smadi

Hosam Smadi faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty in May to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Under his plea agreement, however, it is likely he will receive a 30-year sentence and then face deportation.

Smadi's father said his son also stopped eating after his mother died of brain cancer about five years ago.

According to the pleading documents, Smadi acknowledged leaving what he thought was a truck bomb in a garage beneath the 60-story Fountain Place building in September 2009. Smadi said he parked the truck, started a timer connected to the decoy provided by undercover FBI agents, then rode away to watch the explosion.

Smadi dialed a cell phone number from the roof of a nearby parking garage, where he had planned to watch the explosion. The number was supposed to set off his truck bomb. It instead alerted tactical agents hiding in a stairwell, who swarmed the rooftop and arrested the teenager.

Posing as members of an al-Qaida sleeper cell, three undercover FBI employees had monitored Smadi since January 2009. After he shared his plans to blow up the office tower, they helped him secure a truck and fake bomb used to carry out the mission, according to court documents.

Since the arrest, Smadi's public defenders have portrayed their client as a troubled and depressed young man, who exhibited signs of depression and mental illness when his parents separated. At the plea hearing in May, attorney Peter Fleury said Smadi had been diagnosed with schizophrenia by a prison doctor and a physician working for the defense.

FBI officials, however, tell a different story. After monitoring Smadi for nine months, they say the defendant was a committed would-be terrorist determined to connect with al-Qaida or Hamas. It was fortunate, they say, that they found him first, spewing hatred for America on an extremist website.

"Smadi was asked what he would do if he had never met the al-Qaida 'sleeper' cell," said Tom Petrowski, a supervisory special agent with the FBI in Dallas, in an affidavit. "Smadi replied that he would keep looking for such an entity to be a part of, even if it meant him having to leave the United States and go to Palestine and join Hamas or go back to Pakistan and join the Taliban."

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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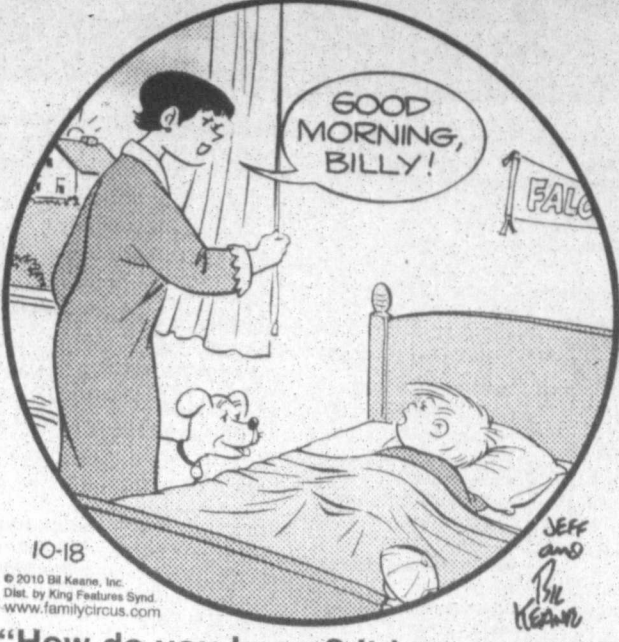
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010:

You often go overboard with spending and other such indulgences. This year, this tendency will be up for change. Look at the long-term ramifications, and self-discipline might be more easily called upon. Your daily life might need more reviving. You are facing a profound transformation in your life. As a result, you will be happier — though the process might not be easy. If you are single, you could meet someone in your daily travels. Take your time dating and getting to know this person. If you are attached, share more of your free time together or develop a new mutual hobby. Smile, and both of you will lighten up. PISCES understands you. Be more open with this person.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are subject to inspiring thoughts after a meeting. Still, you might decide not to share any more until you have a better grasp on what you think. Consider your options, though others seem very sure of themselves. Tonight: Take some personal time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Remain upbeat and direct with others. Someone you count on who can be feisty at times could push harder than you might like. Use a meeting as a buffer. Know what you want and expect. Tonight: Where people are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay on top of your responsibilities. A partner presents a challenging opinion. You might want to weigh the pros and cons. A brainstorming session might be just what the doctor ordered. Clear the air quickly, looking to new possibilities. Tonight: Working late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching for new ideas and possibilities. You might not be as satisfied when you hear another person's point of view. Let your imagination take over. You suddenly see an unusual path. Tonight: Where your mind can roam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Let your mind wander. Ideas pop and accomplish what you need to happen. Listen to advice you are getting from

