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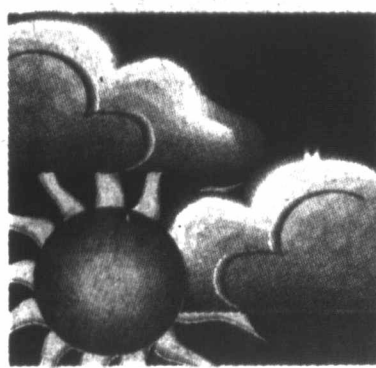
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PAMPA — High speed chases are not the common thing for Pampa police officers, but on Sunday night, about 11:20, Officer Trevor McGill found himself involved in one that started in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

McGill reported that he saw a 1988 Mustang and a Mercury Cougar making quick and reckless lane changes.

In the 1200 block of North Hobart, the driver of the Mustang accelerated and was traveling at approximately 100 miles per hour at the Randy Matson Avenue intersection.

McGill reported that the Mustang continued north on Hobart and took the turn at Shepherd Crossing sideways.

At the intersection of Perryon Parkway and 23rd, McGill reported he was traveling about 127 mph and advancing on the Mustang.

The chase ended in a field northeast of Loop 171. The Mustang jumped a bar ditch, hit a barb wire fence and came to a rest less than five feet from the fence.

The driver of the Mustang, Dusty Lewis Romines, 17, was charged with fleeing and remains in custody.

Passengers in the Mustang, one juvenile male and one 19-year old male, were cited for minor in possession.

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 7, 17, 18, 22, 30 and 35.

There were 107 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, with a prize of \$1,599 each.

Matching four of the six numbers were 6,153 tickets, winning \$100 each.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$12 million.

SINTON (AP) — A South Texas priest was free on bond today after voluntarily returning from Spain to face child sex charges, officials said.

The Rev. Jesus Garcia, who had been living near Madrid, was picked up Sunday at Houston Intercontinental Airport, according to the San Patricio County Sheriff's Department.

He was freed Sunday afternoon on bonds totaling \$25,000, the sheriff's department said.

Garcia was charged with sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child, records show.

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Six reportedly die in explosion near Houston

By JOAN THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — At least six people are reportedly dead today following a factory explosion that blew a hole through the roof of one of the buildings at a metal forging company in northwest Harris County.

Houston radio station KTRH and KTRK-TV quoted an emergency worker inside the Wyman-Gordon Forging Co. saying at least six people were killed. Two or three workers were said to be missing.

Wallace Whitney, general counsel at parent Wyman-Gordon Co. in North Grafton, Mass., said five people were known dead and two people injured in the explosion. He also said some workers may be unaccounted for.

Fire and company officials say the blast occurred about 11:30 p.m. Sunday during the third shift at Wyman-Gordon Forging, which employs about 1,200 workers to produce extruded pipe used in power and chemical plants.

Whitney said he didn't know what caused the blast, which occurred near a 35,000-ton press, nor how many people were working nearby at the time. He also said he didn't know how many workers were supposed to be on the shift.

"That plant has an exemplary safety record. At this point, we just don't know what happened," he said. "This is a terrible, terrible accident. We've just got our hands full trying to deal with the employees (and) trying to deal with the situation on the ground."

Erik Petocz, assistant chief of the Cypress-Fairbanks Volunteer Fire Department, estimated the hole in the roof at 40 feet by 50 feet and said body parts were thrown as far as 100 yards outside the building.

"It reminded me of Hollywood," said Petocz, likening the scene to a disaster movie or airplane crash. "Is this really what I'm looking at?"

He said workers were searching nearby fields for body parts, debris and a 3-foot-by-4-foot cap that had blown off a machine called an accumulator.

The wife of one of the injured workers, Linda Dargin, said her husband was one of nine in the area at the time.

"He's not sure what caused the explosion or anything," Mrs. Dargin said of her husband, Greg, 31, who suffered burns to his chest, face and arm and has scrap metal embedded in his chest.

Dargin declined to be interviewed.

"All I'm saying over here is thank God he's here," Mrs. Dargin said from his room at Hermann Hospital.

Dargin and Jimmy Galindo, 57, were both listed in stable condition today at the hospital, spokesman Mike Togliatti said.

No fire was reported, a dispatcher for the Cypress-Fairbanks Volunteer Fire Department said.

Longtime worker G.H. Bell, who came in to work a 6 a.m. shift, said the losses were especially devastating because several of the dead and injured were related to other workers.

"Most of the employees that were killed were new hires. They were sons of older employees," Bell said. "I'm just fortunate that my son wasn't there."

Leslie Schroeter, special representative with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said he visited the plant shortly after the accident and addressed a gathering of workers this morning at the union hall about 20 miles away.

"The press is run under high pressure and they really don't know what happened," Schroeter said. "The press wasn't in operation at the time of the explosion. A maintenance crew was working."

He said the plant, which is closed this morning because of the explosion, has not had any fatal accidents. Wyman-Gordon is a "relatively safe company," Schroeter said. "They take care of their safety problems real well."

People who apparently are relatives of the victims began arriving at around 8 a.m.

A distraught woman ran toward the damaged building, saying officials had come to her door to report her son was dead. A few minutes later, a man and woman supporting a crying woman strode quickly down the road toward the plant inside the chain-link fence.

Eddie Wawarofsky, a saw operator at the plant, drank coffee from a paper cup as he talked to other workers near the front gate, awaiting news.

"I didn't know about it until I turned the corner here," said Wawarofsky, who has worked for the company for 33 years and said he couldn't recall anything similar happening. "This was going to be our last day. We are shutting down for the holidays."

A white sign with black letters said: "A work injury can put you and your family in a heck of a fix. Don't get injured in '96."

Making gingerbread houses



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Mrs. Sharon Morris shows Lower School students at the Community Christian School how to make a gingerbread house by covering a small milk carton with cookies and candies, with frosting serving as the "mortar" to hold the house together. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Myra Carlisle also showed the students how to make angel Christmas ornaments during a class at the school on Friday before the students adjourned for the Christmas holiday break.

CAER/LEPC sponsor service project to raise funds for new warning sirens

The Gray County Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Committee and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) have unanimously voted to sponsor a community service project which will fully update Pampa's emergency system and enhance the systems of neighboring communities.

CAER/LEPC committees decided to go to the community and ask for donations to make it a publicly owned system without having to burden the taxing entities with the need for a new system.

CAER/LEPC members plan to involve the school systems, social organizations and any other groups which might possibly be interested in helping to raise the \$250,000 necessary for new emergency warning system.

According to Kenneth Hall, Gray County CAER/LEPC chairman, the emergency system currently being used in Pampa is a 1954 vintage Federal brand siren with numerous shortcomings.

Among the listed shortfalls of the present system is the lack of tone changes, which would make the system more adaptable, and the fact that the sirens were never meant to be used during the high winds of inclement Panhandle weather.

"The system we are trying to purchase will overcome all these shortcomings and will serve the community far into the next century," Hall said.

The new system will use a

variety of tones to announce the current status of an emergency situation.

"This system will have three tones — one which we can use for natural disasters, like tornadoes, an all clear tone and a shelter-in-place tone which will alert citizens of the need to find shelter and tune in to a local station for updates," Hall said.

This last tone is becoming more important as the amount of hazardous materials being transported through the Panhandle continues to increase, Hall said.

He admits that the \$250,000 price tag seems a little high, but what price tag do you put on human life?

During the June 8, 1995 tornado that caused nearly \$30 million damage, not one life was lost, but many people didn't hear the sirens until the last minute, he said.

The local radio station provided six minutes of advance notice and only seven injuries were reported.

Since then, CAER/LEPC committees have been working on plans that will benefit Pampa, McLean and Lefors, Hall said.

The joint committees have decided to donate three of the eight current sirens to Gray County, two to Lefors and three to McLean.

According to Hall, the City of Lefors now has three sirens and with the additional two they ought to be able to station them closer together and make them more noticeable during high winds or bad weather.

The three sirens going to Gray County will be set up in Walnut Creek, the Cole Addition and at Lake McClellan. All will be used to enhance the warning systems in those areas.

Hall said speakers are available for organizations needing more information. The City of Pampa will act as the agent handling all monies raised for the venture.

Hall said the goal is to have the system installed by the spring of 1997, but will continue to raise funds until the full amount is reached.

"It will take eight to ten weeks to get the system running from purchase to first trial," Hall said.

This is not the first major project for CAER/LEPC. In the past, the committees have been able to purchase a new back-up generator for Radio Station KGRO/KOMX that will keep the station broadcasting through anything other than a direct hit, he said.

"This is by far the biggest project we've ever attempted. But we really want to get the entire community involved. We want everyone to know we appreciate every donation, from the kids who give part of their allowance to the business and organizations donating thousands."

For more information, residents are encouraged to call (806) 669-5820 or send donations to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066-2499, attention Ken Hall. Checks should be made payable to Pampa/Gray County Emergency Management.

Clinton makes holiday visits to Marines

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — President Clinton made his first official visit to a Marine Corps base today to share a meal and a Christmas message with the troops.

"It's important to us. It's always good to have the commander-in-chief see the cutting edge," said Gen. Chuck Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, who flew down to North Carolina with Clinton on Air Force One.

In advance of Clinton's visit today, the Marines strung up festive lights, cleaned the base and its streets especially well and worked double time in the kitchen to prepare for the presidential chow line.

"He will be eating off the same trays, walking through the same

line as the others," said Lt. Col. Harold Juhl, the officer in charge of getting the base ready for Clinton's visit. "He'll have to pick his own entree."

On the menu: roast beef, turkey, barbecued chicken and beef stew with plenty of vegetables, fruit and holiday desserts on the side.

Besides Marines on general alert for missions abroad, Clinton was visiting with troops who recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, said White House spokesman Mike McCurry. Camp Lejeune is home to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Many of the 2,000-plus Marines who returned Dec. 19 found their homes ruined by hurricanes Bertha and Fran that

struck North Carolina while they were overseas, causing an estimated \$49 million in damages. The 230-square-mile base is still scarred with rows of downed trees.

"He's going to tell these troops representing all troops how much he appreciates the sacrifices they make," White House spokesman David Johnson said.

Clinton is to return late this afternoon to the White House, where he and his family plan to spend Christmas. He plans to leave Dec. 30 for Hilton Head, S.C., for Renaissance Weekend, an annual intellectual retreat, and on New Year's Day, the Clintons are scheduled to go to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for a brief vacation. They are to return to Washington Jan. 5.

Nativity at the library



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Patrons at the Pampa Lovett Memorial Library can view a Nativity scene in the display window at the main entrance. The display was prepared by library staff members using a Nativity scene owned by the library.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

SPRUELL, Maydell — 10 a.m., Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, Canadian.
WHITE, Margaret Palmer — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Turpin Methodist Church, Turpin, Okla.

Obituaries

JESSIE LOU BROWN
BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Jessie Lou Brown, 82, a former Amarillo, Texas resident and brother of a Groom, Texas, resident, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996. Services were at 10 a.m. today in Memorial Park Funeral Home East Mausoleum in Amarillo with the Rev. Robert Bennett, of Freedom Baptist Church, officiating.
 Mr. Brown was born at Fayetteville, Ga.
 Survivors include a daughter, Claudia Cheek of Broken Arrow; a sister, Tula Giles of Amarillo; a brother, Bill Brown of Groom; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

W.G. MAYO
W.G. Mayo, 81, of Pampa, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, at Amarillo. Graveside services were to be at 1 p.m. today in Garden of Memories Cemetery at Paducah with Dr. Tilden Armstrong, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Mayo was born March 18, 1915, at Des Moines, N.M. He married Virginia Miller on Sept. 28, 1940, at Paducah. He had been a Pampa resident since 1948, moving from Paducah. He owned and operated W.G. Mayo Water Well Service for 35 years, retiring in January of 1995. He was a Methodist and a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan Ann Mayo, in 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of the home; two daughters, Debra June Chilcoat of Dallas and Rebecca Lynn Price of Jenks, Okla.; a son, Bennie Alton Mayo of Paducah; a brother, S.E. Mayo Sr. of Panhandle; and four grandchildren.

EBB H. PATTON
AMARILLO — Ebb H. Patton, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel with the Rev. James Martindale, of First Baptist Church of McLean, officiating. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean.

Mr. Patton was born at Goree. He married Virgie E. Trew Patton in 1922; she died in 1989. He was a bus driver for McLean and Mobeetie schools for 50 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean.

He was preceded in death by a son, Virgil Nep Patton.

Survivors include five daughters, Iweta Johnson, Claudia Phillips, Betty Patton Brown and Lovella Hollingworth, all of Amarillo, and Glenna Vorgette of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; five sons, E.H. Patton of Pampa, Leroy Patton of Yukon, Okla., Clyde Patton of Belton, George Patton of Georgetown and Bobby Patton of Amarillo; 35 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

MAYDELL SPRUELL
CANADIAN — Maydell Spruell, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Abundant Life Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Jimmy A. Robinson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Spruell was born Aug. 20, 1925, at Alma, Ark., to Sam Harrison and Tilda Pinson Chaffin. She married William Wilford Spruell on Aug. 17, 1941, at Miami; he died Feb. 14, 1988. She was a longtime Hemphill County resident. She was a homemaker and a member of Abundant Life Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Duane Arnold of Kerrville; two sons and daughters-in-law, William Floyd and Phyllis Spruell and Bobby Dean Sr. and Karen Spruell, all of Canadian; three sisters, Lucille Oliver of Canadian, Mildred Thrasher of Pampa and Frankie Sue Widner of Tyler; two brothers, Harold Chaffin and Buddy Chaffin, both of Canadian; six grandchildren, Gary Arnold, Sherry Pitts, Carlene Snyder, Jeff Spruell, Twilla Spruell and Dean Spruell; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Abundant Life Assembly of God Church.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury's Grain of Pampa

Wheat	4.18	
Milo	4.12	
Corn	4.82	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

Occidental	23 1/4	up 1/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	80 9/8	
Puritan	17 1/4	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa

Amoco	80 1/2	up 1/8
Arco	135	dn 1/8
Cabot	25 3/8	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	18 1/2	up 1/8

Correction

Matthew David Radcliff, 15-year-old Pampa High School sophomore who receives his Boy Scout Eagle award in a ceremony in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall at 7 p.m. today, pictured in Sunday's Pampa News edition, page 5, is the son of Linda Landsverk and Jim and Helen Radcliff of Pampa.

Obituaries

MARGARET PALMER WHITE
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Margaret Palmer White, 102, mother of a Pampa, Texas, resident, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, in Oklahoma City. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Turpin Methodist Church at Turpin, Okla., with the Rev. Bill Smith officiating. Burial will be in Kismet, Kan., under the direction of Miller Mortuary of Liberal, Kan.

