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PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 44 Low 24	High 38 Low 22	High 46 Low 24

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 14 and 19. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. Wind chill values between 14 and 24. West southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

New Year's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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At least 9 tornadoes touched down in Dec. 23 storms

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — The National Weather Service has confirmed that nine tornadoes touched down during a Dec. 23 storm — which included a tornado that damaged dozens of homes and businesses in Lufkin.

The weather service said Tuesday that seven of the tornadoes were in East Texas. The other two were

in Louisiana and Arkansas. Only one minor injury was reported.

The tornado outbreak caused damage to buildings and homes and downed trees across the area.

The National Weather Service will spend the rest of the week trying to determine whether any more tornadoes touched down.

Yemen: US never warned us about bomber

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's government said Tuesday the U.S. should have shared its warnings about the Nigerian suspect in the botched Christmas Day airline attack, and said it was tightening restrictions on student visas like the one that allowed the young man to enter the country.

Information Minister Hassan al-Lozy confirmed that Umar Faruk Abdulmutallab said that the U.S. never shared its suspicions about Abdulmutallab with Yemen, a largely lawless country that has turned into a key stronghold for al-Qaida.

U.S. authorities have been trying to determine how Abdulmutallab, 23, managed to board a flight with explosives even though he was flagged on a watchlist as a possible terrorist.

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THERE WILL not be a Pampa Newspaper delivered on Fri. Jan. 1 or the Weekend edition Jan. 2/3, so that Pampa News employees may enjoy the New Year's holiday with family & friends. Happy New Year!

Obituaries

Reba Hon, 71

Pampa—Reba Hon, 71, died December 28, 2009, in San Angelo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hon was born July 3, 1938. She graduated from Lamesa High School. She married Cloyd S. Hon on July 13, 1957 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2006. Reba had been a resident of Pampa since 1959. She was an active member of Cornerstone Baptist Church where she

was involved in the children's ministries. Reba was known for her loving and giving spirit, and she was a loving "Granny."

Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Diane Weeaks and husband Chris of San Angelo, and Theresa Lynn Bruce and husband Tommy of Midland; a son: Shaun Kevin Hon and wife Jennie of Pampa; five grandchildren, Misty Fritz and husband Michael of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Amber Smith and husband Chad of San Angelo,

Tiffany Bruce of Midland, Kera Bruce and Eugene Abernathy, and Trey Hon, all of Pampa; 3 great-grandchildren: Tyeson Smith, Kolten Abernathy, and Kymber Abernathy. Reba was preceded in death by her parents: A. K. and Bea Bible; and 2 sisters: Kay Schwartz and Melba McCurdy.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 2410 W. 23rd,



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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls over the holiday weekend.

Officers reported 15 traffic-related calls and eight accidents.

Pampa EMS reported 16 medical calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported three medical calls.

Animal control officers reported 21 traffic-related calls.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.
An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

A burglary was reported in the 2700 block of North Navajo.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Darby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A fire investigation was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Fraud was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of Sirroco.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Lost property in the 300 block of North Warren was reported to police.

A burglary was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency in the 600 block of North Ward.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of East Barnard.

A burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at Faulkner and Alcorn.

Thursday, Dec. 24.
An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of Hamilton.

A fire alarm was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A prowler was reported in the 2100 block of North Christopher.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight.

An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of North Christine.

Officers assisted a motorist at Randy Matson

and Hobart.

A forgery was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard.

Officers made a welfare check in the 1900 block of North Beech.

An alarm was reported to police.

Found property was reported in the 1600 block of North Mary Ellen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Kingston.

A runaway was reported in the 1400 block of North Hamilton.

Officer performed a welfare check in the 600 block of South Reid.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of North Evergreen.

A gas drive off was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Friday, Dec. 25.
Officers checked a building in the 700 block of East Frederic.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Ward.

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

Officers assisted another agency at the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and Texas Highway 70.

Officers checked a building in the 400 block of West Foster.

Officers checked a building in the 600 block of West Foster.

Saturday, Dec. 26.
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 19th and Duncan.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of North Fir.

City officials checks a sewer choke in the 400 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of South Barnes.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A fire investigation was performed in the 400 block of North Sumner.

A theft was reported to police.

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

Officers performed a welfare check in the 500 block of North Montagu.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Murphy.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of West Brown.

Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Craven.

Sunday, Dec. 27.
Officers checked a building in the 100 block of West Foster.

Officers checked a building in the 600 block of West Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks.

Officers were involved in a pursuit in the 1000 block of South Huff.

A burglary was reported in the 1700 block of North Banks.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Magnolia.

An alarm was reported in the 1200 block of North Christine.

City officials check a sewer choke in the 1800 block of West Alcock.

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

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of West Harvester.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of South Graham.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Wilks.

Identity theft was reported to police.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of North Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Chestnut.

Violation of a city code was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells.

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

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

Found property was reported at Somerville and Foster.

Monday, Dec. 28.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Terry.

Officers were involved in a pursuit at Lincoln and Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1300 block of North Duncan.

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

Thursday, Dec. 24.
Michael Dawson Smith, 47, of White Deer, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of violation of probation for theft in Wichita County.

Friday, Dec. 25.
Amy Dawn Strazz, 29, Amarillo, was returned to Gray County from South Dakota on a warrant in connection with indecency with a child, sex act and fraud.

Saturday, Dec. 26.
Christopher Lee Lockridge, 30, Westminster, Colo., was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of failure to identify himself and public intoxication.