a partner. Your creativity flows and draws many to you. Revise a project with new understanding. Know what you must do. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, and don't worry so much about control or who is right. Creativity will surge in a happier environment, allowing greater give-and-take. How you let someone know that you disagree could make a big difference. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Allow greater flow into a situation, knowing full well what is going on. You'll see someone very differently after you negotiate a truce where there has been disagreement. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 -Nov 21)
★★★★ Open up to new possibilities. Though someone's idea could strike you as unusual, work with it. Dedicate some quality time to someone you never have enough time for. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Honor your priorities, but understand that others might not agree. Stay on top of a problem and allow your instincts to play a role. How you deal with someone could define the quality of your relationship. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. You will understand exactly what is going to happen when an issue is discussed more openly. How much guidance you want to give is your choice. Your fiery ways and style get you far. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You understand a lot more than in the past, as others seem ready to reveal more. Maintain a caring and open attitude. A strong stand also might be necessary if you are going to move forward. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your instincts guide you well, but know that you cannot get past an issue that a key associate presents. He or she might put a lot of logic and thought behind what is being said. You'll come out on top of a problem because of needed research. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

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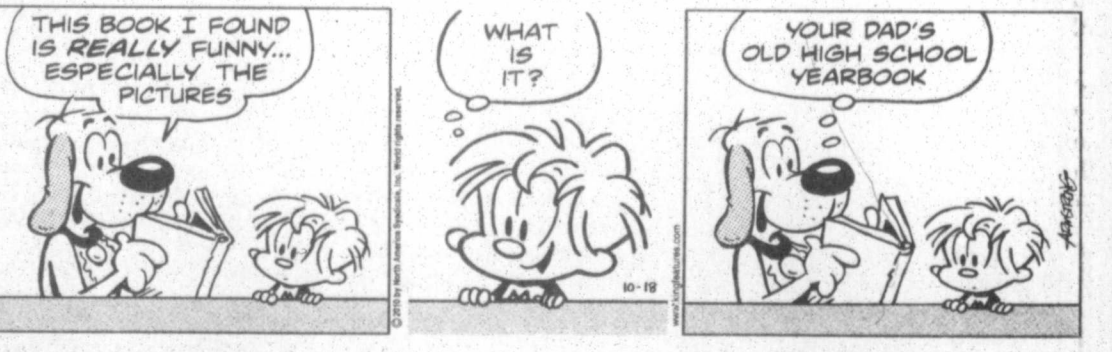
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Sports

Lady Harvesters still seek season goals despite forfeits

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Instead of going into Tuesday's game with the possibility of clinching the district title, the No. 15 Pampa Lady Harvesters are in entering their final three games in a different situation. The team had to forfeit two victories due to the violation of a UIL rule.

Head coach Libby Garza said this may give her team the motivation they need in these games.

"The second round of district wasn't our best volleyball," Garza said. "We've been working harder in practice and they have gone great. I they are going to come out and finish strong."

The Lady Harvesters had one of their junior varsity players play in one too many matches in a calendar week. Garza said it was a complete mishap.

"We didn't know we violated a UIL rule," Garza said. "We misinterpreted the rule. We checked with other coaches to make sure what we were doing was OK. It won't happen again."

With the two forfeits, Pampa's record

falls to 23-13 and more importantly 4-2 in district which now puts them in a tie with Dalhart. Borger and Perryton each gained a victory, which puts Borger one game behind Pampa after they beat Perryton Saturday.