At age 100, Mrs. White was the oldest person to compete in the Masters Track and Field competition for seniors. She took up shot putting with her son, Wendell Palmer of Pampa, when she was 98 and became the first 100-year-old shot putter in the United States and the world. She appeared on Good Morning America, Donahue and The Jay Leno Show and had been the subject of numerous newspaper features and radio interviews all over the world. She was nominated for induction into the Masters Track and Field Hall of Fame this year, along with her son, who competes in the 60-64 age division in Masters competition.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell and Margaret Palmer of Pampa; two other sons; five daughters; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, including grandchildren David Palmer of Plainview, Tom Palmer and Charlotte Palmer, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pattie Young and Rick Young, both of Skellytown; and great-grandchildren, Brennen Young, Cole Young and D.J. Young, all of Skellytown.

O.L. "WOODY" WOOD
CANADIAN — O.L. "Woody" Wood, 67, of Canadian, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. David Mark, pastor of Believers Covenant Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Wood was born Sept. 18, 1929, at Cement, Okla., to Elzy Ely and Ethel Elizabeth Simonds Wood. He married Dean Robb on June 8, 1946, at Anadarko, Okla. The couple moved from Canadian to Wheeler in 1964, returning to Canadian in 1974. He worked for Mobil Oil Company for eight years and for Phillips Petroleum for nine years. He and his wife owned and operated Qwik Stop in Canadian for 13 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dean Wood, of Canadian; two daughters, Sue Ford of Mustang, Okla., and Robin Frey of Shreveport, La.; two sons, Buddy Wood of Shamrock and Keith Wood of Canadian; two sisters, Juanita Walker and Zella Harris, both of Chickasha, Okla.; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association or to Alzheimers Association.

Accidents

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

FRIDAY, Dec. 20
 A 1989 Plymouth Horizon, driven by Kathy Dennis, 45, collided with a 1994 Chevy Silverado pickup driven by Frank Edward Diggs, 43, in the intersection of Brown and Huff Road. Dennis was cited for failure to yield right-of-way at stop sign.

SUNDAY, Dec. 22
 A 1970 Ford Torino, driven by Ester Risor Densmore, 84, collided with a 1996 Ford F-250 Pickup, driven by Max F. Ulin, 44, in the intersection of Buckler and Hobart. Densmore was cited for failure to yield right-of-way at a stop sign.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
 Smooth Talkers and Knee Knockers Toastmasters Club meets 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the dining room of Coronado Inn. For more information, call Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebier 1-665-4212.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
 Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

HOLIDAY FEAST
 Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, will be having its annual free Holiday Feast from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Fellowship Hall. Ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Public is invited. For those who are unable to get out and would like a Christmas meal delivered, call 665-0031 by 5 p.m. today to make arrangements.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, Dec. 22
 11:39 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to an alarm malfunction at 2217 N. Hobart.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Carson purchases new county equipment

By **SHERRY CROMARTIE**
 Staff Writer

Carson County Judge Jay Roselius reported Carson County commissioners decided to purchase county vehicles, including an Allis Chamber tractor, a pickup and an automobile.

He said approval was given Friday by the commissioners for the purchase of the tractor, at a price of \$6,000, for use in Precinct 4 in the White Deer community.

"When considering the other two vehicles, we looked at bids received from the Cooperative Purchasing Group of Galveston at a total bid of \$38,831, and from Metcalf Motors of Panhandle, for a total bid of \$39,225. After considering the added costs of distance travel and delivery of vehicles from

Galveston, the decision was made to stay with the local dealer," Roselius said.

A 1997 Ford pickup and a 1997 Ford automobile, equipped for use by Carson County law enforcement, will be delivered by Metcalf Motors.

The court acknowledged the required bond for the Carson County tax collector, at an increase from \$11,500 to \$13,000 as required by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

A safekeeping receipt from Sun Bank for \$1 million dollars was released and a replacement of the safekeeping receipt in the same amount was accepted, from Sun Bank, by the commissioners.

Roselius announced to the court that swearing-in of Carson County elected officials will be at 9 a.m. Jan. 2 in the county court-

room on the second floor of Carson County Courthouse.

Those officers include incumbents Roslyn Watson, tax collector/assessor; Loren Brand, sheriff; Jerry Strawn, commissioner of Precinct 3; Mike Britten, commissioner of Precinct 1; and Scott Sherwood, newly elected county attorney.

In other matters, the commissioners discussed the installation of the rail guard at the county agriculture building, which should be completed this week. According to Roselius, the improvements should protect the building from vehicles parking on the south side of the building.

Roselius said the county offices will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1. The next regular court session is at 9 a.m. on Jan. 13.

Snowstorm strands Amtrak train passengers

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada's state government was shut down today after a storm that dumped more than 8 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada, halting travel through the mountains and even stranding an Amtrak train.

The heavy snow closed most Tahoe-area highways during much of the weekend, including busy Interstate 80 and U.S. 50 which cross the mountains to connect the Reno-Tahoe area to Sacramento, Calif.

I-80 and U.S. 50 were open

today, as the sky began clearing over the mountains, but chains were required and officials warned that travel would be slow.

More than 200 Amtrak passengers reached Sacramento early today after spending part of the night stuck in the deep snow at Blue Canyon.

The last car of the California Zephyr, westbound from Chicago to Oakland, Calif., derailed in the snow about 10:15 p.m. Sunday. The car remained upright and no one was hurt.

Amtrak officials loaded all the passengers onto one car, which left Blue Canyon about 1:30 a.m. and reached Sacramento more than three hours later.

More than 8 feet of snow fell on the mountains surrounding Lake Tahoe, which lies along the California-Nevada state line.

"We knew the storm had the potential for heavy snow, but there's no way we could have known we would get that much out of it," said National Weather Service meteorologist Ray Collins in Reno.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21
 A 20-inch boys BMX bike was reported being found.

SUNDAY, Dec. 22
 A 31-year-old male reported an aggravated assault at 618 W. Foster. The complainant had major swelling and bleeding on the left eye and two minor lacerations. No suspect was arrested.

A runaway was reported in the 1800 block of north Christy.

A 21-year-old female reported an assault in Prairie Village Park. No injuries were reported.

Officer Trevor McGill reported a pursuit beginning in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Pursuit ended at Loop 171 and Highway 70. A suspect was

arrested and charged with fleeing.

Officer Trevor McGill reported a suspect evading detention in the alley between Sumner and Nelson. No arrests were made.

A 34-year-old female reported an assault in the 800 block of East Francis.

Arrests

SATURDAY, Dec. 21
 Rusty Wade Wood, 24, was arrested in 100 block of East Browning on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was transferred to another county.

Bobby Dale Preston, 17, Lefors, was arrested at in the 700 block of West McCullough on a possession of drug paraphernalia and two instanter warrants. He was released on bond.

Dusty Lewis Romines, 17, Pampa was charged with fleeing. He was transferred to Gray County jail, with bond set at \$2,000.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following incident and arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21
 Gray County deputies responded to a report of a theft under \$20 at the Country Corner.

Arrests
 Jorge Luis Cordero, 23, 315 S. Ballard, was arrested

on a charge of driving on a suspended license. He was released on bond.

John Hardy King, 45, 411 Texas, was arrested on violation of probation charge. He remains in custody.

Wade Ray Wood, 24, 731 Naida, was arrested on charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was released on bond.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

EARLY ADVERTISING
 Deadline for the Pampa News, for December 24 and 26th. Questions-669-2525.

REBECCA ANN'S - 1521 N. Hobart, 40% off - excluding hose. No lay-aways. No refunds. No exchanges. Adv.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS and stocking stuffers. Lots of ceramics, jewelry, tools, toys and much, much more all for \$1 each at the Dollar Store, Coronado Center. Adv.

GUYS, GIVE your wives a set of AmWay waterless cookware for Christmas \$620. 883-2461. Adv.

ZACH THOMAS Dolphin Jerseys have arrived!! Only \$39.95. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

COLD WEATHER is here, let us be your furrier! Custom orders welcome. We have fur trimmed ultra suede casual fun jackets in stock. Images, 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.

MEN'S NIGHT - The Landmark Club, Monday Night Football. Come check out the specials! We now have a DJ on Tuesday nights. 618 W. Foster, 665-4404. Adv.

GOLDKRAFT JEWELERS has selected items 40%-60% off! We invite you to come in and take advantage of our Christmas Sale. 1334 N. Hobart, open til 7 p.m. Open Christmas Eve til 7 p.m. Adv.

CHIROPRACTOR; Robert R. Loerwald D.C. Back Pain, Neck Pain, Non Force Treatment. 669-7676, 1716 N. Hobart. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Open 11-2 p.m. Tuesday 24th only. Closed Christmas Day! Merry Christmas to all. Adv.

CHRISTMAS DAY Buffet - Grand Coronado Inn. Join us for the Best Buffet in town. We will be serving our traditional Christmas Dinner: Turkey, Ham, Dressing, all the trimmings, and Fantastic Desserts. 11-2 p.m. \$7.95 adults, \$6.95 Srs., \$4.95 children, kids under 6 eat free. Reservation appreciated, 669-2506. Relax, visit with friends and family while we do the cooking! Adv.

CHICKEN EXPRESS - Tuesday only, Customer Appreciation Day 15% off. 2201 Perryton Parkway. Adv.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 21
 10:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Wells on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

SUNDAY, Dec. 22
 6:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Farley on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a possible trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Hwy. 70 and Loop 171 on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported.

MONDAY, Dec. 23
 1:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility for a possible trauma. One patient transported to Columbia Medical Center.

4:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport one patient back to a nursing facility.

4:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of East 17th on a medical. One patient was transported to CMC.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, low will drop down to mid teens. Tuesday, warmer with highs near 48. Tuesday night, low in the upper 20s. Christmas Day, high in upper 50s. Low this morning was 22.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy with lows from mid teens to mid 20s. Tuesday, mostly sunny and warmer with highs from low to upper 50s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy low rolling plains, mostly clear South Plains. Lows in the 20s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 50s.

North Texas — Tonight, mostly clear central and west. Decreasing cloudiness early east. Lows 32 north central to 40 extreme southeast. Tuesday, mostly sunny and cooler. Highs 49 to 55.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, clear and cool. Lows in mid 40s, mid 30s Hill Country. Tuesday, sunny and cooler. Highs in mid 60s. Upper Coast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cool with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in upper 40s inland to upper 50s coast. Tuesday, sunny and cooler. Highs in mid 60s inland to low 60s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio

Grande Plains: Wind advisory in effect for coastal areas. Tonight, clear. Lows in mid 50s. Tuesday, sunny and cooler. Highs near 70.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Tonight, generally clear and colder. Lows single digits to teens mountains and northwest with 20s to near 30 lower elevations. Tuesday, partly cloudy north. Fair south. Highs upper 30s to around 50 mountains and north with 50s and 60s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in mid teens north to mid 30s south. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in upper 30s to near 50.

Making post cards



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Mrs. Cile Taylor, local artist, teaches a watercolor class Friday for sixth graders and Upper School students at the Community Christian School, doing a project on making post cards. The art class is the final activity of the fall semester before students began their Christmas holiday break. Students will return to class on Jan. 6.

Boilers at many new state prisons substandard, according to report

AUSTIN (AP) — Boilers at about a third of state prisons built in the past four years don't meet state safety standards because of design and installation errors, according to a newspaper report.

Citing state records, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Sunday that design or construction flaws are so widespread that state regulators have issued at least 146 waivers of Texas' strict boiler safety law — a record number.

Boiler defects were found in 20 of 56 of the state's newest prisons, despite millions of dollars the state paid on design experts to assure such mistakes weren't made.

"This situation never should have happened," said George Bynog, chief boiler inspector at the Department of Licensing and Regulation. "I don't understand how so many professionals who were overseeing these projects could have allowed this to happen."

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said the problems pose no safety threat. But the newspaper said the department has begun an investigation after an Aug. 10 boiler explosion at the Hutchins State Jail southeast of Dallas and a malfunction at the Lychner State Jail in Humble, also in August.

Both mishaps were blamed on construction mistakes, even though the state spent millions of dollars during its \$1.5 billion prison construction program on experts to make sure the designs and installations were done correctly, the newspaper reported.

The state investigation will seek information on how much the repairs will cost and who should pay.

"There are a variety of people who should have caught these problems but didn't," said Mike Collins, the prison system's construction design manager. "We want to know what happened."

Two other state agencies are investigating, as well: one that licenses boilers and one that licenses engineers.

At some prisons, officials concede that water-heater boilers were stacked two and three high, a code violation. Others were installed just six inches from the nearest wall. The code requires a minimum of two feet of clearance.

Others do not have enough combustion air to function properly because of design or construction flaws.

Adding to officials' frustration is that many of the disputed installations were done according to manufacturers' recommendations. And they are safe, prison officials insist, even though they don't comply with state law.

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Nation briefs

Co-creator of *Curious George* dies at 90

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Ask any young fan of children's books and the child is likely to offer an opinion about *Curious George*.

"He's a little crazy," said seven-year-old Morgan Adams of Acton, Mass. "He's always doing things he's not supposed to do."

Fans were saddened to hear that *George's* co-creator, Margret E. Rey, died at age 90. But they agreed that the mischievous monkey, who scampered into the hearts of generations of children around the world, will live on.

Rey died Saturday at her Cambridge home three weeks after suffering a heart attack, her publisher said. She and her husband, the late H.A. Rey, created the irrepressible fictional monkey. The series has sold more than 20 million copies in 12 languages.

George's creators led an adventurous life, just like their monkey. The Reys escaped Paris on bicycles with the unsold manuscript in 1940 just before German troops occupied the city.

"Actually, it was fun," Margret Rey said of their journey in an interview with *The Associated Press* in April. "People always ask, 'Were you afraid?' You don't have time to be afraid."

Mrs. Rey was born in Hamburg, Germany, on May 16, 1906. She met Hans Augusto Rey as a girl and they married years later in Brazil, where he had gone in 1923 to escape Germany's post-World War I inflation.

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Grade school students devise bus detecting device

CINNAMINSON, N.J. (AP) — Dismal weather, not necessity, was the mother of this invention.

Second-graders Jordan Wompierski and Carly Snyder missed their school bus on a gloomy, rainy morning last spring. Forced to stay home, the two started working on a way to make sure it didn't happen again.

The solution: J.C.'s Bus-O-Matic, of course. J.C. stands for Jordan and Carly.

The young Einsteins came up with an electronic device that alerts children when their school bus is within a half-mile of their house. A radio signal is transmitted from the bus to a receiver in the house.

The pair won the second-grade prize in the national "Invent America" contest sponsored by the U.S. Patent Model Foundation and each received a \$500 savings bond.

Cronkite nostalgic about news career

NEW YORK (AP) — Walter Cronkite says he probably wouldn't make it as a TV news anchor today.