Wesley Adam Brogdon, 22, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Gaylon Wayne Jones, 60, was arrested by police on charges of assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

Monday, Dec. 28.
Amber Loree Caviness, 27, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession and transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a control substance.

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Key security agencies lack permanent leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two federal agencies charged with keeping potential terrorists off airplanes and out of the country have been without their top leaders for nearly a year.

It took the Obama administration more than eight months to nominate anyone to lead the Transportation Security Administration and the Customs and Border Protection agency.

President Barack Obama has ordered a review of U.S. security policies following the failed Christmas Day attack on a Detroit-bound flight from Amsterdam. He vowed Monday to "do everything that we can to keep America safe."

The acting heads of the TSA and CBP — both created in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — will be at the forefront of these efforts.

Bogged down with health care reform, the Senate has yet to set a date to hold hearings for the Customs position. And Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., has placed a hold on the president's choice to head the TSA over the senator's concern that the new leader would let TSA screeners join a labor union. This has some Democrats blaming politics for the vacancy.

Former U.S. attorney Alan Bersin is nominated to run CBP, and former FBI agent and police detective Erroll Southern is the president's pick for TSA.

On Christmas Day, alleged terrorist Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a Nigerian who spent time in Yemen, was able to sneak an explosive device aboard his flight from Amsterdam to Detroit, only to be thwarted by the device's apparent failure to work as

designed, and aggressive action by other passengers.

Abdulmutallab was not on the government's terrorist watch list — though he was on a less sensitive and broader database. He was able to maintain a valid U.S. visa despite warnings about him to U.S. embassy officials in Nigeria from his father. Those facts are prompting a broad review of the government's terrorist detection efforts.

"The United States will more than simply strengthen our defenses," Obama said Monday. "We will continue to use every element of our national power to disrupt, to dismantle and defeat the violent extremists who threaten us."

"The president is looking for answers on this," Denis McDonough, chief of staff of the White House National Security Council, told reporters Monday in Hawaii, where President Barack Obama is vacationing. McDonough said officials have begun to assemble information related to watch list procedures. As yet, no one has been named to oversee the watch list review, he said.

McDonough downplayed the significance of not having the new TSA administrator confirmed, although he said "the president is eager to have his TSA head on the job."

Acting TSA Administrator Gale Rossides is "very able" and "we have a very able team of career professionals at TSA," McDonough insisted.

Some Republicans were more critical.

"Running a security agency with a revolving door is a recipe for failure," said Rep. John Mica,

R-Fla. Abdulmutallab, charged with trying to destroy an aircraft, is being held at the federal prison in Milan, Mich. A court hearing that had been scheduled for Monday to determine whether the government can get DNA from him was postponed until Jan. 8. No reason was given.

U.S. officials had warning signs that Abdulmutallab might be a threat.

The embassy visit in which Abdulmutallab's father said he was concerned about his son's radicalization triggered a Nov. 20 State Department cable from Nigeria to all U.S. diplomatic missions and department headquarters in Washington. It was also shared with the inter-agency National Counter Terrorism Center, said State Department spokesman Ian Kelly.

These concerns landed Abdulmutallab among the about 550,000 names in the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment database, known as TIDE, which is maintained by the NCTC. Other, smaller lists trigger additional airport screening or other restrictions, but intelligence officials said there wasn't

enough information to move Abdulmutallab into those categories.

The NCTC, which has responsibility if any visas are to be pulled over terrorism concerns, then reviewed the information and found it was "insufficient to determine whether his visa should be revoked," Kelly said.

Yemen's information minister said Tuesday that Abdulmutallab had spent a year in the country from 2004-2005. The student also was in Yemen from August until early December of this year.

Yemen, the ancestral home of Osama bin Laden's family, has been an al-Qaida haven partly

because of a weak central government and rugged terrain, affording al-Qaida fighters numerous places to hide. A Yemen-based group, Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, has claimed responsibility for Abdulmutallab's actions.

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•All TxDOT district offices in the affected area stand at a high level of readiness and are prepared to provide assistance as needed to motorists and to clear snow from the roadways.

•The DPS Disaster

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Districts in Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock and Wichita Falls are prepared to fully activate and support their districts, and all DPS troopers in the impacted and surrounding area are prepared to provide assistance to motorists and others.

The State Operations Center is fully activated and working with the National Weather Service to closely monitor this severe weather event.

Dolly's

"I joined the fair in Amarillo," Olivia said. "I traveled with them and worked with them for a while."

They started dating when the fair got to San Antonio almost three years ago.

"We've been together ever since," she said. "We've been married almost a year."

She said working for the fair was fun.

"You made your money and went to the next town," Olivia said. "You got to see things all over."

They traveled with the fair across Texas, Colorado, Wyoming and Louisiana.

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"I miss the road," she admitted.

But now is the time to settle down, and Pampa is home — at least for her.

"I grew up here," Olivia said. "My momma's been living in the same house for 23 years."

After returning to Pampa, the couple settled down and began working in the restaurant business. This month, they took what they've learned and gone into business for themselves.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 2009. There are 2 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

On this date:

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, N.C.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1851, the first YMCA in the U.S. was organized, in Boston.

'The wise man must be wise before, not after.'

— Epicharmus,
Sicilian Greek comic poet

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who'd wielded great influence with Czar Nicholas II, was

murdered by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were wed in Las Vegas.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died at his home in Sussex, England, at age 92.