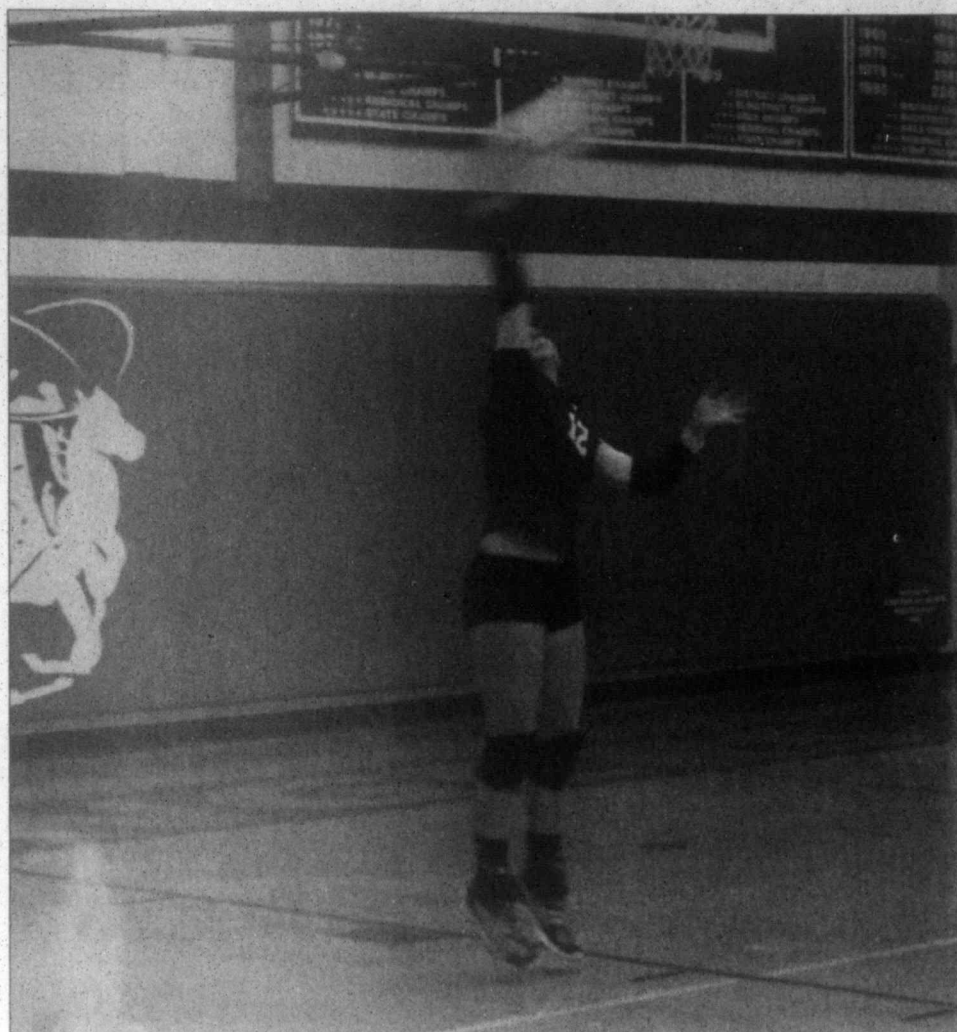
Junior Delaney Clendening said she was very upset when she heard about them forfeiting two games, but said it doesn't change their approach to the final three games.

"It puts a lot of pressure on us," Clendening said. "We were planning on winning the next three anyways. It doesn't change anything, it just puts more pressure on us."

Senior Taryn Eubank said she was mad they had to give up their undefeated district record, but is focused on getting the next three games.

"We were getting complacent being 6-0," Eubank said. "We will definitely be on and want it (district) a lot more."

The Lady Harvesters visit Borger 6 p.m. Tuesday. A victory would re-claim a playoff spot. Pampa still holds the tie-breaker over Dalhart and has to beat them by a game to claim district.