Newscasters of the 1990s are good looking, exceptionally good ad-libbers, and intensely competitive, the 80-year-old retired anchor said in the Dec. 28 issue of *TV Guide*.

"I'm all those things, but not to the degree that they are," he says. "I was lucky to come along at the time that I did."

Cronkite, whose career in journalism spanned six decades, says he was not prepared for how much he would miss the news business after his retirement.

"I just didn't know how serious that withdrawal would be." To compensate, he says he is planning to launch a web site on international affairs.

Specialists want to know why certain cities more vulnerable to racial tensions

WASHINGTON (AP) — In air thick with tear gas and rage, rioters in St. Petersburg, Fla., reduced buildings to ashes last month after a white policeman was acquitted of killing a black motorist.

The same day in Pittsburgh, an angry crowd gathered outside a courthouse as another white police officer won acquittal in the death of black motorist.

Some in the mob tried to pull down the U.S. flag. But the protest halted there, replaced by a tense calm.

Why some cities simply simmer while others boil over into riots following police killings with racial overtones puzzles specialists.

Since the circumstances of no two cases are identical, simple comparisons aren't easy, said Lorie A. Fridell, a researcher and professor of criminology at Florida State University.

However, Fridell said, the level of tension between police and the ethnic or racial community, how openly officials confront the incident, the depth of underlying rage among residents and even the weather seem key to whether violence or calm will reign.

"If the relationship between police and the community is generally good and a questionable shooting occurs, both sides can fall back on the communication they built in the past," Fridell said. "But if the relations have been poor, the shooting could be the straw that breaks the camel's back."

Community leaders in St. Petersburg would agree.

"This city's divisions didn't start with that shooting," said Pastor Manuel Sykes of Bethel Community Baptist Church. "Relations have been strained for some time, but they erupted with

this recent tragedy. It was the trigger."

Sykes, who has led community meetings since the Nov. 13 acquittal, said St. Petersburg has a recent history of strained relations between the police and the black community.

Four years ago, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission gave the city a failing grade for race relations. It raised the grade to a 'B' two years later, but Sykes said trust has been difficult to cultivate in St. Petersburg, where police have killed six citizens in the line of duty this year.

"Goodwill between the community and police has been rare," Sykes said.

In Baltimore, police officer Stephen Pagotto was prosecuted for the death of black motorist Preston E. Barnes. While several groups held angry rallies, no rioting occurred in the days following the Feb. 7 killing.

Pagotto was convicted Dec. 17 on involuntary manslaughter and reckless endangerment charges and faces up to 20 years in prison when sentenced next Feb. 27.

Baltimore NAACP President Rodney Orange credited "an open dialogue" between community leaders and police officials with lessening tensions.

"It doesn't feel like anyone is trying to cover anything up. City leaders have been accessible," Orange said.

Samuel Walker, professor of criminology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, said police use of force is relatively rare but appears overwhelmingly put upon urban males.

Thomas said force is used in about 1 percent of police encounters with the public. In about two-thirds of the cases, the force is justified, he said.

Evidence emerges in corruption case

DALLAS (AP) — A friend of city council member Paul Fielding bragged to an undercover FBI agent that the councilman used his political clout to secure a huge contract for a client, *The Dallas Morning News* reported today.

The newspaper said wiretap transcripts and investigators' reports from an FBI sting dubbed Operation Cobra Nest revealed the alleged boasting by Roger Hoffman, a chemical salesman, four years ago.

Fielding, 41, has pleaded innocent to charges contained in a federal indictment issued in June. Charges range from allegations

that he defrauded investors to accusations that he abused his council office in a zoning case.

Fielding faces up to 70 years in prison and \$2 million in fines if convicted of all counts in a trial expected to begin April 7.

The newspaper said he refused several interview requests.

"You're going to have to find some other way to sell newspapers than by bashing me," Fielding was quoted as telling the newspaper. He did not immediately return a telephone call from *The Associated Press*.

Neither federal prosecutors nor FBI agents would comment on the Fielding case.

Festive Christmas display draws visitors to farm

LINDALE, Texas (AP) — During the Christmas holidays, it's difficult for drivers on Interstate 20 not to notice the Palmer farm, about 85 miles east of Dallas.

How do you not see more than a million Christmas lights, strung up along a mile-long stretch?

For the second holiday season, Pat Palmer and Sue Williams and their families are donning Santa Claus hats and spending each night from November to January directing carloads of customers through a display they call Santaland.

They won't say how many vehicles have come this holiday season, paying \$10 per car and \$25 per commercial van. But they predicted this year's attendance will match last year's 100,000 visitors.

"People just love to look at Christmas lights," Mrs. Palmer told *The Dallas Morning News*. "I think people like to get in the car and go, mostly."

The glowing display is more than the lights and nativity scenes of a traditional roadside Christmas.

Under the tangles of tree-borne lights are also wooden scenes with a decidedly East Texas twist — elves cutting pulpwood, elves bass fishing, hard-hatted elves manning a gushing oil derrick, elves golfing.

There's also a 30-foot faucet gushing an icy, glittering waterfall.

Country music carols twang from hidden speakers, and towering snowmen wave electrified red mittens toward I-20 travelers.

West Texas judges experiment with court by television

LUBBOCK (AP) — They've tried it in East Texas. Now, a West Texas federal magistrate will try using closed-circuit television to conduct court hearings in other cities without leaving his Lubbock courtroom.

"I had 46 hearings in Abilene last month, and I could have done 46 hearings here," U.S. Magistrate Judge J.Q. Warnick said.

About \$51,000 worth of equipment has been installed in

Warnick's court. The outfit primarily will be used in civil rights cases filed by state prison inmates, mostly from Abilene's French Robertson Unit.

When an inmate alleges mistreatment, he must list reasons for the complaint. If the inmate doesn't have an attorney, the documents he files often are unclear and a judge must conduct a hearing to understand what abuses are being alleged, Warnick said.

The prisoner is sworn in and questioned about his claim and what damages he wants compensation for.

Typically, Warnick and his staff have had to travel to Abilene at least once a month and hold court in the prison chapel.

"It's inefficient," he told the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. "We have a day of travel. Sometimes we finish by noon and only have a half-day of work."

Furthermore, state prison officials have to worry about keeping security during the judge's visit.

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Opinion

Counterbalancing the trade deficit

Here's the good economic news: The stock market is up, the holiday shopping season promises to be strong and creation of new jobs continues to outstrip layoffs.

So how do we square the evidence of economic health with the "bad news" that the United States trade deficit ballooned nearly one-fifth, to \$47.96 billion in the third quarter?

It was the largest gap ever between the value of goods and services exported compared to those imported. The difference surpassed the \$43.2 billion gap of fourth-quarter 1987, putting the country on a pace to have the highest annual deficit in many years.

In a word, the trade deficit is not bad news, although it is often so portrayed. In fact, the trade deficit itself tells us nothing especially important about overall economic performance, now or future.

It is a concept that gets a lot of attention, perhaps because detailed statistics kept on transactions that cross borders yield a precise number that is announced with great fanfare every quarter. But there's much less here than meets the eye.

We've had big trade differences during times of robust economic growth and small gaps during recessions — and vice versa. The trade figures do sometimes contain interesting information. For instance, that U.S. exports fell last quarter for the first time in many years is potentially troubling.

But the concept of a "trade deficit" perhaps we should call it "trade difference" — means little because: The U.S. economy is not "USA Incorporated," but the sum of millions of transactions by private firms — each of which was perceived to be mutually beneficial or it wouldn't have been completed. The notion that exports are somehow better than imports is something of a superstition; any voluntary trade benefits those who make it.

The trade difference depends to a great extent on international currency prices, which may or may not reflect economic health in different countries.

And the difference is only apparent and temporary; those who sell goods and services to Americans get dollars in return, and eventually those dollars will have to be spent in the United States.

The stock market seems to know that panic about the trade deficit is unwarranted. The market continued to rise after news of the deficit hit, although the day ended mixed for reasons that had nothing to do with a trade difference.

Before you pledge to PBS ...

Pledge week is on again at many local PBS affiliates, which often believe a week should last two or three weeks. But before you and your friends pony up another donation, perhaps you ought to take a share of that money and get Laurence Jarvik's new book, *PBS: Behind the Screen*.

The book is not an angry, investigative jeremiad that pleads for privatization on every page. When Jarvik writes warmly about the aplomb of Alistair Cooke or Julia Child, you recognize that the author doesn't hate public TV — in fact, he's been a member of the television station WETA in Washington. The book is to be recommended not simply for its message of public broadcasting reform but to any reader interested in a historical primer on how some of the network's most prominent shows arrived on the air, from Julia Child to Monty Python to Milton Friedman's *Free to Choose*.

What bothers Jarvik, the reformer, are two things. First is the decades long refusal of PBS to live up to its promise — congressionally mandated, to boot — of fairness and balance, often opting instead for crude propaganda attacking the conservative vision in general, its leaders in particular. Second, and perhaps more salient for the PBS audience, is the network's incessant begging for funds from Congress and viewers alike at the same time the stations and their programming suppliers dine on wine-and-cheese buffets, become merchandising millionaires and even carry large stock and bond portfolios.

Since his first Washington work stint at the Heritage Foundation in 1992, Jarvik has presented the hard data to show how a network founded out of contempt principles, a network of sweetheart deals between liberal friends who use PBS as their own Liberal Home Shopping Club.

Take the Children's Television Workshop, whose



L. Brent Bozell

chief, Joan Ganz Cooney, once proclaimed: "The provisions of good programs for children must be removed from the free enterprise system and made a public service." Jarvik notes: "Yet, CTW has licensed products since the day *Sesame Street* went on the air" — now in the billions of dollars. Today, CTW contracts out the making of its *Sesame Street* toys to cheap Asian laborers. Perhaps we ought to call it the Children's Television Sweatshop.

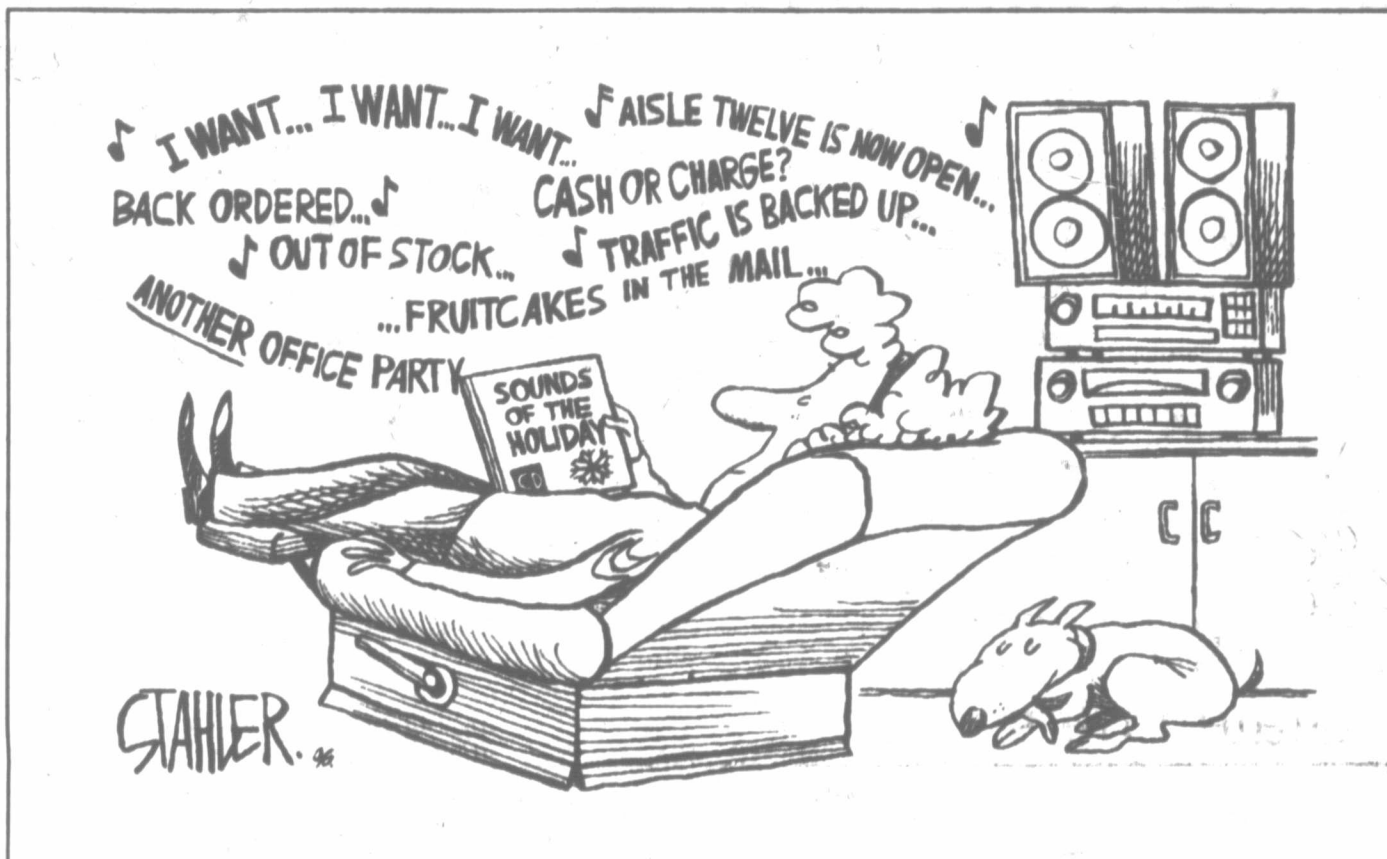
Take Bill Moyers. Jarvik reveals that Moyers is not just an interviewer; he's a salesman whose programs are one part interview, one part infomercial. In one of his most successful ventures, "The Power of Myth," with spiritual guru Joseph Campbell, Moyers, unbeknownst to his audience, had entered into a partnership agreement with Campbell's publisher giving him a share in the proceeds of a book in connection with the series. "The fact that Moyers was selling Campbell's mythologies for his own personal profit was not disclosed to the viewing public during the broadcast, to the press or in Moyers' own filing with PBS," Jarvik notes, suggesting this could have been judged a violation of PBS guidelines and kept from the airwaves.

But PBS has no standards and practices department

to investigate conflicts of interest or even grievous inaccuracies. Jarvik notes the historical travesty of the PBS *American Experience* documentary "Liberators," which claimed a battalion of black soldiers liberated the concentration camps at Dachau and Buchenwald. Despite complaints before the show's November 1992 broadcast, it took months for New York station WNET and *The American Experience* to investigate the film, which they later acknowledged was inaccurate. "Needless to say, no PBS, CPB, WGBH or WNET official has been publicly disciplined or held accountable for the errors in the program," Jarvik reports. Worse yet, although the film was eventually pulled off the air, PBS officials did not remove it from the home video market. This failure to apologize for inaccuracy is endemic to PBS, as any victim of the documentary series *Frontline* can testify.