Ten years ago: The Nasdaq composite index closed above 4,000 for the first time, ending the day at 4,041.46.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush assembled a four-nation coalition to organize humanitarian relief for Asia and made clear the United States would help bankroll long-term rebuilding in the region leveled by a massive earthquake and tsunamis. Bush denounced Osama bin Laden's call to boycott the Iraqi elections, saying that the balloting would mark a crossroads for Iraq.

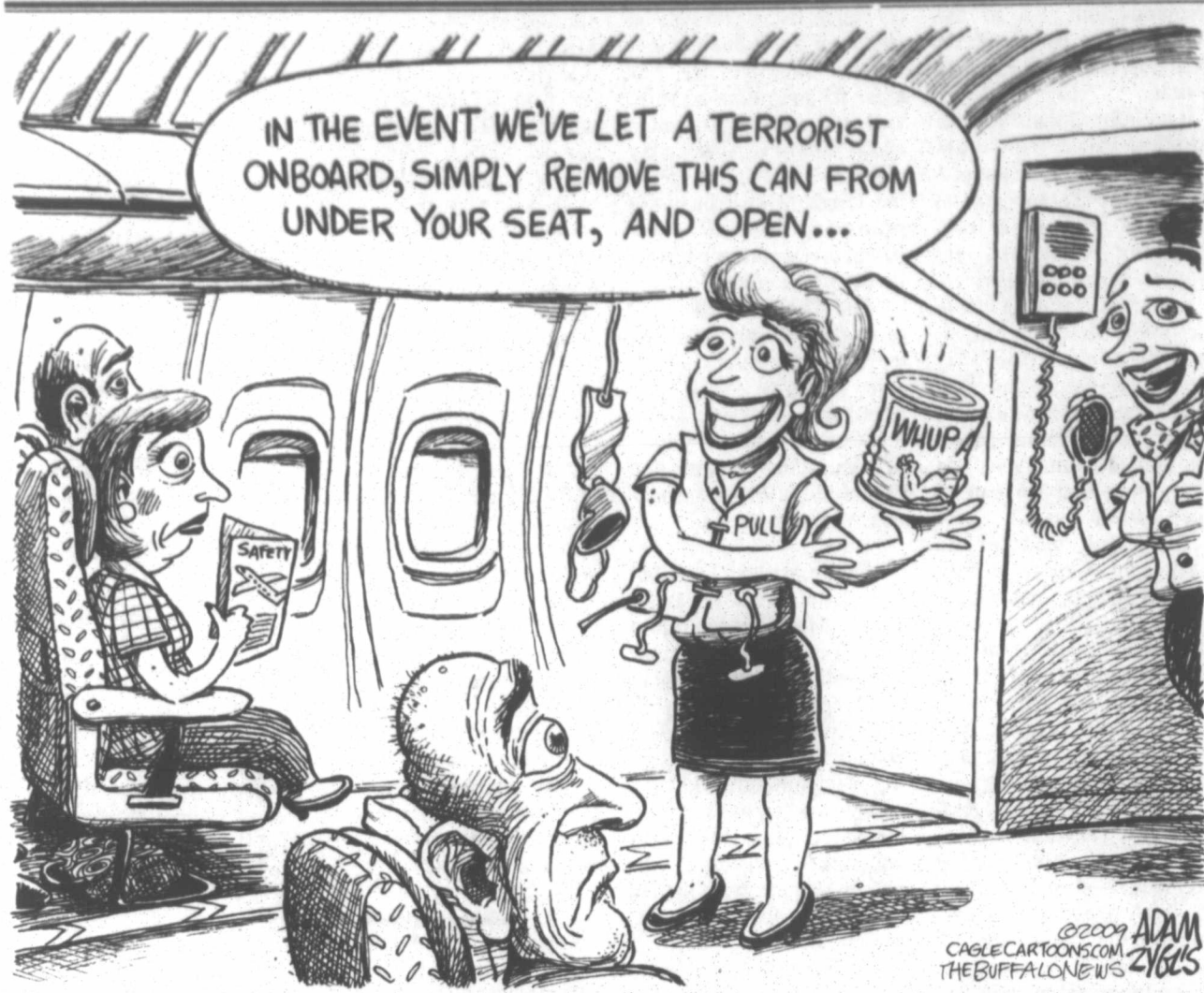
One year ago: Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's lawyer responded to impeachment charges, saying a vague array of charges and evidence did not merit removing his client from office. Somali President Abdullahi Yusuf resigned, saying he had lost control of the country to Islamic insurgents. The African Union suspended Guinea after a coup in the West African nation. Grammy-winning jazz musician Freddie Hubbard died in Sherman Oaks, Calif., at age 70. French fashion designer Ted Lapidus died in Cannes at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Inga Swenson is 77. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 75. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 73. Actor Jon Voight is 71. Country singer Ed Bruce is 70. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 68. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 63. Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. is 63. Actor Ted Danson is 62. Actor Jon Polito is 59. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 58. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 50. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 50. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 48. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 45. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 44. Actor-comedian Mastro Clark is 43. Actor Jason Gould is 43. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 42. Actress Jennifer Ehle is 40. Actor Patrick Fischler is 40. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips is 39. Actor Kevin Weisman is 39. Actor Jude Law is 37. Actor Mekhi Phifer is 35. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 34. Actress Katherine Moennig is 32. Actor Diego Luna is 30. Country singer Jessica Andrews is 26.

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Analysis

Broadcasters' woes could spell trouble for free TV

ANDREW VANACORE, AP BUSINESS WRITER
NEW YORK (AP) — For more than 60 years, TV stations have broadcast news, sports and entertainment for free and made their money by showing commercials. That might not work much longer.