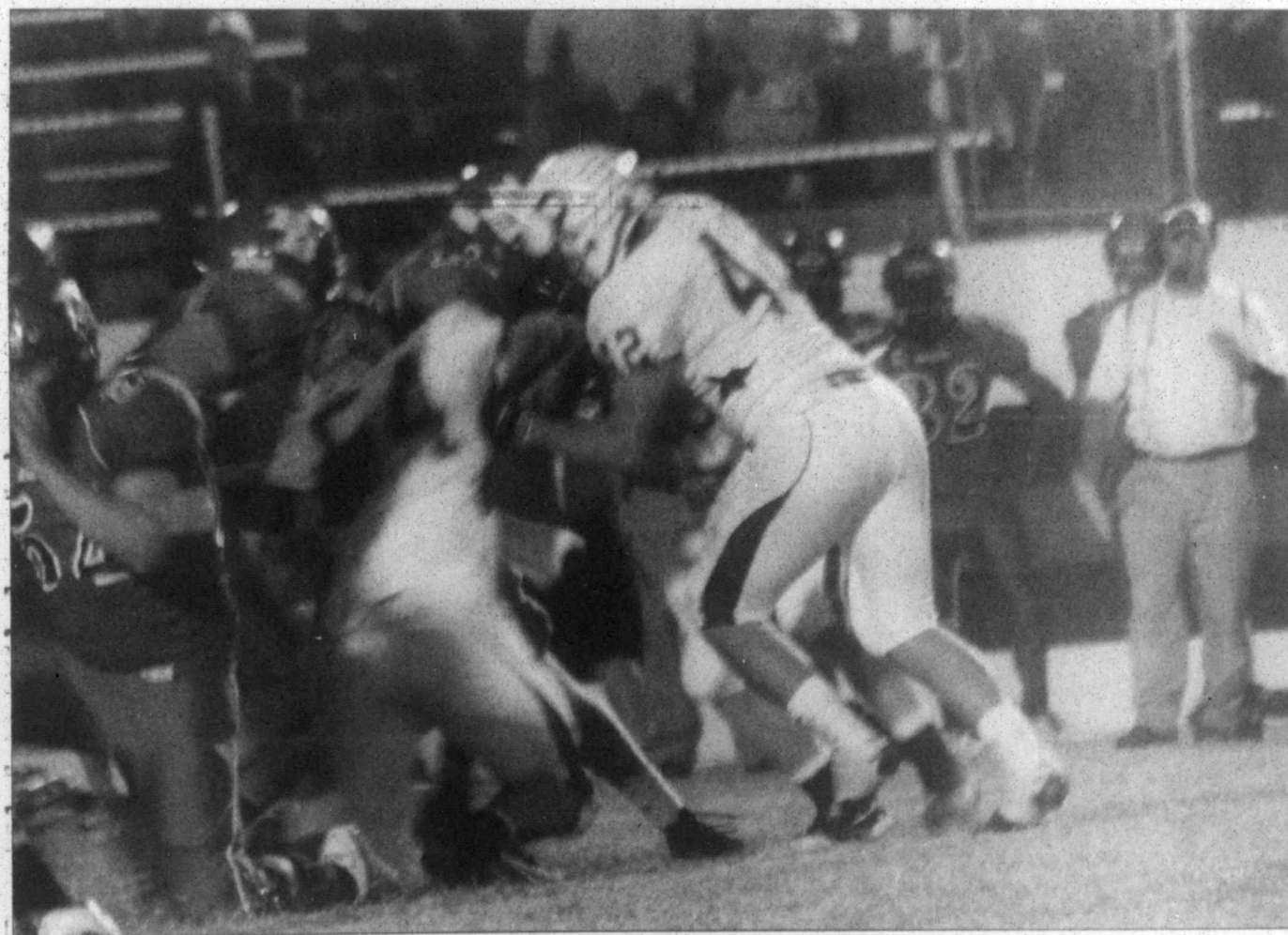
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Caitlin Sieck serves against Perryton October 12. The Lady Harvesters start their final round of district play Tuesday in Borger.

District 1-3A volleyball standings

Team	DW	DL	D%	W	L	W%
Pampa	4	2	0.667	23	11	0.639
Dalhart	4	2	0.667	23	15	0.605
Borger	3	3	0.500	18	11	0.621
Perryton	1	5	0.167	13	17	0.433

Adams, Bradley, Carter feel good in football field return



staff photo by Emily Hart

Trent Carter (42) and Juan Martinez (54) team up to tackle a Borger ball carrier Friday. This was Carter's first game since the first quarter of the Iowa Park game. The senior linebacker said he feels close to 100%.

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Three key Harvesters returned to the field Friday against Borger and all three said they are feeling close to 100 percent.