Even pledge drives are exposed as dishonest in the book. Former Mobil public relations man Herb Schmetz marvels at how stations would use *Masterpiece Theatre*, fully funded by Mobil, as a fundraising tool at begging time. "For you to make the statement that it's because of *Masterpiece Theatre* that people should give money to public television is a lie. It's not truth in advertising." The same goes for much of PBS' most popular programming, like *Sesame Street* or *Barney and Friends*, which generate fortunes through merchandising, but those dishonest pitches continue.

Just as the network has consistently refused to present both sides of public controversies, PBS has never waged a fair fight over... PBS. At the height of the debate over continued taxpayer funding of PBS, PBS had spent \$2 million — belonging to those taxpayers — on an ad campaign, and then used public airwaves to endlessly broadcast these free commercials for themselves. If PBS were truly devotees of balance, they'd be offering Jarvik's book as a pledge drive premium.



Today in history

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Dec. 23, the 358th day of 1996. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 23, 1823, the poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas* by Clement C. Moore ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was published anonymously in the *Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel*.

On this date:
In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1805, Joseph Smith Jr., founder of the Mormon Church, was born in Sharon, Vt.

In 1893, the opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

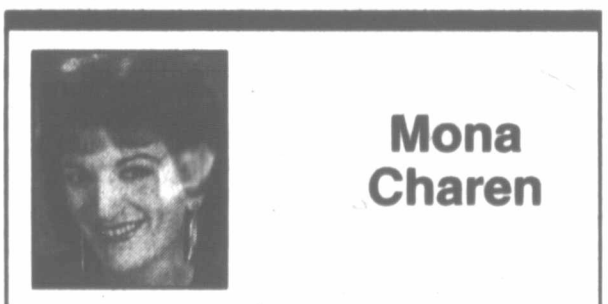
TV ratings won't solve the problem

With all the enthusiasm of a puppy being led to the scene of his "accident," the television networks are moving toward the announcement of a ratings system for TV shows.

This is not a voluntary act of good citizenship on the part of television executives. They were forced into adopting the ratings system by the new telecommunications act adopted last February. The act requires all new sets to be equipped with a V-chip — a device that will permit parents to block out programs with certain ratings — and mandates that if the television industry fails to implement a ratings system, the Federal Communications Commission will do it instead.

But the system the networks are describing has lots of parents groups and others seething. "This is not a small step in the right direction; this is a step in the wrong direction," Kim Wade, assistant general counsel of the Children's Defense Fund, told *The New York Times*. The CDF and groups like the National Parent-Teacher Association are disappointed that the ratings the networks seem to have settled on will tell parents very little about the actual content of programs. Instead, shows will be rated on an age-based system: TV-K will designate shows appropriate for all children, TV-K7 will apply to those who should be age seven or older; TV-G will apply to general audiences, escalating up to TV-PG ("parental guidance"), TV-14 (parents "strongly cautioned"), and TV-M ("mature audiences").

Critics are complaining that such a system will not specify whether the program contains sex,



Mona Charen

violence or bad language. It relies entirely upon each show's producer's judgment about what is appropriate for children of various ages.

Jack Valenti, the man who presides over the Motion Picture Association, is also devising the ratings system for television. He's a curious choice. Valenti is not, to say the least, sympathetic toward parents who wish to protect their kids from sex and violence. For 25 years, he has been making the argument that if you object to what's on TV or in the movies, just turn it off or don't attend. It's no surprise that he would offer a ratings system that doesn't convey much information.

The trouble with Valenti's "do your own thing" approach is that we all live in the same culture. Just as my children must breathe the air that may be polluted by smokestack industries, so they imbibe the attitudes and fashions circulated by the entertainment industry.

Perhaps I'm overly sensitive, but it strikes me that

many of the products intended even for very little kids (mine are five, three, and nine months) are not "age appropriate." Have you seen *Toy Story*? A frolic for the kiddies, you suppose? Not quite. It's a great movie, but there is one scene (funny to adults, perhaps) in which Sid, the evil neighbor child, tortures his toys. It was enough to give children nightmares. Fortunately, I had been warned by my brother and therefore only permitted my kids to see it on video. The fast-forward button was never handier.

When *Jurassic Park* came out a few years ago, it was marketed aggressively to kids of all ages — though Steven Spielberg acknowledged he would not allow his then five-year-old to see it.

And what of *Power Rangers*? This is close to home because I must admit that I am not the perfect parent and, in the last several weeks, in response to intense importuning, have let my children watch not just the TV show several times but the feature-length movie as well. The violence, while cartoonish, is still violence — and teaches violence.

Look, I know kids, particularly boys, need adventure stories and "superheroes" to admire. But literature throughout the ages has provided swash-buckling sagas without the graphic and disgusting stuff that is now routinely added to kids' fare.

Ratings are a very poor response to a problem that goes deeper. It's a failure to respect the innocence of childhood. The grown-up kids who make television and movies are too busy acting out their own fantasies to remember that as adults, they have a duty to protect the young.

Race: The wall everyone tries to ignore

Little Benji Mims got a quick lesson in racism. The nine-year-old boy, who is white, was playing at his home with nine-year-old Dwight Miller, who is black. Benji apparently had no idea that there was anything strange or unusual about their playing together. But when Benji's parents began assaulting young Dwight — tying him to a tree, beating his feet with a crowbar, choking him with a belt — Benji started seeing things in a new way, and he promptly turned on his friend.

Most of us never receive such a crude introduction to the world of racism, but we ultimately get the idea. I'm not talking about the terrible and overt racism committed by the Mims family. I'm talking about the more insidious kind — the kind committed by people of good intentions. The kind that says I don't want to harm you, and I don't want to offend you. So let's just make things easy on ourselves and keep our distance.

I think about Simone. There's an old picture of the two of us — a couple of little girls lying beneath a tree, pretending to be asleep. I am holding her black baby doll and she is cradling my white one. Simone and I were best friends in kindergarten, and I worshipped her. She was pretty and smart, and by far the most popular girl in Miss O'Hara's class.

Simone and I used to tell everyone that we were twins, blissfully unaware of the fact that we weren't fooling anyone. Not that we were color-blind. To the contrary, I was fascinated with the way Simone's palms were lighter than the rest of



Sara Eckel

her skin. And I loved to play with her soft and squishy hair. The difference is, we weren't self-conscious about such things. We didn't know there was a reason to be self-conscious.

I had heard of racism, but it was something abstract, something they talked about on television. It wasn't until my next door neighbor Melissa told me that I should stop playing with Simone because she was "colored" that it ever hit my five-year-old world. But I didn't like Melissa and her parents gave me the creeps, so her words carried no weight.

But eventually I got the message. I don't know exactly where or how. But I do know that Simone is the last black person that I ever became close friends with. And I know that when I grew older I would stiffen a little when I met someone who was black. I was prepping myself, telling myself not to be racist, trying to convince everyone — including myself — that I was free of prejudice.

Of course, that little reflex was part of the problem. However well intentioned, it immediately put a wall between myself and my new acquaintance — which I think is the reason why no close attachments ever formed.

And then the bottom fell out. My friend Katherine and I were having a party, and we had been buzzing people into our apartment building all night. Once, when I was near the door, I heard the bell ring and decided to let the guests in myself. But when I got to the door there were two women I had never seen before, one of them was black and the other was white. I gave them an apologetic smile and turned around. I knew they weren't our guests.

I'm sure I don't have to explain what happened next. A little while later, I saw them at the party and realized they were friends of Katherine's. I was too mortified to apologize to them for what I had done — that would mean acknowledging what I had done — so instead I offered them a drink. They were understandably cool. They had made a decision about me, and I wasn't sure they were wrong.

For months, I felt nothing but shame about the incident. But eventually, something interesting happened. Once my secret was out — both to myself and others — my self-consciousness dissolved. Realizing that my heart was not pure was the first step toward making it more so.

And that's what I think this country should do. It does no good to deny that we have a race problem. So let's admit it, and go from there.

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Letters to the editor

Writer lacks poise

To the editor:
I'm writing in regard to last week's letter in which the writer says he felt the Career Day picture showing a speaker talking with the high school students in a relaxed pose was "unpoised." He wrote he felt it was someone trying to be a teenager.
I am amazed a person who lives three hours away from our town has the time and gall to spend time on such a cruel act, criticizing a very important and mature doctor in our community. I'm sure his town could use his spare time on important things like the elderly, Meals on Wheels, The Salvation Army.

Perhaps he would like to know the doctor he spoke of spends one day's doctor's wages a week at the free clinic. She spends several days every year working with children to build a Christmas float. She walks on the cancer walks, Fight for Life. How many doctors in your community don a sweatshirt and get out at 6 in the morning to walk five miles with cancer survivors? There are so many other things this doctor does daily it would take a couple of weeks to write down.

That's what I consider "poised."
The kids in the audience came away feeling very inspired. That evening my son, who was in the audience, told me about how real the doctor's talk was. The kids felt that if a woman that young and down to earth could become a doctor, they felt they could too. Her poise that day was one that helped the kids communicate on a level they could understand and inspired them to reach for that dream.

She had no suit and tie, but she was able to reach them easily because of that. Would you have had her standing behind a podium? The students said they would not. It was not supposed to be a speech but a one-on-one talk with teenagers.

I hope the fact she is a woman doctor was not what bothered you. The days of doctors being in suits and ties - receiving payments of crops or cattle, making house calls, being over 40 - are over. The fact that the doctor is a woman and so young is part of the reason the kids felt they too could be doctors, and she encompassed the females, too. She also talked about a lot of medical fields including EMTs and laboratory workers.

That night my son and I discussed college seriously. He is just a freshman, but we both feel we should start preparing and receiving more information. I thank the doctor for her ability to get and keep the students' interest. She did not talk at or above the students, she talked with them, not an easy task.

I don't think the writer really thought about the effect the letter would have. The kids thought it was a cheap shot. She made adults look good to the kids. The writer made all adults look bad again. It was cruel and uncalled for.

In the writer's own words, "I have read The Pampa News longer than I care to remember." On

the contrary, I enjoy reading my paper and look forward to it everyday. I just hope, as long as I can remember, I never have to read such garbage again. I'm proud of our doctors for doing a very hard job.

I know this is a long letter, but the amount of people upset is very long also.

Judy Johnson
Pampa High School kids, friends, co-workers and patients
Pampa

Why hide Nativity?

To the editor:
My husband and I recently drove through Recreation Park to view the Celebration of Lights display. I was looking forward to scenes of the Nativity as we celebrate Jesus' birth. All was very colorful and I could tell a lot of time, money and effort had gone into the display. However, my soul was saddened as I kept looking for a display celebrating Jesus' birth, the reason for the season. Then there on the west side, off the road in a kind of obscure out of the way place, was a small depiction of the Nativity, which I might have missed had I not been looking for it.

It seemed as if He said to me, "This is what often happens, Helen. I'm put in an out of the way place. Nevertheless, I came that you might have life and I love you. Seek me and you will find me."

I challenge you and myself this year not to put Jesus in an obscure out of the way place in our hearts and lives, but to remember truly "He is the reason for the season."

Let us remember amidst all the hustle, bustle, tinsel and glitter this season to give Jesus top billing and first place in our lives. Thank you for allowing me to share.

Helen Allison
Pampa

Thankful for trip

To the editor:
Nothing can make you any happier than to be with your family and friends on Thanksgiving. I was blessed to be able to eat dinner with my children who live in Fort Worth and then journey to Houston. In Houston I visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gordon and had the opportunity to meet her mom, Mrs. Mae Williams, a very dear friend. We had a fun time and attended church with her on Sunday.

I cannot forget our good time with Iva Jordan and Neva Thomas. On Monday they took us out for breakfast and let us stuff ourselves. We did enjoy it and had a good visit.

The most important thing about this trip is my brother, Leslie William, acted as my chauffeur. Take a tip from me, if you don't have a wife or a husband, and have a good brother like mine, that's the only way to travel.

Doris Jones
Pampa

State briefs

Wal-Mart fires employees, for hiding popular doll

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Wal-Mart has fired two employees and suspended two for hiding the hard-to-find Tickle Me Elmo doll so they could purchase it themselves before customers had a chance to.

"What they were doing was what we (Wal-Mart) call understocking," said Gerald Smith, the manager of Wal-Mart's store at U.S. 281 and Loop 1604 in San Antonio. "They were hiding the toy and later bought the item for themselves."

Other Wal-Marts reported no problems with understocking. Smith said all employees know that understocking is unacceptable.

An employee who did not want to be identified, told the San Antonio Express-News that management knew that the understocking was happening but turned a blind eye to it.

"The managers knew what the policy was and it's really upsetting when associates are being fired and some of the managers are not for doing the same thing," the associate said.

Smith said he knew of no managers involved in understocking.

Fugitive sought for questioning in physician's slaying

DONNA (AP) — Authorities want to question a former Donna police officer and current federal fugitive about the October slaying of a McAllen physician.

Gilberto Salinas, 28, a federal fugitive since 1990, is sought for questioning in the slaying of McAllen physician Francisco Jusino.

Authorities said Salinas, also known as Gilberto Doria, is believed to be the father of a baby boy that Jusino delivered on Sept. 11. The child's mother died three days after the birth.

Police also said they are investigating alleged threats made

against Jusino by the woman's family.

Salinas' family declined to comment on the murder investigation, but the family's attorney, Tony Canales of Corpus Christi, said the allegations were false.

"He is not involved in this case," Canales said of Salinas.

In Donna, a town of 13,000 people located 12 miles east of McAllen, a street and elementary school carries the family surname in honor of Salinas' brother, Navy Capt. Daniel Salinas II. His father, Alfonso Salinas, known around town as "The Lightning Bolt" in Spanish, was a popular elections judge.