The business model is unraveling at ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox and the local stations that carry the networks' programming. Cable TV and the Web have fractured the audience for free TV and siphoned its ad dollars. The recession has squeezed advertising further, forcing broadcasters to accelerate their push for new revenue to pay for programming.

That will play out in living rooms across the country. The changes could mean higher cable or satellite TV bills, as the networks and local stations squeeze more fees from pay-TV providers such as Comcast and DirecTV for the right to show broadcast TV channels in their lineups. The networks might even ditch free broadcast signals in the next few years. Instead, they could operate as cable channels — a move that could spell the end of free TV as Americans have known it since the 1940s.

"Good programing is expensive," Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corp. owns Fox, told a shareholder meeting this fall. "It can no longer be supported solely by advertising revenues."

Fox is pursuing its strategy in public, warning that its broadcasts — including college football bowl games — could go dark Friday for subscribers of Time Warner Cable, unless the pay-TV operator gives Fox higher fees. For its part, Time Warner Cable is asking customers whether it should "roll over" or "get tough" in negotiations.

The future of free TV also could be altered as the biggest pay-TV provider, Comcast Corp., prepares to take control of NBC. Comcast has not signaled plans to end NBC's free broadcasts. But Jeff Zucker, who runs NBC and its sister cable channels such as CNBC and Bravo, told investors this month that "the cable model is just superior to the broadcast model."

The traditional broad-

cast model works like this: CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox distribute shows through a network of local stations. The networks own a few stations in big markets, but most are "affiliates," owned by separate companies.

Traditionally the networks paid affiliates to broadcast their shows, though those fees have dwindled to near nothing as local stations have seen their audience shrink. What hasn't changed is where the money mainly comes from: advertising.

Cable channels make most of their money by charging pay-TV providers a monthly fee per subscriber for their programming. On average, the pay-TV providers pay about 26 cents for each channel they carry, according to research firm SNL Kagan. A channel as highly rated as ESPN can get close to \$4, while some, such as MTV2, go for just a few pennies.

With both advertising and fees, ESPN has seen its revenue grow to \$6.3 billion this year from \$1.8 billion a decade ago, according to SNL Kagan estimates. It has been able to bid for premium events that networks had traditionally aired, such as football games. Cable channels also have been able to fund high-quality shows, such as AMC's "Mad Men," rather than recycling movies and TV series.

That, plus a growing number of channels, has given cable a bigger share of the ad pie. In 1998, cable channels drew roughly \$9.1 billion, or 24 percent of total TV ad spending, according to the Television Bureau of Advertising. By 2008, they were getting \$21.6 billion, or 39 percent.

Having two revenue streams — advertising and fees from pay-TV providers — has insulated cable channels from the recession. In contrast, over-the-air stations have been forced to cut staff, and at least two broadcast groups sought bankruptcy protection this year.

Fox illustrates the trend: Its broadcast operations reported a 54 percent drop in operating income for the quarter that ended in September. Its cable channels, which include Fox News and FX, grew their operating income 41 per-

cent. Analyst Tom Love of ZenithOptimedia said he expects the big networks will end the year with a 9 percent drop in ad revenue, followed by an 8 percent drop in 2010 and zero growth in 2011.

A small chunk of the ad revenue is being recouped online, where the networks sell episodes for a few dollars each or run ads alongside shows on sites such as Hulu. Media economist Jack Myers projects online video advertising will grow into a \$2 billion business by 2012, from just \$350 million to \$400 million this year.

But that is not significant enough to make up for the lost ad revenue on the airwaves. Advertisers spent \$34 billion on broadcast commercials in 2008, down by \$2.4 billion from

two years earlier, according to the Television Bureau of Advertising.

So rather than wait for the Internet to become a bigger source of income, the networks and local stations are mimicking what cable channels do: They're charging pay-TV companies a monthly fee per subscriber to carry their programming.

Since 1994, the Federal Communications Commission has let networks and their affiliates seek payments for including their programming in the pay-TV lineup. Not everyone demanded payments at first. Instead they relied on the broader audience that cable and satellite gave them to increase what they could charge advertisers.

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13 Dallas officers put on leave after shooting

DALLAS (AP) — More than a dozen Dallas police officers have been placed on leave after the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old man following a robbery at a pizzeria, police said Monday.

The officers were placed on leave the same day that an Austin man was shot

and killed by authorities responding to a domestic disturbance call.

The Dallas shooting started with police chasing a vehicle whose occupants were suspected of robbing a pizzeria.

The Sunday night chase moved from suburban Mesquite into Dallas and

ended with police confronting the 19-year-old as he stood on a porch of a home holding a gun to his head while he spoke to his mother on a cell phone, Dallas police said in a statement.

More than two dozen officers took cover with their weapons trained on the man.

"As the officers stood in their positions the suspect continued to talk on the phone and move the pistol from the side of his head to under his chin," the state-

ment said. "As he moved the gun from under his chin in a downward motion while moving it back to the side of his head the officers felt in fear for their lives and shot (the suspect) multiple times."

Thirteen Dallas officers were placed on leave while the shooting is investigated.

The Austin shooting early Monday morning occurred after authorities received an emergency call about domestic violence from the man's girlfriend.