Senior center Reid Bradley and senior linebacker Trent Carter played for the first time since the opening of the Iowa Park game August 27. Carter said it took him a little bit to get going but felt fine.

"It felt good," Carter said. "It honestly took me two quarters to get back into it."

Bradley said he felt close to 100 percent.

"I felt about 92, really close to 100 but not quite," Bradley said. "I'm almost there."

Head football coach Heath Parker said he was happy for Carter and Bradley getting to play.

"I know it made the kids feel good," Parker said. "From a coach's standpoint I mainly felt really good for those two guys. It just breaks your heart when you have seniors that have worked hard to play this game, and it didn't look like they would play again... Just to get the opportunity for them to play again was big for me as their coach to get them out there again."

Junior kicker Colten Adams returned after missing the last two games with a leg injury. Adams said playing Friday felt like a first game.

"I felt nervous because I hadn't been on the field for awhile."

Adams made his only extra point, kicked off twice and punted twice averaging 43 yards. Adams said he felt 100 percent.

"I nearly had one (punt) blocked," Adams said. "It still went a long ways and I felt good out there."

The Harvesters host Perryton at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

PHS girls golf finishes fourth, boys finish eighth in tourneys

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The Pampa High School girls golf team finished fourth in Borger and the boys finished eighth in Dumas Friday and Saturday.

The girls finished with a score of 393 and was three strokes behind Canyon, who finished third. Liz Hoelting led the team with a 95. Samantha Kelly scored a 98, Alison Alexander scored a 99, Lindsey Brown scored a 101 and Cori Cook scored

a 102. Francheska Birdwell and Nicole Brashears competed as individuals and scored 116 and 101 respectively.

The boys finished with a score of 656 and was 21 strokes behind seventh place Amarillo High Two. Logan Reagan led the team with a score of 153, Jonathan Polasek scored a 161, Brendon Burrell scored a 168, Joseph Mechelay scored a 174 and Corbin Rhoades scored a 194.

The girls compete at Randall Friday and Saturday and the boys compete at Borger Saturday.

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of the week

Makayla Hampton
Pampa High School

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Pampa High School sophomore tennis player **Makayla Hampton** is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Hampton recorded the only girls' match victory October 12 against Amarillo High Junior varsity. Pampa won the match 10-9 and advance to 9-3 on the season.

Pampa High School sophomore tennis player **Nick Nelson** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Nelson won both his singles and doubles match October 12 against Amarillo High.

Head coach Sarah Corse said both players have had a strong fall.

"They have been giving their all when they step on the court," Corse said. "I'm looking forward to what they do in the spring."

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Honorable

who was nominated by his wife Lisa Fisher.

"Bryan is a wonderful father/stepfather and husband," Lisa wrote in her letter of nomination. "He is the only father my kids will ever know... I have an abusive past and Bryan has always made me feel safe and protected. I've never felt more secure."

"He works very hard for his family and always puts us first. He tells me he loves me and that I'm beautiful every day," she said.

A special award was given to Pampa businessman, Curt Beck, who has served on Tralee Crisis Center's board of directors and advisory board for 26 years.

"I don't know what we would do without his wisdom and experience," Laramore said when presenting the plaque honoring Beck for his 25 years of service. "He certainly represents the qualities of an honorable man, not only for Tralee but throughout our community. He helped make Tralee what it is today."

For the past seven years, an "Honorable Man" is chosen from nominations submitted by family and friends and announced at a reception following the annual Honorable Man March.

Thursday, Mayor Lonny Robbins welcomed the group who gathered at the north steps of City Hall for the Honorable Man March. Mayor Robbins read from the proclamation naming October as Domestic

Violence Awareness Month in Pampa that he signed earlier this month. He stressed his and the City of Pampa's commitment to ending domestic violence and praised Tralee Crisis Center staff for their hard work and dedication in helping domestic violence victims through the years.

Before the march, Tralee staff handed out purple and white balloons and small pieces of paper.

"Each balloon, each piece of paper, represents one of 111 women and children who died as a result of domestic violence in Texas in 2009," said Executive Director Dee Dee Laramore as the march ended.

"These are not just numbers. These are real people" Laramore said. "This is the face of domestic violence."