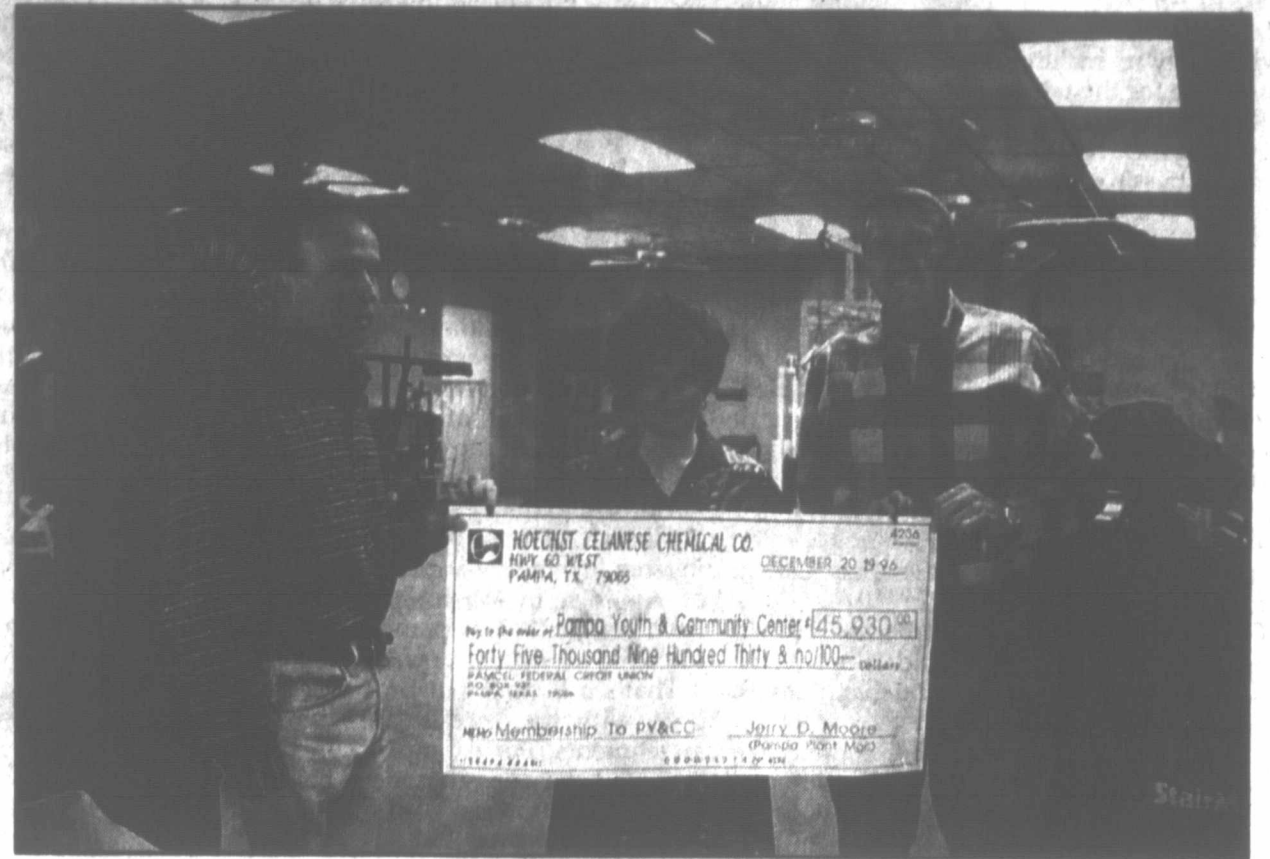
Off-duty deputy killed, another wounded in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A 24-year-old man accused of fatally shooting an off-duty Harris County sheriff's deputy and wounding another has been charged with capital murder.

Man Truong, 24, is sought in the weekend slaying of deputy Randy Eng, who had told Truong to leave his sister's wedding reception after a disturbance, police spokesman Jack Cato said Sunday.

Authorities said Truong had not been captured by early today. Eng and deputy Murray Campbell, who was wounded in the arm, were providing security at the southwest Houston restaurant where the shooting occurred.

Youth Center membership drive



Lee Garcia, left, Pampa Youth and Community Center manager, and Ladin Moore, PYCC board president, accept a check from Hoechst Celanese Pampa Facility representative Denise Story, health administrator, for \$45,930. The check represents Hoechst Celanese's PYCC funds for its 1997 corporate membership drive. Some 33 percent of the Pampa plant employees took advantage of the opportunity to join the PYCC through the corporate drive. The Center offers corporate rates to businesses; Hoechst Celanese contributes a portion of the employees' membership fees during the corporate drive through its Wellness Program benefits.

Rebels free 225, including seven Americans

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Leftist rebels have released the largest group of hostages since their siege of the Japanese ambassador's home began six days ago, a "Christmas gesture" that only slightly eased pressure on the Peruvian government.

Tupac Amaru rebels still were holding 140 people — mostly Peruvian officials and Japanese businessmen — today as shields against reprisal and tools to push the government into releasing their jailed comrades. President Alberto Fujimori has ruled out prisoner releases.

Free hostages waved from bus windows while relatives in the street shouted with joy. Live television broadcasts showed exhausted-looking hostages filing out the front door and onto green hospital buses.

A U.S. Embassy official said seven Americans — Embassy and

U.S. AID officials — were among the 225 freed Sunday night. All of the American hostages were believed to be free.

In a statement Sunday, the rebels reiterated their demand for freedom for 300 jailed Tupac Amaru members. They also proposed a dialogue to find common ground to reach what they termed a just peace.

Fujimori said Saturday night that he wanted the crisis settled peacefully, and was willing to consider "a way out ... with full guarantees" for the kidnapers. First, however, he insisted they release all hostages — including Peruvian ministers, judges, congressmen and high-level police officials, as well as foreign diplomats — and lay down arms.

"This type of negotiation takes a long time," said Nelson Garcia, a released hostage.

While the rebels described the

release as a "Christmas gesture," the difficulty of guarding so many hostages may have been a factor in the decision to allow so many to leave.

Hundreds of foreign and Peruvian officials as well as businessmen were taken captive Tuesday night by rebels who struck during a gala reception at the diplomatic residence. After the last bus left for the police hospital, Red Cross director Michel Minnig confirmed the figures for those who were liberated and those left behind.

The hostages ended their captivity by walking onto buses that took them through cheering crowds to the nearby hospital, where Fujimori greeted them. Most went home immediately.

"I'm going to get a bath," Estuardo Marron, a business professor at Lima's Pacific University, said shortly after his release. "We're going to sleep all day."

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Pets are on many owners' holiday shopping lists

DALLAS (AP) - As some Christmas shoppers are making their list and checking it twice, they're making sure they get something nice for the family pet.

Ruth Ann Ragland and her husband, Fred, are giving their two cats, a Siamese named Sam and an Abyssinian named Nellie Bly, a battery-operated ball with a toy weasel attached.

"They're part of the family," said Ms. Ragland, a journalism teacher at Texas Woman's University in Denton. "If we left them out, it would be like the Grinch stole Christmas."

The Raglands aren't alone.

A 1995 survey by the American Animal Hospital Association found that 79 percent of all pet owners give their creatures holiday and birthday presents. About 72 percent chose play toys, while 60 percent preferred snacks.

Add Jan Shon to that list. Her cats are getting a pretty big stocking stuffer this year - a 2-foot high fountain.

One of the felines, Sheena, a Bengal, likes to drink from running water and some of the other cats (Ms. Shon and her husband have a house full of them) like to watch.

"I think they'll be excited when they see the fountain," she said.

They're also getting an assortment of cat beds and cat toys.

"It gives us a lot of pleasure," Ms. Shon, a psychiatric social worker from Austin, said.

"Our pets are part of our family. Our pets are our children."

Another Austin resident, Nancy Parkinson, will be giving gifts to several pets, although they're not all hers.

Ms. Parkinson owns her own pet sitting business, Wild About CatsHooked on Dogs, and has already given her cats a new scratching pad.

"It's still their Christmas present," she said. "They don't know what day it's Christmas."

During the holidays, however, she's also very busy taking care of other people's animals and that sometimes means giving them presents on behalf of their owners.

Some owners are particular about when their pets get their gifts and ask Ms. Parkinson to deliver the gifts on Dec. 25.

Michael Wannan, a therapist who teaches personality theory at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., says the need people have to pamper their pets can be traced to attachment theory.

That's a theory that proposes humans are born with the need to form and maintain attachments. For example, he explained, an infant's behavior is based on his or her need to form and maintain an attachment with a caregiver, like a parent. As people grow older, they can also form attachments with spouses, children, and, in some cases, pets.

Pets can make a particularly good "object" for attachment, Wannan said, because of their need to be petted and held, as well as the loyalty they're capable of showing.

So, it's natural to want to include pets during Christmas.

"You feel attached to a pet, so you may give the pet a present," Wannan said.

Dr. Jim Humphries, a veterinarian, also understands the need people have to make pets part of a family Christmas.

"I think people see their pets as an extension of their family," Humphries said. "To leave the cat or dog out (during the holidays) is just a major faux pas."

Humphries is president of Dallas-based St. Francis Productions, which has developed a line of pet gifts.

One of those products is Cat TV, a home video for cats featuring wild birds, mice, squirrels and fish. Humphries says cats won't turn into couch potatoes watching it, either, since they'll be getting their exercise by jumping at the screen.

There's also Fashion Paws, a line of clothes and costumes for pets.

"That goes to the surrogate child that many people see their pets as," Humphries said. "I think people are saying, 'Look at my dog, isn't he cute? And he's also part of the family.'"

Reality based shows cause furor over TV programming

NEW YORK (AP) - Nature is running amok on network television.

Rampaging floodwaters wash away cars, bears attack trainers and tornadoes destroy homes on graphic and highly rated reality shows. Many of the scenes, such as a man plummeting to earth when his bungee cord snaps, make viewers cringe.

But enough people are tuning in to make networks air more of the shows, which have ignited a controversy about the boundaries of good taste.

"I think there is a line and we work very hard to stay on the right side of that line," said Michael Rosenfeld, executive producer of a National Geographic special on killer creatures.

NBC executive Don Ohlmeyer compared the rival Fox network's broadcast of *When Animals Attack* to a snuff film, a form of pornography that glorifies killing. Toyota

asked Fox not to repeat a program with a deadly car accident.

And critics attacked the network for broadcasting the program twice within three weeks during the November "sweeps" period - when networks try to entice viewers because advertising rates are on the line.

Yet there's no indication these shows will fade away, since they're quick and easy to make and offer enough lurid fascination to stop channel surfers in their tracks.

CBS was the progenitor for nature's tabloid TV, airing *World's Most Dangerous Animals* last year. But Fox took the genre one step further with *When Animals Attack*, CBS officials said.

CBS aired footage of a bear turning on its trainer, but stopped when the attack became too graphic. Fox kept going, said Terry Botwick, vice president for special programming at CBS.

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Opposites Find Less To Attract After Five Years Of Marriage

DEAR ABBY: Jerry and I have been married for five years. It's a second marriage for both of us. The problem is we have a serious clash of personalities, which was probably true when we were dating, but I was wearing rose-colored glasses back then.

I'm naturally a positive, upbeat person; Jerry is stubborn and grouchy 90 percent of the time. He picks apart every little thing and looks for reasons to pout or be mad. I found out after we were married that he has been this way since he was very young. I'm usually relieved when he goes off to do something without me, just for the peace I get while he's gone.

I've tried everything I know to help him, but it's very tiring trying to cheer Jerry up. I've come very close to leaving him twice in the last two years.

How does a woman with a positive attitude live with a complaining, nagging man who seems hell-bent on inflicting everyone with his negative attitude?

TIRED OF LIVING WITH A GROUCH

DEAR TIRED: It is highly unlikely that you can change your husband's personality. However, you can change the way you react to Jerry's moods.

Counseling should help you learn to tolerate his moods so that you will be less affected by them. Ideally, you should both

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

have counseling. If he refuses, go without him.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to "Frustrated Homeowner," who was upset because his neighbors parked in front of his house, was good up to a point. But what if you got a response like this: "You don't own the street. I need the space in front of my house in case company comes," plus a few choice remarks about your ancestors?

In my case, my neighbor's mother would drive up almost every Saturday morning and park in front of my house, and her car would just sit there until she left Sunday night. The curb in front of my neighbor's house was always empty.

Well, I had phone messages from friends who said, "We drove by Sunday afternoon, but didn't stop because you had company," etc. So one day I went over to my neighbor and asked him if his mother could please park in front of his house.

Well, I got a tongue-lashing I'll never forget and went home with my tail between my legs.

The next weekend I brought the company pickup truck home and parked it so that my neighbor's mother would have plenty of room for her car. On Sunday afternoon I pulled the family station wagon out of the garage and parked it up close to the back bumper of her car. Next I backed the pickup close to "Mom's" front bumper and locked both vehicles up tight. Then I went inside to watch television.

About 8 p.m., my doorbell rang. It was my neighbor asking me to move one of the vehicles so that his mom could get out.

"Sure thing," I replied. "I'll be right out just as soon as I get my shoes on." Then I went back to my chair and continued to watch my TV show. Half an hour later, the doorbell rings and it's my irate neighbor wanting to know, "How long does it take to put on your damn shoes?"

Well, after an hour and a half, I moved my pickup, and Mom shot out of there and burned rubber for half a block. I gathered that she was a little upset with me, but she never parked in front of my place again.

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Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996

In the year ahead, you are likely to fare better in joint endeavors if you maintain control of situations instead of abdicating too much power. Try to be firm but fair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Associates will exert a strong influence on your decisions today. Make sure to get all the facts, and try to remain objective. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strive to accomplish your tasks, responsibilities and assignments today. If you fall behind, you might not catch up later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today, you should trust your ability, but you will also have good luck. There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you set your mind to it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If an important family matter has to be ironed out today, it will be best to bar the door to relatives, in-laws and neighbors. Resolve it without their input.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might have to deal with a vociferous individual who is a legend in his own mind. Bite your tongue instead of crossing swords with this loudmouth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should not let your lack of material wealth make you unhappy today. Make sure to take the time to count your blessings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you want others to cooperate with you today, you

must be willing to share what you hope to acquire. You must provide an incentive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you perform assignments carelessly today, your efforts could be counterproductive. Take pride in what you do, even your most menial tasks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before getting involved in a new, unfamiliar endeavor today, try to weigh all of the pros and cons. Do not skid around corners and run into walls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You should not ignore a domestic dispute today. If you do, the problem will persist and may get worse over time. Take action as soon as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you are not having any fun today, stop everything and examine your attitude. Negative thoughts will generate negative effects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Caution and prudence in your commercial affairs will be essential today if you want satisfactory results. Try to avoid mistakes.