The woman told the dispatcher she was locked in a bathroom and feared her boyfriend. She also said there was a rifle in the home, officials said.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo told the Austin American-Statesman that authorities contacted the man and tried to persuade him to leave the home. The man came out at about 3:20 a.m. and pointed the gun at the law enforcement agents. Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Theodore

Ramsey and Austin Police Officer Justin Lee Berry feared for their safety and opened fire, Acevedo said.

Berry missed, while Ramsey fired a round that struck 38-year-old Roger James in the chest, Acevedo told the newspaper.

Austin police, the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers will investigate the shooting.

Both Ramsey and Berry were placed on leave during the investigation.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department received the following calls for service between Christmas Day and Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 7 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 25
3:56 a.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 700 block of Christy to a report of possible carbon monoxide in a home, none was detected.

5:03 a.m.— 2 units and 6 personnel responded to the old pampa mall, 2500 Perryton Parkway, on an alarm, nothing found.

5:29 a.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 700 block of Christy, CO alarm, noting detected.

5:44 a.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 2200 block of Chestnut, medical assistance.

9:19 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the block of Jupiter, medical assistance.

Saturday, Dec. 26
3:43 p.m.— 1 unit and 2 personnel responded to the 400 block of Sumner on a gas leak.

3:48 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 700 block of E. Albert, medical assistance.

8:29 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 1000 block of S. Faulkner, medical assistance.

Sunday, Dec. 27
1:40 a.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 1200 block Of S. Dwight, gas leak.

1:33 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 2000 block of Coffee, lift assistance

3:06 p.m. 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 1100 block of Ripley, medical assistance.

Monday, Dec. 28
12:57 a.m.— 1 unit and 2 personnel responded to a Hazmat situation at Faulkner and Lincoln.

4:13 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 800 block of W 25th, medical assistance.

7:55 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to the 1900 block of Charles, lift assistance.

Tuesday, Dec. 29.
2:57 a.m.— 2 units and 6 personnel, 800 W Somerville. Smoke alarm.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I applaud "Terrified Mama in California" (Oct. 30) on her stance with her "multitasking" daughter who texts and phones while driving. I recently swore off cell phone use in my vehicle after I saw the dramatic BBC public service ad on YouTube discouraging it, a re-enactment of an actual event. I am forever changed for the better, and so are my two daughters who ride with me.

If there is an emergency, my family now knows that if I don't answer my phone, they should call right back and I'll pull over to take the call. Otherwise, I will call later. This has worked like a charm.

I still notice all the other phone conversations going on while people operate thousands of pounds of steel, glass and plastic containing their most precious cargo. What are they talking about? I'll bet it could wait. Driving time for me is now spent conversing with my kids, singing along to music or just chilling out.

As moms, we are concerned about lead in our children's toys, the safety of flu vaccines and additives in the foods they eat. But it never occurs to us that, in the blink of an eye, life can change forever because of that call or text that "had" to be made.

You CANNOT do it all. Be present in the moment when you operate your vehicle. The life you save may be your own. -- SUSAN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SUSAN: Thank you for your persuasive reminder. Many readers were eager to share their views on this topic, which is so often in the news today. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If "Terrified's" daughter were only a danger to herself, I'd be all in favor of allowing her to compete for a Darwin award. Unfortunately, she's a danger to everyone.

I have seen amazingly mindless behavior by people on cell phones who were not driving -- includ-

ing one who paid for and walked away from her purchases at a store. Too many cell phone users are completely oblivious to anything but their conversation. It should be obvious that phones and driving don't go together.

Earlier this year a woman on a cell phone here hit a motorcyclist. Apparently clueless to having just been in an accident, she proceeded to drive over him, and that's what killed him. Witnesses said she was still talking on her phone when she got out of her SUV.

Abby, you missed a golden opportunity to call for state or federal regulations banning the use of cell phones while driving. It would make the world safer for everyone. -- LARRY IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked that you told that mother that there isn't much she can do if her daughter doesn't want to

shape up. You said yourself the practice could be compared to driving drunk. She is endangering her child every time she's behind the wheel "multitasking." That grandmother should not give up trying to save her grandchild.

I work for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. President Obama has asked all government employees to pledge to not drive while operating tech devices. Grandma should report her daughter to the authorities for child endangerment. -- N.H.T.S.A. MOM

DEAR ABBY: I was slightly distracted by a phone call while driving home one afternoon. A car crossed the double yellow line and cut me off. I saw it, swerved and lost control of my vehicle, which crashed into the divider and flipped over, shattering my legs in the process. Thank goodness my son was not in the car with me.

I'm convinced the phone I was holding in my hand kept me from being able to completely control my car. Since that day, I never phone or text while driving. -- LISA IN LONG BEACH

DEAR ABBY: To

"Terrified Mama": Call the police and give them your daughter's license plate number. Tell them she's driving while on the phone or texting (both illegal in your state), and you're afraid she or your grandkids will be hurt. They will watch for her and pull her over. Perhaps a traffic ticket will do what your concern has not. -- BARBARA IN DALLAS