Led by the Pampa High School Drum Corps and the Honorable Man nomi-

nees carrying the Tralee Crisis Center banner, the group marched east on Kingsmill Street to the Pampa Community Center where more supporters waited. The drummers struck a cadence of one beat every eight seconds to represent the fact that one domestic violence incident occurs every eight seconds in the United States.

After a moment of quiet reflection, 111 purple and

white balloons representing the 2009 victims were released and the tone of the event changed from somber remembrance to celebration.

The group went inside the M.K. Brown Room for cookies and punch, and the ceremony honoring the Honorable Man nominees. The nominations were read, followed by Shelby Huff of White Deer singing "Father's Hands" for entertainment.

For 26 years, Tralee Crisis Center has offered crisis intervention and safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes in the eastern Panhandle. For more information about Tralee's services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crime, call Tralee's office at 806-669-1131 or the 24-hour hotline at 806-669-1788.

Board

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changes to district policies concerning prohibited practices, employment requirements and Texas Association of School Boards updates.

The school board will also consider a contribution to Pampa Crime Stoppers.

They will hear reports on academic achievements and the alternative certification program.

They will also hear an update on the tennis facility at the high school.

The board is expected to also approve spring sports bids, fund raising projects at the high school, an interlocal agreement with TexBuy and the 2010-2011 Student Health Advisory Council committee members.

The school board will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, at Carver Center, 321 West Albert.

Beard

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"Patrol is the front line," he said. "They're the face of this department. They're the ones taking the calls."

The patrol officers take the report and put it in the system.

Beard said that as a detective, he picks up from where the patrol officer leaves off.

"I take it all the way to court," he said.

Over the last year and a half, Beard's seen the system work up close and from different viewpoints, but he admitted that while he liked patrolling, he loves detective work.

"They start it baking," he grinned, "and I follow it all the way through."

Beard said he wants to see a case through to the end. There's a certain satisfaction to that, he said, and it's not always possible on patrol. He said patrolling can get hectic.

"It can be so busy that you don't get that opportunity to sit there and talk to people," he said.

Beard plans on staying in Pampa.

"We just bought a house," he said, "and I moved my family over from Miami. I'm enjoying it here. This is pretty fulfilling."

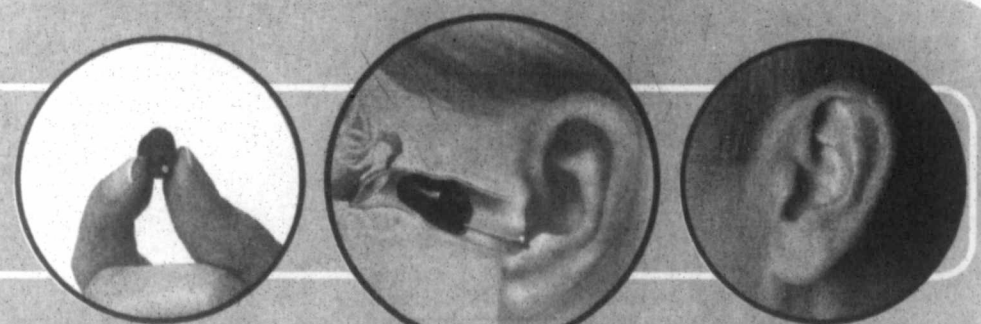
Perhaps the most fulfilling part of his job, according to Beard, is that he's made an impression on one very important Pampa: His son now wants to be a cop.

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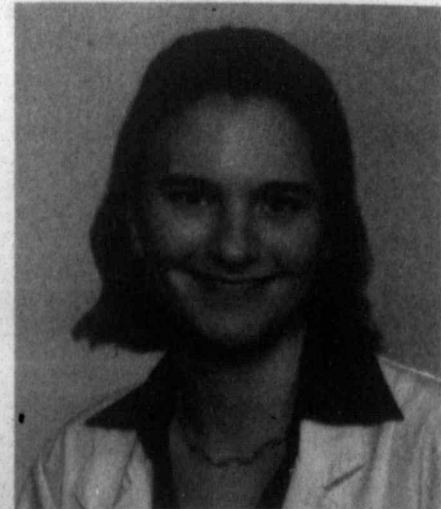
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