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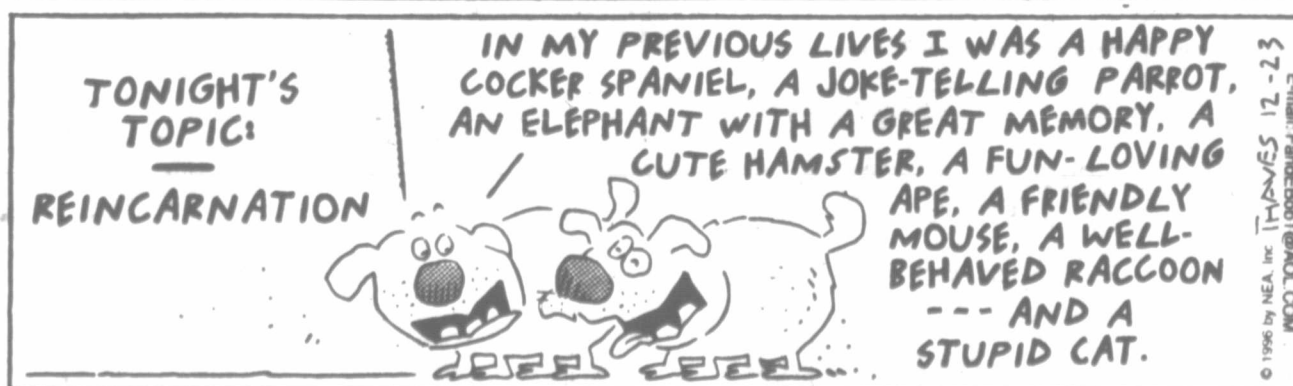
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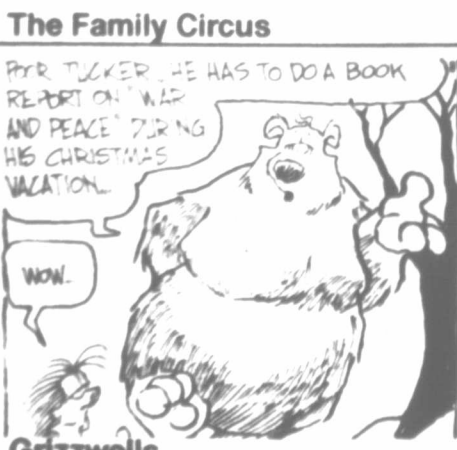
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"I'll be home for Christmas... if only in my jeans..."



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"Come on in...but watch out for the mistletoe."



Grizzwells



Marmaduke



Alley Oop



Peanuts



Schulz

Notebook

FOOTBALL
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rich Brooks was fired Sunday as coach of the St. Louis Rams, a day after the team rallied to beat New Orleans.

Brooks, who had two years left on a four-year contract that will pay him approximately \$600,000 a year, led the Rams to a 6-10 record this year after going 7-9 in his first season with the team.

SKIING
ALTA BADIA, Italy (AP) — Michael Von Gruenigen led a 1-2 Swiss finish in the giant slalom Sunday for his first World Cup victory of the season.

Von Gruenigen, the defending World Cup giant slalom champion, beat teammate Steve Locher by 0.77 seconds. On Saturday, Italy's Kristian Ghedina won a downhill at Val Gardena.

BOXING
UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — South Africa's Philip Holiday retained his IBF lightweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over Ivan Robinson on Saturday night. Holiday improved to 30-0 with his fifth title defense.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Venezuela's Antonio Cermeno retained his WBA junior featherweight title Saturday night, outpointing Japan's Yuichi Kasai in a 12-round unanimous decision. Cermeno improved to 26-1.

GOLF
LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Hale Irwin and actor Sean Connery shot a 10-under-par 62 on Saturday for a four-stroke victory in the Lexus Challenge.

Irwin, who earned \$180,000, combined with Connery for a tournament-record 21-under 123 total. Lee Trevino-Kevin Costner, Chi Chi Rodriguez-Robert Wuhl and John Brodie-Ken Griffey Jr. tied for second.

SPEEDSKATING
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kirstin Holm, a 16-year-old from Waukesha, Wis., won the 1,500- and 5,000-meter races Sunday to take the women's U.S. Allround Championship. She won the 3,000 on Saturday.

KC Boutiette of Tacoma, Wash., won his second straight men's title. He took the 1,500 and 10,000 on Sunday and the 5,000 on Saturday.

SOCCER
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Claudia Reyna scored in the 48th minute to give the United States a 2-2 tie with Guatemala in a CONCACAF World Cup qualifier Saturday night. The United States advanced to the second round, while Guatemala was eliminated from the competition.

VOLLEYBALL
CLEVELAND (AP) — Tournament MVP Kerri Walsh had 17 kills and eight digs as Stanford beat Hawaii 15-7, 15-3, 15-5 on Saturday for its third NCAA women's title in five years. Stanford (31-2) also won in 1992 and 1994.

FIGURE SKATING
BOSTON (AP) — Michelle Kwan won the women's title and Todd Eldredge took the men's event Sunday night in the Ultimate Four championships. Jenni Meno and Todd Sand won the pairs championship.

BASKETBALL
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Nets signed Lloyd Daniels to a non-guaranteed contract Saturday that will pay the swingman \$247,000 if he finishes the season. The Nets released forward Ervic Gray.

SEATTLE (AP) — Gary Payton isn't talking to the media these days, but he still had the last word in the Seattle SuperSonics' victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Matched up against talkative 14-year veteran Derek Harper, Payton scored one-third of the Sonics' points as Seattle won its fourth straight with a 93-79 victory over the Mavericks on Sunday.

Washington Redskins down Cowboys, 37-10

By JOSEPH WHITE
 AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an end-of-season, largely symbolic victory over the Dallas Cowboys, the Washington Redskins closed the book on RFK Stadium they way they started it in 1961.

The final chapter was Sunday's 37-10 rout over the Cowboys' B-team, giving the Redskins (9-7) their first winning season in four years and matching their biggest-ever margin of victory over their fiercest rival.

The first triumph had come 35 years earlier, on Dec. 17, 1961, when a 34-24 victory saved Washington from a winless season.

"There's no way to really make anything better in terms of not making the playoffs," said cornerback Darrell Green, one of 32 current and former stars introduced during halftime ceremonies. "But this is the best you can get. You end up winning nine; you finish in RFK beating the Cowboys. If I can't get what I want, I'll take this any day of the week."

The Redskins, who started 7-1 before suffering one of the biggest second-half collapses in recent NFL history, had been eliminated from the postseason picture the previous week. Meanwhile, Dallas (10-

6) had already clinched the NFC East title, allowing coach Barry Switzer to rest stars such as Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

"We sat Troy and Emmitt down, but we don't realistically expect to win a game without them," Switzer said. "The Redskins played well, they were happy, and Merry Christmas to them."

The 56,454 fans, anxious to make the most of an emotional afternoon, weren't the most gracious recipients of Switzer's holiday cheer. They spent the fourth quarter serenading the visitors with various derogatory chants, and, after the game, thousands overwhelmed police and invaded the field.

"I just wanted a piece of RFK," said Jonah Ray, 14, carrying a handful of sod.

District of Columbia police said at least four people were arrested.

With the game of little consequence, the loudest ovations came at halftime, when the hometown stars emerged from the tunnel, ran up the dugout steps and jogged onto the field one last time. The biggest cheerers were for Green, John Riggins, Art Monk, Sonny Jurgensen and especially Dexter Manley, who got special permission from a Texas parole board to attend because of his recent cocaine conviction.

For the record, the NFL's tenure at what had become at league's smallest stadium ended at 7:01 p.m., when Ken Harvey tackled Herschel Walker on the worn grass at the Dallas 45. Next year, the Redskins will move into a 78,600-seat facility in Landover, Md.

The game included touchdowns runs of 1, 2 and 6 yards by Terry Allen and field goals of 45, 29 and 18 yards from Scott Blanton. Stephen Davis added a 4-yard scoring run for the Redskins, while Walker sprinted in from 39 yards late in the game for Dallas' only TD.

Individual consolation prizes went to Allen, who broke Riggins' team single-season rushing mark; Henry Ellard, who moved past Steve Largent into third place on the league's career receiving list; and Brian Mitchell, who became only the third player in NFL history to lead the league in combined net yards for three consecutive seasons. Jim Brown (1958-61) and Gale Sayers (1965-67) are the other players to accomplish the feat.

The Redskins also had their highest scoring output of the year and notched more than two touchdowns in a game for the first time in seven weeks. Gus Fretotte completed 22 of 31 passes for a career-high 346 yards,

and Allen carried 26 times for 87 yards to finish with 1,353 yards on the season.

In addition to Aikman and Smith, the Cowboys also rested regular offensive starters Mark Tuinei and Eric Bjornson. Given that Dallas had failed to score a touchdown in three of the previous five games, it wasn't surprising that the second-team brigade of Wade Wilson, Sherman Williams, George Hegamin and Tyji Armstrong was able to generate only 235 total yards.

Chris Boniol did break his own team record by making his 27th consecutive field goal, a 34-yarder in the second quarter, but that was one of the few bright spots on the Dallas stat sheet.

Wilson was 8-for-18 for 79 yards and one interception before he was relieved by Jason Garrett in the fourth quarter. Williams carried 15 times for 40 yards and lost a fumble.

Dallas will host Minnesota in the first round of the playoffs Saturday.

"I'm always disappointed when we lose a football game," said safety Bill Bates, also held out of the contest. "But you got to put things in perspective. The meaning of this game, as far as what happens to us, doesn't mean a whole lot."

College Bowl Games

By The Associated Press
 All Times EST
 Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
 At Las Vegas
 Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
 At Montgomery, Ala.
 Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
 At Honolulu
 California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
 At Memphis, Tenn.
 Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Carquest Bowl
 At Miami
 Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Copper Bowl
 At Tucson, Ariz.
 Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
 At San Antonio
 Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
 At San Diego
 Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
 At Atlanta
 Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), noon (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
 At El Paso, Texas
 Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.
 Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
 At Miami
 Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
 At Jacksonville, Fla.
 North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
 At Dallas
 Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose Bowl
 At Pasadena, Calif.
 Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
 At New Orleans
 Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 11
East-West Shrine Classic
 At Stanford, Calif.
 West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
 At Mobile, Ala.
 North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 19
Hula Bowl
 At Honolulu
 East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Rhodes going back to SF for playoffs

By The Associated Press

Ray Rhodes is going back to San Francisco for the playoffs. This time, however, he'll be coaching the visiting team.

Rhodes, a former defensive assistant with the 49ers, will take his Philadelphia Eagles to the Bay area for a wild-card game against his old team next Sunday.

"It doesn't matter who we play," Rhodes said Sunday after the Eagles closed their regular season with a 29-19 victory over Arizona.

The playoffs open Saturday with Jacksonville (9-7) at Buffalo (10-6) and Minnesota (9-7) at Dallas (10-6). On Sunday, it's Indianapolis (9-7) at Pittsburgh (10-6) and Philadelphia (10-6) at San Francisco (11-4).

Green Bay (13-3), Carolina (12-4), Denver (13-3) and New England (11-5) have first-round byes.

Buffalo and Jacksonville won Sunday to earn playoff berths, while Indianapolis backed into the postseason with a loss.

Jacksonville slipped into the playoffs with a 19-17 victory over Atlanta. The Jaguars joined the NFL's other second-year franchise, Carolina, in the playoffs.

Eagles 29, Cardinals 19
 At Philadelphia, Gary Anderson kicked five field goals and the Eagles got five sacks. William Fuller had three sacks for Philly, which held the Cardinals (7-9) to 229 yards.
Jaguars 19, Falcons 17

At Jacksonville, the Jaguars celebrated after Andersen's last-second kick sailed just wide of the left upright. Atlanta finished 3-13 a year after making the playoffs.

Bucs 34, Bears 19
 At Tampa, the Bucs (6-10) scored their most points in three years and extended their home winning streak to five. The Bears (7-9) set an NFL record by losing their 18th straight regular-season road game in December and January.

Oilers 24, Ravens 21
 At Baltimore, Steve McNair threw for one touchdown and ran for another as Houston (8-8) set a franchise record with its sixth road win. Baltimore's Vinny Testaverde threw three touchdown passes to Michael Jackson, but the Ravens (4-12) lost for the 10th time in 12 games.

Bengals 31, Colts 24
 At Cincinnati, Jeff Blake threw a pair of fourth-quarter TD passes as the Bengals (8-8) finished with their best record since 1990. Cincinnati was 7-2 under Bruce Coslet, whose contract has been extended for four years.

Bills 20, Chiefs 9
 At Orchard Park, Kelly threw 4-yard TD passes to Tony Cline and Quinn Early in the fourth quarter as the Bills earned a home playoff game. The Chiefs lost four of their last five after an 8-3 start.

Dolphins 31, Jets 28
 At East Rutherford, Dan Marino threw for three touchdowns and rookie Karim Abdul-

Jabbar gained 152 yards as the Dolphins finished 8-8 in their first season under Jimmy Johnson. The Jets went 1-15 under Rich Kotite, who resigned on Friday.

Packers 38, Vikings 10
 At Green Bay, Brett Favre threw three TD passes to break his own NFL single-season record with 39. It was Green Bay's 16th straight victory at Lambeau Field, where the Packers have never lost a playoff game.

Panthers 18, Steelers 14
 At Charlotte, the Panthers won despite Kordell Stewart's record-setting 80-yard touchdown run for Pittsburgh. Stewart, playing full-time quarterback for the first time this season, set the mark for the longest TD run by a QB in NFL history.

Seahawks 28, Raiders 21
 At Oakland, fourth-string quarterback Gino Torretta helped Seattle (7-9) overcome a 14-3 deficit against the Raiders (7-9). Torretta threw a 32-yard scoring pass to Joey Galloway, and Lamar Smith had a pair of scoring runs for the Seahawks.

Chargers 16, Broncos 10
 At San Diego, Junior Seau set up 10 points by recovering two fumbles and also deflected three Denver passes despite spraining his right knee.

San Diego finished the season at .500 and Denver wound up 13-3, still the best in the AFC, despite losing backup QB Bill Musgrave to a separated right shoulder.

Devin Lemons named top defensive player of year

The Amarillo Globe-News has named Pampa senior Devin Lemons as the defensive player of the year on its 1996 Super Team.

Lemons' teammate, senior running back Marques Long, was named to the Super Team roster on offense.

Lemons, a 6-3, 215-pound defensive end, missed the first three games of the season due to a broken jaw, but he more than made up for time spent on the sideline. He collected 79 tackles, including 28 solo tackles, in 10 games. He also made eight quarterback sacks and 27 quarterback hurries.

Lemons earned first-team all-state honors at defensive end. He was also a unanimous all-District 1-4A pick at tight end and defensive end.

He is a three-year starter for the Harvesters. Lemons was best known for the way he dominated opposing offensive linemen and providing an overwhelming pass rush.

Lemons also excelled at tight end for the Harvesters, leading the team in receptions with 25 for 431 yards and five touchdowns. He carried the ball four times on end reverses and had an average of 11.3 yards per carry.

Lemons helped spark Pampa to a 10-3 record and a berth in the Class 4A Division I semifinals. It was as far as Pampa had ever gone in the football playoffs.

In Pampa's 25-21 win over Azle in the quarterfinals, Lemons returned a kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown. In Pampa's 31-14 loss in the semifinals to Grapevine, which went on to win the state title, Lemons caught a 7-yard touchdown pass on offense and had seven tackles and one quarterback hurry on defense.

Lemons also started on the 1995-96 Harvesters' state championship basketball team.

Lemons has orally committed to playing football at Texas Tech.

It was the second year in row Pampa has had the defensive player of the year. Pampa tackle Donnie Middleton won the honor last season.