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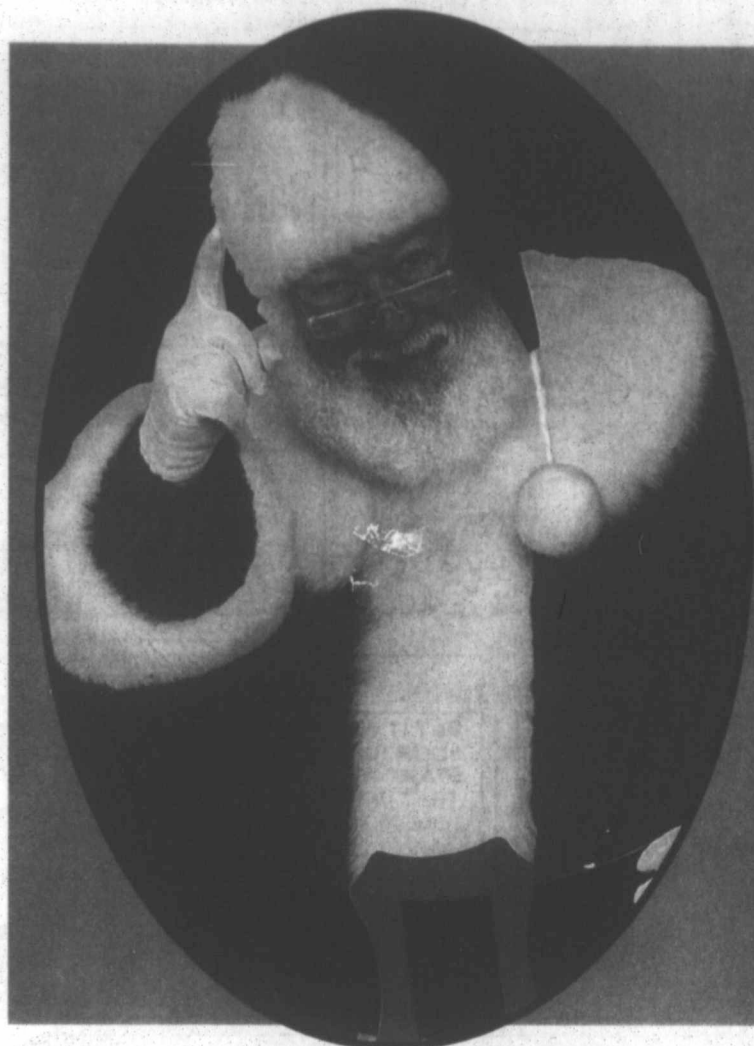
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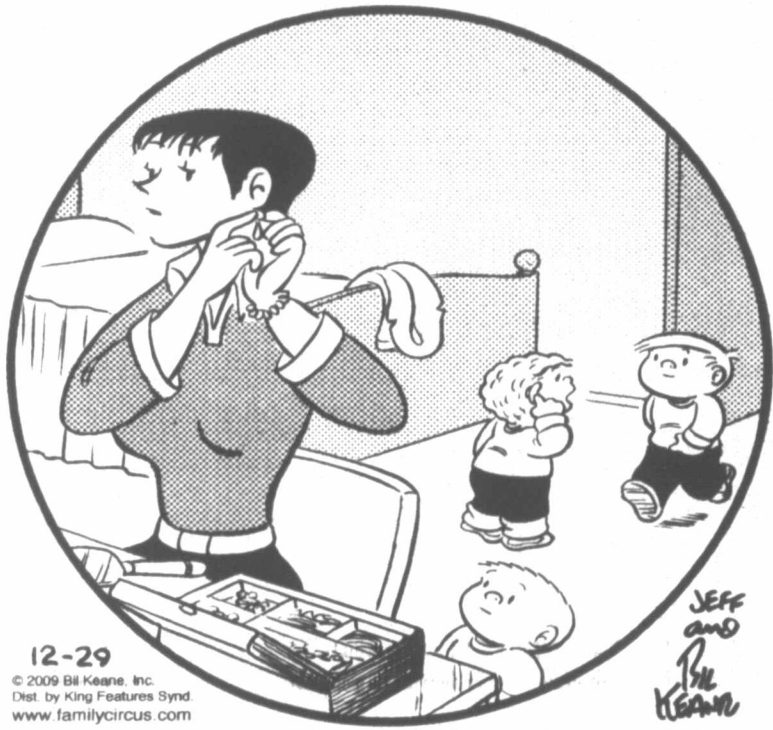
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"Get out of my kitchen, Marmaduke!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy's dressin' up her ears. That means we're not going."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Online icon
- 7 Island east of Java
- 11 Deli buy
- 12 Hymn ender
- 13 Response provoker
- 15 Mosque faith
- 16 Satisfactory
- 18 "Dog-gone!"
- 21 Drawn out
- 22 Seattle cagers
- 24 Paintings and prints
- 25 Family
- 26 Bill stamp
- 27 Cruise accountant
- 29 Red-ink amount
- 30 With 31-Across, Louvre painting
- 31 See 30-Across
- 32 Polygon corner
- 34 Legal condition
- 40 Pageantry
- 41 Hilary Swank movie
- 42 Not at home
- 43 In a sinister manner

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Yesterday's answer

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- 20 Cousteau's gear
- 21 Napkin site
- 22 Knight title
- 23 Fixed
- 25 Reeves of "The Matrix"
- 28 Neat discussion
- 29 Would-be loser
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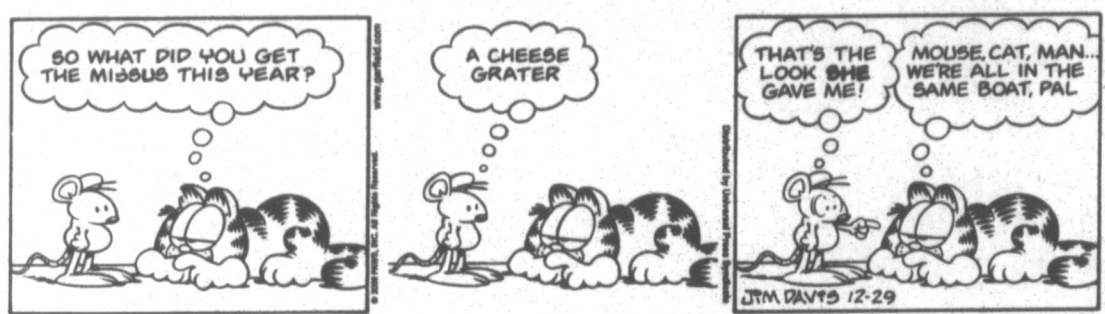
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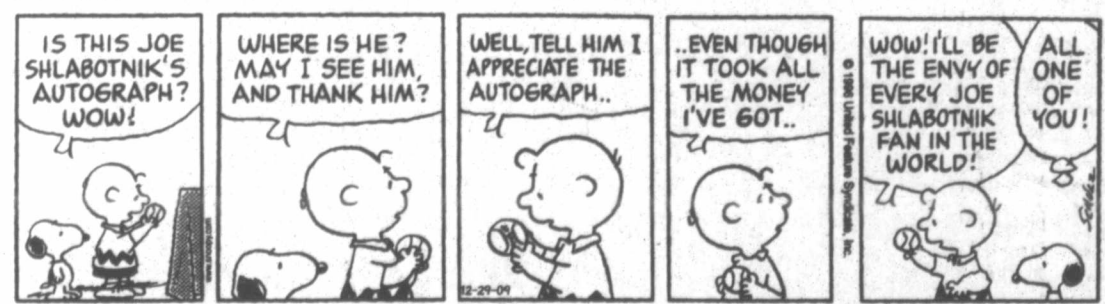
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Lighten up about what is going on in your immediate circle. Getting together with others, meetings and open discussions benefit you. A dear friend could play a significant role in events. Tonight: Talk New Year's resolutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Understand what is going on in your immediate circle. Just because the new year is coming doesn't mean that some people stop working or brainstorming business ideas. What appears could be too good to be true. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Don't hesitate; swing into gear. If you could do or have anything, what would it be? Use today's strong energy for manifesting it. A boss could be a little out of kilter. Tonight: Use good sense.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Step back from a problem or a change in perspective. Accept rather than reject. Don't fight transforming your perceptions and ideas. Accept the possibility that you might not have all the answers. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A meeting provides an excellent platform for zeroing in on what you want. Someone you thought was more stable could reveal another dimension of his or her character. Don't ignore what you are seeing, but be aware. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Someone demands a lot, and you respond in kind. Your way of dealing with a situation, of making a difference, is evident. Understanding allows greater give-and-take. Your vision of what might work could change radically, and someone displays his or her true colors. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ See what is going on around you with new eyes. Sometimes by detaching and being less involved, you see a situation in a totally new light. You might ask someone to do you a favor. Tonight: Let your imagination decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ How you see a situation and what occurs could change. Deal with others on a one-on-one level and confirm what works. A risk could cause quite a jolt in your life. Decide to head in another direction. Tonight: Togetherness is a good theme.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone shakes up the status quo. You don't need to make a radical decision, especially as more is likely to be forthcoming. Take in different opinions. Honor what is going on between you and another person. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Listen well to what someone is sharing. It could be more important than you realize. Clear out as much as you can prior to the new year. Your efficiency is highlighted. News could be disruptive. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Tame your personality in order to get the job done. Examine new financial options or different ways of handling a risk. Extend a lunch break or take an early day if possible. Tonight: Let your naughtiness out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use care not to misplace your energy. You could be on top of your game if you can handle your innately nervous energy. Schedule a walk or do something unique by yourself. Tonight: The later it gets, the better you feel.

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Author Rudyard Kipling (1865), singer Davy Jones (1945), boxer Laila Ali (1977)

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12-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Spring semester has potential for exciting action

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The fall semester had some exciting sports action with the Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team nearly qualifying for a bidistrict spot in the playoffs. The Lefors won back-to-back district titles in six-man football for the first time in their school history and the Pampa Harvesters made the playoffs in football for the first time since 2005.

The upcoming spring semester has just as much or maybe more excitement than the fall semester. To

begin, the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters basketball teams begin district-play. The Harvesters could enter district as good as 10-6 if they win the Caprock tournament. The district schedule could be when the Harvesters peak this season and make a return trip to the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters have shown great improvement from last year as they nearly have three times the number of wins (5) as they had last year (2). Pampa has potential to bring their 5-10 record to 8-10 before they enter district. The district schedule will be key



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to how much success both teams will have.

The Lefors Pirates enter the spring semester on a three game winning streak, and get to play Higgins

who they beat earlier this season, for a chance to bring their record to 5-4 before district play. The Pirates are seeking a return trip to the playoffs after they made it to area last season.

The Lady Pirates enter the spring semester with a 2-8 record and our looking to continue to improve under second year head coach Tory Peet. Just like the Pirates the Lady Pirates get to open the spring semester with Higgins before they enter district play.

Next, the soccer season starts again just after

students return from Christmas break. Head Coach John True looks to lead both the boys and the girls to a higher level than last season.

Golf and tennis return in the spring semester but instead of competing as a team they're competing as individuals. The tennis team hopes they can be dominant again in mixed doubles as last year they had one pair make second team all district. Both teams will look to send their players to regionals late in the spring semester.

Finally the baseball and softball teams return to

action. The baseball team under new head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves looks to build on last year and qualify for the playoffs after they were one victory short last season. Under coach Bobbi Gill the softball team looks to return to previous seasons where they were district champions and qualifying for the state tournament year after year.