Long, a 5-9, 182-pounder, became the first Pampa runner to gain more than 2,000 yards in a season. He finished the season with 2,047 yards and 15 rushing touchdowns.

Long was a workhorse running back who carried the ball 340 times in 13 games. In Pampa's 29-7 win over San Angelo Lake View in the area game, Long rushed for a school record 313 yards. He scored three touchdowns in that game.

He was also an outstanding kick returner, averaging 29.3 yards on nine kickoff returns and 8.9 yards on 17 punt returns.

Long also started at one of the linebacker positions. He made 73 tackles, caught two interceptions and blocked five passes and two kicks.

The Globe-News named the Wheeler Mustangs as the surprise team of the year. Wheeler, coached by Jim Verden, started the season with a 1-3 record, but rallied to win nine consecutive games to reach the Class 1A state semifinals.

Wheeler won the District 1-1A title with a perfect 5-0 record. The Mustangs beat two state-ranked teams, Kress and Munday, in the playoffs.

Windhorst, the eventual state champion, ended Wheeler's season with a 48-33 win in the semifinals.

Texas High School Hall of Fame

WACO (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Ty Detmer and Iowa head coach Hayden Fry are among nine men to be inducted next year into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

The field of selections also includes Greg Pruitt, Doug English, former Port Neches-Groves coach Doug Ethridge and longtime sporting goods salesman Bunny Andrews of Austin. Ray Coulter, Kenneth Whitlow and Charlie Davis will be honored posthumously.

Induction ceremonies will be held March 1 in Waco.

Detmer was an all-state quarterback for his father, Sonny Detmer, at San Antonio Southwest High, where he led the nation in passing as a senior with 3,357 yards. For his career (1983-86), he passed for 8,005 yards and 71 touchdowns.

At Brigham Young, Detmer won the 1990 Heisman Trophy, passing for 5,188 yards and 41 touchdowns. He was a two-time All-American, Western Athletic Conference player of the year and Davey O'Brien Award winner.

Drafted by Green Bay, he is in his fifth season in the NFL. Fry led Odessa High to the 1946 state championship and was MVP of the coaches' all-star game. He was a four-year letterman at Baylor (1947-50). He has an overall head coaching record of 221-165-10, including 132-76-6 in 18 seasons at Iowa.

Pruitt played quarterback, receiver and running back at Houston Elmore High in the

1960s. He was a two-time All-America halfback at Oklahoma (1971-72) and a three-time Pro Bowler in nine seasons with the Cleveland Browns (1973-81).

English was a standout lineman at Dallas Bryan Adams High before earning All-Southwest Conference and All-America honors at Texas in 1974. He played in four Pro Bowls with the Detroit Lions in an 11-year career (1975-85).

Coulter was selected to the all-time team at Masonic Home, where he was played during the 1930s and was considered superior to his younger brother, 1970 inductee DeWitt "Tex" Coulter.

Whitlow was an all-state center and linebacker for Wichita Falls in 1935, leading the Coyotes to the state semifinals. He was a three-year letterman at Rice (1938-40), despite weighing just 165 pounds.

Davis was an all-state and Little All-America pick at Stamford in the 1950s and played in the Little All-America all-star game in Arizona.

Ethridge won state championships at Hobbs, N.M., and Port Neches-Groves High (1977) and compiled an overall head coaching record of 200-83-12. He also made it to the semifinals with Dalhart in 1963, Monahans (1966), Hobbs (1971) and Port Neches-Groves (1974 and '76).

Andrews played for Dallas Woodrow Wilson High School in the 1940s and was a quarterback and team captain for Texas in 1952-53.

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East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	11	6	0	.657
Buffalo	10	6	0	.625
Indianapolis	9	7	0	.562
Miami	8	8	0	.500
N.Y. Jets	1	15	0	.053

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Pittsburgh	10	6	0	.625
Jacksonville	9	7	0	.562
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500
Houston	8	8	0	.500
Baltimore	4	12	0	.250

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Denver	13	3	0	.813
Kansas City	9	7	0	.562
San Diego	8	8	0	.500
Oakland	7	9	0	.438
Seattle	7	9	0	.438

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Dallas	10	6	0	.625
Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625
Washington	9	7	0	.562
Arizona	7	9	0	.438
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Green Bay	13	3	0	.813
Minnesota	9	7	0	.562
Chicago	7	9	0	.438
Tampa Bay	6	10	0	.375
West	5	10	0	.333

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Carolina	12	4	0	.750
San Francisco	11	4	0	.731
St. Louis	6	10	0	.375
Atlanta	3	13	0	.188
New Orleans	3	13	0	.188

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	11	5	0	.688
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
San Diego	10	6	0	.625
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625
Seattle	10	6	0	.625
San Diego	9	7	0	.562
San Francisco	8	8	0	.500

New Jersey

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Boston	6	10	2	.273
Boston	5	10	2	.208
Central Division				
Chicago	28	3	1	.885
Detroit	20	5	2	1/2
Cleveland	17	8	5	1/2
Atlanta	16	9	2	5/8
Charlotte	15	11	2	5/8
Indianapolis	14	11	2	5/8
Chicago	12	12	5	1/2
Toronto	9	18	3	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Dallas	21	10	3	45
Detroit	18	11	6	42
St. Louis	16	19	1	33
Phoenix	14	18	4	32
Chicago	14	18	4	32
Toronto	14	21	0	28

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Colorado	19	10	5	43
Vancouver	16	15	1	33
Edmonton	14	18	4	32
Calgary	13	18	5	31
Anaheim	12	19	5	29
Los Angeles	12	19	4	28
San Jose	11	18	4	26

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0
Boston 4, Washington 3
Hartford 6, Tampa Bay 5, OT
Dallas 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT
Toronto 5, Colorado 2
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 7, Florida 3
St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 4
Detroit 6, Edmonton 2
Philadelphia 2, Chicago 2, tie
Calgary 7, Phoenix 2
Monday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Hartford at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	21	12	3	45	110	86
Florida	19	8	7	45	104	80
N.Y. Rangers	18	14	6	41	131	100
New Jersey	19	11	2	40	89	77
Washington	14	18	2	30	91	95
N.Y. Islanders	11	14	8	30	87	92
Tampa Bay	11	18	3	25	91	103

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	18	14	2	38	103	95

Hartford

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	18	15	3	35	119	112
Boston	13	16	6	31	94	114
Montreal	12	17	5	29	111	119
Ottawa	9	15	7	25	81	97

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	10	3	45	99	78
Detroit	18	11	6	42	104	85
St. Louis	16	19	1	33	101	120
Phoenix	14	18	4	32	89	107
Chicago	14	18	4	32	85	92
Toronto	14	21	0	28	104	123

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	19	10	5	43	119	82
Vancouver	16	15	1	33	100	98
Edmonton	14	18	4	32	114	114
Calgary	13	18	5	31	90	102
Anaheim	12	19	5	29	97	105
Los Angeles	12	19	4	28	93	120
San Jose	11	18	4	26	81	109

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0
Boston 4, Washington 3
Hartford 6, Tampa Bay 5, OT
Dallas 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT
Toronto 5, Colorado 2
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 7, Florida 3
St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 4
Detroit 6, Edmonton 2
Philadelphia 2, Chicago 2, tie
Calgary 7, Phoenix 2
Monday's Games
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Hartford at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Texas Basketball Standings

By The Associated Press

Big 12 Conference

North

Team	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Kansas	0	0	0.000	0
Iowa St.	0	0	0.000	0
Colorado	0	0	0.000	0
Kansas St.	0	0	0.000	0
Nebraska	0	0	0.000	0
Missouri	0	0	0.000	0
South	0	0	0.000	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0.000	0

Baylor

Team	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Texas Tech	0	0	0.000	0
Clemson	0	0	0.000	0
Texas	0	0	0.000	0
Texas A&M	0	0	0.000	0

Conference USA

Red

Team	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Ala.-Birm.	0	0	0.000	0
South Florida	0	0	0.000	0
Tulane	0	0	0.000	0
Southern Miss	0	0	0.000	0
White	0	0	0.000	0
Louisville	0	0	0.000	0
Houston	0	0	0.000	0
N.C. Charlotte	0	0	0.000	0
Memphis	0	0	0.000	0
Blue	0	0	0.000	0
Marguerite	0	0	0.000	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0.000	0
St. Louis	0	0	0.000	0
DePaul	0	0	0.000	0

Southland Conference

Conference All Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	All Games
McNeese St.	0	0	0.000	0
NW Louisiana	0	0	0.000	0
SW Texas St.	0	0	0.000	0
Tex.-Arlington	0	0	0.000	0
Tex.-S. Antonio	0	0	0.000	0
Nicholls St.	0	0	0.000	0
Stephen Austin	0	0	0.000	0
NE Louisiana	0	0	0.000	0
Sarn Hou. St.	0	0	0.000	0

Southwestern Athletic Conference

Conference All Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Southern U.	0	0	0.000	0
Tex. Southern	0	0	0.000	0
Grambling St.	0	0	0.000	0
Miss. Valley St.	0	0	0.000	0
Alcorn St.	0	0	0.000	0
Jackson St.	0	0	0.000	0
Prairie View	0	0	0.000	0
Alabama St.	0	0	0.000	0

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ACROSS

1 Beats (cream)

6 Middle of the body

11 Of medicine

13 Part of TGIF

14 Sorrow

15 Roster

16 Be nosy

17 Fly fungus

19 Ginger

20 Used scissors

22 Disconcert

25 - Angles

26 Baseballer

30 Harness attachment

31 Distinctive air

32 Cupid

33 Cover (a package)

34 Musical sound

35 Scale units

38 Ireland

39 Race official

42 High card

45 Embellish

46 Iowa hrs.

DOWN

1 Unimpressive person

2 Head growth

3 -bitly

4 Opposite of post

5 Warning device

6 Compose (essays)

7 Own (Scott.)

8 Thought

9 Artist - Steinberg

10 Use a keyboard

12 Actor - Ritchard

13 Falls

18 Mail center

Answer to Previous Puzzle

11 NIMBY NYALIA

12 TOYS OUEUES

13 TINSSEL UNWRAP

14 ROY AEDDS ODI

15 OMAR DIE BRIN

16 ENUG INDIAN

17 MAH LUG

18 PTA VET

19 INLAYS LORA

20 ROUE WOO LEARP

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22 DINGER EVENIER

23 ENCASE CEMENT

24 NEEDS SORES

25 abbr.

26 Faelt

27 Bureau part

28 Worry

29 Of aircraft

30 - National Park

31 Cosmonaut

32 Resin-producing tree

33 Back of the neck

35 Burdened of Mex.

36 Sibling of sis

37 Type of

40 Eagle's claw

41 Boredom

42 Singer Ed - Musical finale

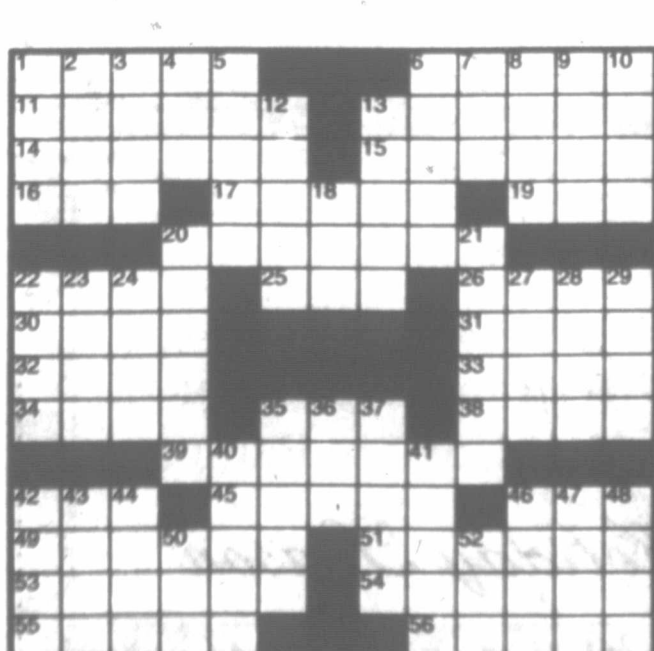
43 Work on manuscripts

44 Corn leftovers

45 Shoe part

46 Run

47 Neighbor of Mex. Cozy room



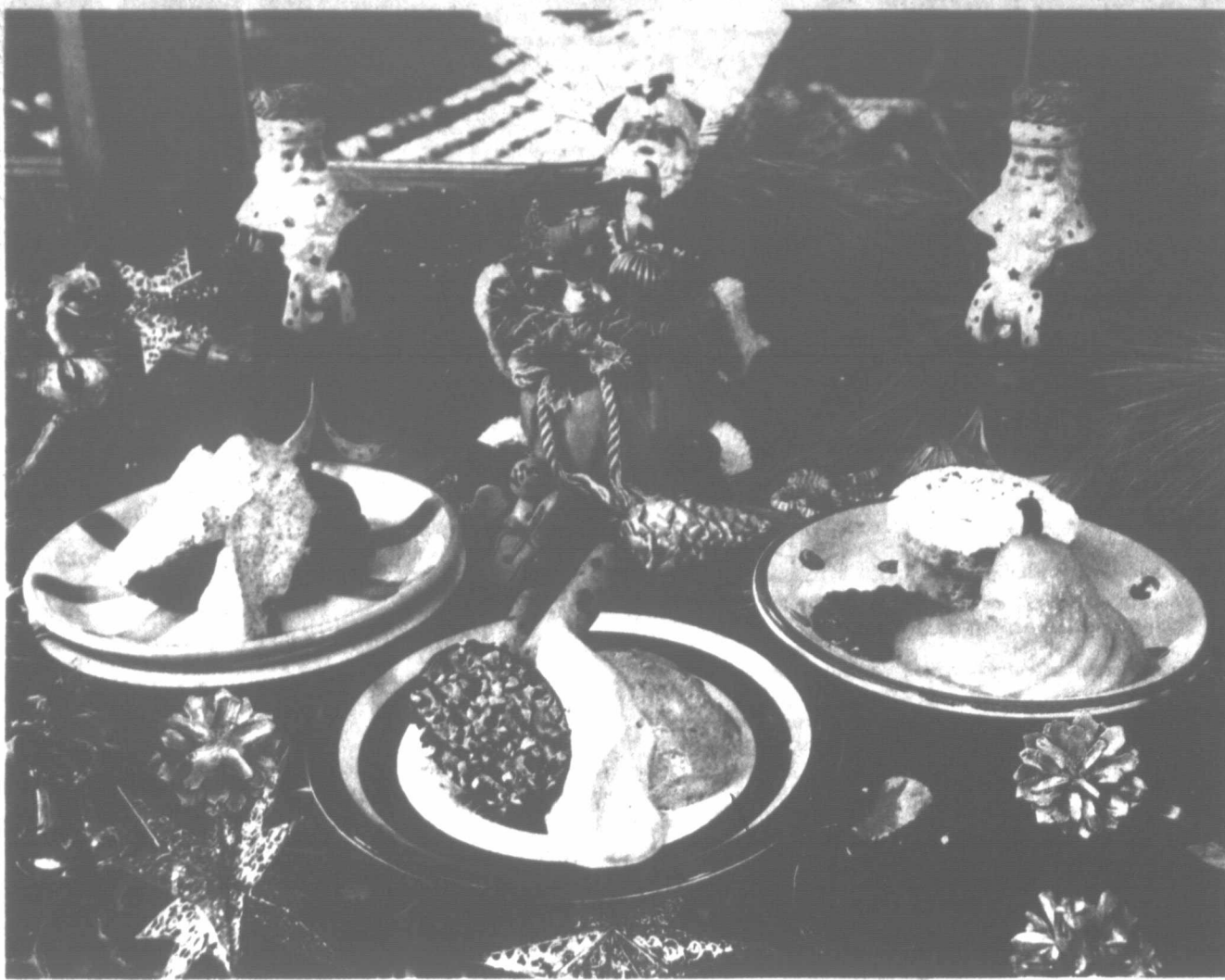
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Christmas Austrian style is celebrated with carols and delicious sweets.