So, after an exciting fall semester I'm looking forward to getting to cover the spring semester and see what excitement awaits.

Texas Tech suspends head football coach Leach

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech is preparing for the Alamo Bowl without its quirky coach.

University officials on Monday suspended Mike Leach while the school investigates complaints from receiver Adam James and his family about how the player was treated after a concussion in practice earlier this month.

James is the son of former NFL player Craig James, now an analyst for ESPN.

Defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeill will be the interim coach when the Red Raiders play Michigan State in San Antonio on Jan. 2.

McNeill, who will remain in charge of the team until the investigation is complete, declined to answer questions about the complaints after Monday night's practice in San Antonio. Players were not made available to the media.

"Mike's my friend. We've been friends for a long time, and I don't think right now is the right time to go into that," said McNeill, who Leach brought to Texas Tech in 2000.

He said Leach arrived with the team in San Antonio and that Adam James also was with the team, but not practicing. School officials declined to identify the player, but James' family released a statement to The Associated Press saying it was him.

A person with direct knowledge of the complaints told the AP that James, while unable to practice with a concussion, twice was forced to stand in a small, dark place for hours while the team practiced. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the complaint and the ongoing investigation.

James was hurt Dec. 16 and the next day was diagnosed with a concussion, the person said.

According to the person, James was sequestered at two consecutive practices:

On Dec. 17, James said Leach told trainers to put him in "the darkest place you can find." James was sent to an equipment shed near the practice field, where a member of the athletic staff checked on James to make sure he did not lean against anything or sit on the floor. James said Leach told him that if he came out he would be kicked off the team.

When the team returned to practice two days later, on Dec. 19, James said Leach told trainers to "find the tightest, darkest place" for the player. James, in his street clothes, was put in an electrical closet inside the football stadium for hours, again monitored by a member of the athletic staff.

The James family contacted the university after the second practice, the person said.

Leach's attorney, Ted Liggett, disputed the account.

Adam James "claimed to have been hurt," was examined and diagnosed with a "mild concussion," Liggett told the AP. "I believe that (Adam James) was a disgruntled student athlete that like many were not happy with their playing time."

Liggett told ESPN.com that James "was placed in an equipment room as it was much cooler and darker" than the practice field. The second time, Liggett told ESPN.com, James was placed in a "press room with air conditioning and a stationary bike he could use."

McNeill said he was told Monday afternoon that he was taking over for Leach, then told the players shortly afterward.

"They were probably a little shocked, but at the same time, they did a good job of coming on the field and doing what I asked them to do. I was proud of that," McNeill said.

Craig James had been scheduled to announce the Alamo Bowl. ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said that was no longer the case.

The James family issued a statement Monday saying their "son had been subjected to actions and treatment not consistent with common sense rules for safety and health."

"Over the past year, there has been a greatly enhanced recognition of the dangers of concussions and the potential for long term physical damage to players. At virtually every level of football coaching, cases where children and young men have sustained concussions have generated serious discussion of the importance of correct treatment and diagnosis."

There's been internal strife this season with the Red Raiders (8-4).

Leach chastised players after a loss to Texas A&M in October for listening to "their fat little girlfriends" and thinking the Aggies were a pushover. After the Red Raiders' loss at then-No. 12 Houston in September, Leach suspended starting offensive lineman Brandon Carter indefinitely for violating team rules.

That week, Leach also banned his players from having Twitter pages after linebacker Marlon Williams posted a tweet that asked why he was still in a meeting room when "the head coach can't even be on time."

Leach led Texas Tech to the best season in program history last year, going 11-2. He and the university were at odds for months over a contract extension.



In this Oct. 24, 2009, file photo, Texas Tech coach Mike Leach talks with his team during an NCAA college football game against Texas A&M in Lubbock, Texas. Leach has been suspended while the school investigates complaints from a player and his family about treatment after an injury. (AP Photo/Mike Fuentes, File)

Upcoming Bowl Games

Wednesday

Humanitarian Bowl: Bowling Green Falcons vs. Idaho Vandals 3:30 p.m. ESPN
Holiday Bowl: No. 22 Arizona Wildcats vs. No. 20 Nebraska Cornhuskers 7:00 p.m. ESPN

Thursday

Armed Forces Bowl: Air Force Falcons vs. Houston Cougars 11 a.m. ESPN
Sun Bowl: Oklahoma Sooners vs. No. 19 Stanford Cardinal 1 p.m. CBS
Texas Bowl: Navy Midshipmen vs. Missouri Tigers 2:30 p.m. NFL Network
Insight Bowl: Minnesota Golden Gophers vs. Iowa State Cyclones 5 p.m. NFL Network
Chick-fil-A Bowl: No. 12 Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Tennessee Volunteers 6:30 p.m. ESPN

Friday

Outback Bowl: Northwestern Wildcats vs. Auburn Tigers 10 a.m. ESPN
Capital One Bowl: No. 11 Penn State Nittany Lions vs. No. 13 LSU Tigers 12 p.m. ABC
Gator Bowl: No. 18 West Virginia Mountaineers vs. Florida State Seminoles 12 p.m. CBS
Rose Bowl: No. 8 Ohio State Buckeyes vs. No. 7 Oregon Ducks 3:30 p.m. ABC
Sugar Bowl: No. 5 Florida Gators vs. No. 4 Cincinnati Bearcats 7:30 p.m. FOX

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