Chef tells how Christmas is celebrated Austrian style, with carols and sweets

By MARIALISA CALTA
NEA Features

"We celebrated Christmas on Dec. 24, and the thing I remember the most was the tree, which we would see for the first time that night," says Roland Czekelius, of the holiday in his native Austria.

"One parent would take us out for the day, sledding or skiing, and the other would stay home and decorate the tree. We'd arrive home, and get dressed in our holiday clothes, and then-throughout the house - we'd hear the sound of a bell ringing. That meant the living room was open."

He pauses. "And we would go in, and there would be the tree, all alight with live candles. There would be music playing; *O Holy Night*, perhaps. It was ... just ... overwhelming."

Czekelius - who trained as a chef in Innsbruck - left his country at the age of 25, in 1979, and after working at restaurants in the Virgin Islands and Massachusetts, he became head of special projects at the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vt. He makes his home in nearby Stowe.

I caught up with him at the Trapp Family Lodge there, a resort made famous by the family portrayed in *The Sound of Music*. Czekelius likes to visit Trapp's, partly because he can keep in touch with Austria through some of the resort's employees, and partly because of the beauty of the place.

"This is the place in all of America that makes me feel the closest to home," says Czekelius. "It is the closest to my Tyrolean roots."

Which includes memories of a festive Christmas celebration.

After enjoying the tree, he says, his family exchanged presents and sat down for a holiday feast of roast goose, and potatoes, and a special poached fish. Traditional was a dish of Austrian crescent cookies, and a fruit compote made of berries, apples and pears that had been marinating in rum since the end of summer, which was served with a special rum-raisin ice cream.

"It was such a close family time," he remembers. The evening ended with midnight mass.

These days, Czekelius and his wife and three children celebrate Christmas like most Americans, on Dec. 25. But his roots remain strong.

Hanging on their tree will be many handmade Austrian ornaments, passed down from one generation to the next. A roast goose will be the centerpiece of their holiday dinner. And the chef will make the traditional cookies, and is likely to serve at least one of the desserts he has created below, desserts which were inspired by the flavors of Austria and the hills of Vermont.

These recipes - as the von Trapp's might have sung - will soon become among your "Favorite Things."

Merry Christmas.

For the ginger parfait:
4 egg yolks
5 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 tablespoon fresh, finely chopped ginger
Zest of 1/2 lime, chopped very fine
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

2 tablespoons dark rum
4 egg whites
4 teaspoons granulated sugar
1 cup fine crumbs of gingerbread or of gingersnap cookies
1 pint heavy cream, whipped

For the sabayon:
1 pint red wine
1 cup port wine
1 clove

1-1/2 cinnamon sticks
2 thin strips lemon peel
2 thin strips orange peel
3 tablespoons sugar
2 egg yolks
1/4 cup heavy cream, whipped

Prepare the parfait: Place the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Put the egg yolks and confectioners' sugar in the top, and whisk until eggs turn into a smooth and creamy base. Remove from heat and continue to whisk until cold.

Add the honey, ginger, lime zest, cinnamon and rum, and whisk.

In a separate bowl, whisk the egg whites with the granulated sugar until firm peaks are formed.

Add to the egg yolk mixture, alternating with gingerbread or cookie crumbs. Add the whipped cream, and mix. Divide the batter among six individual ramekins. Cover with plastic wrap. Freeze for six hours.

Just before serving prepare the sabayon: Bring the red wine, port, clove, cinnamon sticks, lemon and orange peels, and sugar to a boil in a heavy bottomed saucepan. Cook until reduced by half; strain into the top of a clean double boiler set over steaming water.

Whisk in the egg yolks until creamy. Fold in whipped cream.

To serve: Dip the frozen parfait forms into warm water to unmold. Place on a plate and top with sabayon.

Yield: 6 servings.
— Recipe developed by Chef Roland Czekelius, New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

Chestnut Souffle with Walnut Sauce and Glazed Pears

1/2 cup canned chestnut puree
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 egg whites
2 egg yolks
2 teaspoons kirsch (kirschwasser, or cherry liqueur)

About 3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon butter, or more as needed, for buttering souffle cups
Granulated sugar for sprinkling on souffle cups

For Sauce:
5 tablespoons heavy cream
1 tablespoon butter
5 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/3 cup very finely chopped walnuts

2 pints milk
For pears:
2 whole pears
3 teaspoons butter
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 cup white wine
For garnish:

About 4 tablespoons whipped cream
In a food processor, mix the chestnut puree with the vanilla extract. Add 1 egg white, both the yolks and the kirsch. Refrigerate until chilled.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Whip the remaining three egg whites and the sugar, and add to the chilled chestnut puree.

Lightly butter four ramekins or souffle cups, and sprinkle with sugar. Divide the batter among the four cups and place in a baking pan with sides. Add enough very hot (almost boiling) water to reach halfway up the side of the souffle cups. Put the pan in the oven and bake 30 minutes.

Make the sauce: Bring the cream, butter, sugar and walnuts to a boil. Reduce, stirring constantly, until the mixture is caramelized (light golden brown). Add the milk. Bring to a boil, then set aside to cool.

Prepare the pears: Peel the pears, then cut in half lengthwise and remove cores. For an attractive display, cut in slices, but leave the slices connected at the stem end, so that the pear can be fanned out on the plate. Melt the butter in a small skillet. Add the pears, sprinkle with sugar and add the wine. Saute until pears are soft.

To serve: Unmold the souffle, and place each on a plate. Fan pear slices from half a pair next to the souffle, and top with walnut sauce. Garnish each plate with about one tablespoon of whipped cream.

Yield: 4 servings.
— Recipe developed by Chef Roland Czekelius, New England Culinary Institute.

Cranberry Crumble with Winter Fruits

1-1/2 pounds fresh or frozen cranberries
1-1/2 cups sugar
Grated zest of 1 large orange
Juice of 1 large orange
2 apples
2 pears

3/4 cup old-fashioned (not quick cooking) oats
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup dark brown sugar
1/2 cup butter

For ginger cream:
3 tablespoons very finely chopped crystallized ginger
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Generously butter an 8-by-8 inch baking dish.

In a saucepan boil half the cranberries with the sugar, remove from heat and add remaining cranberries, the orange zest and juice.

Peel the apples and pears. Cut them into quarters, removing stems and cores, and add to the cranberry sauce.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared baking dish. Combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and butter in a food processor and pulse.

Place the crumble mixture over the fruit, and bake for 55 to 60 minutes.

Mix the finely chopped ginger with the whipped cream and spoon over top of each plate when serving.

Yield: 6 servings.
— Recipe developed by Chef Roland Czekelius, New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier, Vt.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I hope you could come to the Columbus Hall again, so I could see you again. I want a Baby Juice Cookie Alive & a Baby Cradle, and a Dream Dollhouse & I will leave you some oreos & milk.
Kayla Joan Ware "KK"

P.S. Don't forget Aunt Lena she was good & brought My Bubba Back!

Dear Santa,
I want Micro Machines, Playmobile Batman that changes into a car & a boat & a flyer. nintendo, joystick, and computer games.

We'll leave cookies & milk & thank you for last year. & a train to go with my farm. & to go under our tree & all the trains i wished for.

Jack Douglas Ware
P.S. Don't forget lena & I love you.

Dear Santa,
I hav bin good. I wta a kitten. and lego and a anemal boook. Sam wants Elmo. and a pussle. Love, Sam and Dylan

Dr. Barbie with pets and I want a baby with a bottle not food though. I want Santa Clause to come to my house and stay at my house, OK.
Kristen Williamson

Dear Santa,
I want some new Barbie clothes, and a new dolly. I also think I want a Gymnastics Stacey and I want a play TV. Santa i hope you bring me what I want, so I love you, and bring my family what they want. And I want a Barbie playhouse.
Rachel Heuston

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a silver Mermaid Barbie, a pet Dr. Barbie, and a desk that has a little light. I love you, how are you going to get through my sky-light?
Whitney Wade

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train and a plastic snake. I wish for a power ranger and a Lion King puppet. I miss my PaPa.
Eric Lewis

Dear Santa,
I would like a really pretty Barbie. I would also like any kind of baby doll. I want a coat that is really fancy. Santa if I don't have a chimney where do you go?
Kaitlin Winegart

Dear Santa,
I would like to ask for a blue horse that has flowers on his neck. I would alos ask for the Barbie house that has an elevator that goes up and down. Santa how do reindeer fly up and how do they fly down? May I also have a Cabbage patch doll that has a shower.
Callan Thurman

Dear Santa,
I want a Pocahontas Barbie, a I would like a zero.ranger

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I would like a mermaid Barbie, the gold one. I would also like the Pocahontas doll and even Miko. Santa I would like to know about the North Pole.
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Dear Santa,
I like eating with Santa, I want a baby Megan, the real baby. Please Santa come to my door and go in it.
Lexi Summers

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby buggy at Kelley's house and a princess game with a crown. A wiggle giggle baby, a bath baby with white hair and i would like all them toys. Why does that reindeer have a bright shining nose?
Shealeigh Jones

Dear Santa,
I love you and I want you to tell me about Red Nise Reindeer. I want a puppy dog a boy, and some earrings. I'm going to leave you rice crispies and milk. Tell Mrs. Santa I like elves.
Samantha Pearson

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The following letters are from students at St. Matthew's Pre-School.

Dear Santa,
I want a my size Barbie doll. I like you and you probably like me too. I would like a skating doll. Can you bring me a skating kitty. How did Rudolph get his red nose?
Ashley Shipman

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Guatemalan refugees satisfied in Mexico

GRACIAS A DIOS, Mexico (AP) - The name of this tiny Guatemalan refugee camp in southeastern Mexico means "Thank God."

Gaudencio Castaneda thinks he has found something close to heaven here: peace in the muddy field of shacks built from sticks, scrap metal and cornstalks. Children bound from every corner, playing in mounds of dried corn to be stored for the coming winter months.

Castaneda is among at least 100,000 people, mainly Indians like himself, who fled Guatemala during the 1980's when rebels pressured peasants to join their ranks and the military, suspicious of rebel collaborators, razed entire villages.

More than 140,000 people died or disappeared in Central America's longest and bloodiest civil war. Now, with peace to be signed Dec. 29 in Guatemala City, 30,000 people who had taken refuge in Mexico have gone home.

Despite the hope for peace, many refugees have found the poverty of their homeland too great to endure. Castaneda returned to Mexico's Chiapas state in June with his wife and three children after three struggling years back home.

"Everything was worse - the price of corn and beans," said Castaneda, a stocky 24-year-old lounging in a tattered hammock outside his shack.

"I had to walk three hours to my fields. There was no highway nearby."

His 8-month-old son died from diarrhea because of inadequate medical care.

"I returned to Guatemala because I thought things would be better, but I only found hardship."

Castaneda is not alone.

Other repatriated refugees have trickled back to Mexico recently, according to the U.N. refugee agency. Precise figures are unavailable because they are now illegal aliens and don't report their presence, said Carlos Zaccagnene, director of the office in Comitán, 45 miles north of the camp.

Refugees camps welcome them, but offer no assistance. The Castanedas live off the land surrounding their one-room shack.

Still, home was worse. Castaneda was twelve when soldiers shot and burned his parents and three younger brothers, along with hundreds of other peasants, in the village of Cuarto Pueblo in 1982.

"My brother and I heard the shots, so we hid for three days. When we came out, we saw the charred bodies on the plaza. There were bone, heads, everything," he recalled.

ValuJet cancellations throw kink in holiday plans

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) - Out of breath and saddled with three suitcases, aircraft mechanic Larry Norwood rushed into a terminal at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport hoping to make his 10:30 a.m. flight.

That's when he learned he wasn't going anywhere on ValuJet.

After a deep breath, Norwood gathered his belongings and ran straight back to his car, steeling himself for a 14-hour drive.

"I can only stay in Atlanta for a few days and then I have to head to Florida to work, so if I can't get there soon I won't be able to see my son," Norwood gasped as he sped out of the airport.

He was one of many holiday hopefuls who arrived at airports Sunday morning only to learn there were no planes to take them to their destinations. The

10:30 a.m. Dallas-Atlanta ValuJet flight was the first of several canceled after the company decided Saturday that a charter company scheduled to make flights out of Dallas, Fort Myers, and West Palm Beach, Fla., was unreliable.

The carrier said it tried to reach all ticketholders by phone. But, like Norwood, would-be Atlanta passenger Kerry Mullis got to the airport only to learn he was out of luck.

"Now you've gone and done it....now you've made my mother mad," Mullis told ValuJet ticket agents after calling to inform his family he would likely miss Sunday dinner.

The canceled flights were to have been operated by Kiwi International Airlines. ValuJet spokeswoman Marcia Scott said Kiwi failed to provide adequate

staffing and reliable service. Only one of 21 Kiwi-operated flights Friday and Saturday was on time and six had to be canceled, she said.

ValuJet announced in a press release Saturday that all passengers on cancelled flights would receive a full refund and a round-trip certificate for a future ValuJet flight.

When Mullis, a Dallas attorney, complained he would still be out \$500 after buying a replacement ticket on Continental, ValuJet's Michael Lederman offered to pay the difference between the two fares.

"There is no (written) 'in stone' rule on what we can offer customers, especially in a case like this where we couldn't get a hold of him," Lederman said. "We just want to get everyone home for Christmas."

To The Patients Of
Dr. Gregory T. Kelly

In lieu of sending Christmas cards this year,
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behalf to the Hospice Tree of Love in Pampa.

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with Gluwein Sabayon