

CONGRESS

House, Senate reach agreement to reauthorize Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators reached an agreement today to extend the USA Patriot Act, the government's premier anti-terrorism law, before its major provisions expire at the end of the month.

"All factors considered it's reasonably good, not perfect, but it's acceptable," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and chairman of the Judiciary Committee, as he announced the deal.

The agreement would extend for four years two of the Patriot Act's most controversial provisions — authorizing roving wiretaps and permitting secret warrants for books, records and other items from businesses, hospitals and organizations such as libraries. Those provisions would expire in four years unless Congress acts on them again.

Also extended for four years are stan-

dards for monitoring "lone wolf" terrorists who may be operating independent of a foreign agent or power.

While not part of the Patriot Act, officials considered that along with the Patriot Act provisions.

The Republican-controlled House had been pushing for those provisions to stay in effect as long as a decade, but negotiators decided to go with the GOP-controlled Senate's suggestion.

Most of the Patriot Act becomes permanent under the reauthorization.

The ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Patrick Leahy of

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Vermont, has not yet decided whether to support the agreement, a spokesman said. But the GOP-majority negotiating

committee has enough votes to send the House and Senate the compromise if all of the Republican negotiators agree to it.

The Senate is expected to vote on the compromise next week, Specter said. That would give them enough time to deal with any filibuster threats before the Patriot Act provisions expire on Dec. 31.

Congress overwhelmingly passed the Patriot Act after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The law expanded the government's surveillance and prosecutorial pow-

ers against suspected terrorists, their associates and financiers.

The compromise also makes changes to national security letters, an investigative tool used by the FBI to compel businesses to turn over customer information without a court order or grand jury subpoena.

The reauthorization specifies that an NSL can be reviewed by a court, and explicitly allows those who receive the letters to inform their lawyers about them. The Bush administration contends that such consultation already is allowed, citing at least two court challenges to NSLs. In a letter obtained by the ACLU under the Freedom of Information Act and posted on its Web site, the FBI prohibits the recipient "from disclosing to any person that the FBI has sought or obtained access to information or records under these provisions."

Obituaries

Roger 'Buddy' Payne, 63

McLEAN — Roger "Buddy" Payne, 63, Services are pending with Bailey-Ware died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005, at McLean. Funeral Home of McLean.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anheuser-Busch of White Deer

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Soybeans	4.46

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Celanese	17.34	-0.06
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VLO	105.16	
+L18		
HAL	65.00	+0.22
TRF	41.64	+0.05
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XCEL	18.54	+0.02
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XOM	59.07	+0.05
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Limited	22.63	-0.18
Williams	23.37	+0.51
MCD	35.01	-0.25

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Pioneer Nat	52.13	+0.63
JCP	53.82	-0.44
COP	63.11	-0.06
SLB	98.87	+1.43
Tenneco	17.35	-0.05
CVX	59.69	+0.39
Wal-Mart	47.74	-0.01
ORKE	27.64	+0.01
NS Grp	42.81	+0.30

New York Gold	515.20
Silver	8.81
West Texas Crude	59.34

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high around 24.

Wind chill values between -5 and -15. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 9.

Wind chill values between -3 and 7. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 38.

Wind chill values between -4 and 6. West-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low near 21.

Wind chill values between 12 and 17.

West-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 49.

North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west-southwest.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 49.

Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 30.

South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 49.

East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 21.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 46.

Report: Mexican immigrants make more money in Atlanta, Dallas

ATLANTA (AP) — Mexican immigrants in Atlanta and Dallas make more money than they do in other U.S. cities, according to a report by the Pew Hispanic Center.

The report, titled "The Economic Transition to

America," says 56 percent earn higher than the weekly median salary of \$300. That makes them the "best off" of Mexican immigrants in the seven cities studied, the report says.

"Atlanta is a new settlement where we're seeing an

inflow of new arrivals and more males working construction," said Rakesh Kochhar, the report's author. Construction jobs tend to pay more than other jobs, including agriculture, Kochhar said.

Migrants who earned the least lived in Fresno, Calif., where most worked in the fields.

The report is part of a

series of studies on Mexican migrants produced by the Washington-based Pew Hispanic Center.

Researchers polled 4,836 Mexican residents at consulates in Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Raleigh, N.C., and Fresno from July 12, 2004, to Jan. 28, 2005.

The results show that many illegal immigrants

from Mexico left jobs there to earn higher wages in the United States. There are an estimated 6.3 million illegal Mexican immigrants in the United States, Kochhar said.

About half are adult workers. Those wage earners had jobs in Mexico, but left because they felt the United States offered better prospects, the report says.

Jose Cruz of Chamblee fits the profile of a migrant as outlined in the report.

He worked construction in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, in the afternoons while finishing middle school. But at 15, he was convinced he would do better in the United States and crossed the border illegally 11 years ago.

"It's a better life here," he said in Spanish.

Southwest Airlines Co. pilots to fly more hours per month

DALLAS (AP) — Pilots at Southwest Airlines Co. will be flying 1 1/2 more hours each month after the pilot's union and the Dallas-based carrier struck an agreement, a newspaper reports.

That would save Southwest about \$4 million annually, because the discounter won't need to hire as many pilots as it expands its schedule about 10 percent a year, the Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association said.

Carl Kuwitzky, a vice president for the union, said

in an interview Wednesday with The Dallas Morning News that the union has been improving its partnership with Southwest.

Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart acknowledged the agreement, which has not been publicly announced. He declined to comment further because the carrier typically doesn't discuss its labor relations.

The airline's 4,700 pilots had about 67 hours of actual flying time a month before the latest agreement, reached Nov. 6, goes into effect.

Southwest pilots used to average about 70 hours a month a decade ago, the carrier's union officials say. But as the pilots have gained seniority, they've also earned more vacation.

After Southwest asked the union for the extra productivity, the two sides came to terms in a side letter separate from their current contract, the newspaper reports.

The two sides are set to begin formal talks next year on their contract, which can be changed starting Sept. 1.

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Lions of winter



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Volunteering by ringing the bell at Wal-Mart in freezing weather are Lions Club members Brad Pingel, left, Lance DeFever, Bob Finney and Rusty Tapp, who thank an unidentified woman making a donation. The Salvation Army is appreciative of the volunteers who take time to help during the Christmas season.

Winter blast cancels flights

DALLAS (AP) — Drivers navigated slippery roads and air travelers were stuck in limbo as the first winter blast swept through much of Texas, bringing sleet and freezing rain.
Some North Texas schools were closed Thursday, and others scheduled later start times. Fewer cars were on the road during the morning commute in Dallas.
Aerial video aired on Dallas-Fort Worth television station KTVT showed an out-of-control tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 20 sliding into an SUV, which burst into flames. No one was injured. The SUV had been driven by a photojournalist from the Dallas Telemundo station.

"He actually was on his way to work and went straight to cover an accident on westbound I-20," said Xochitl Sandoval, executive producer at the Spanish-language station. "He was outside the vehicle shooting video when the eastbound vehicle jackknifed, hitting the end of the car. Luckily he was feet away."
Freezing precipitation was expected to taper off around the state Thursday. However, light accumulation was expected on the already wet roads.
"It won't get any worse, but we'll still have some residual ice," said David Schumacher, a forecaster at the National Weather Service's Austin-San

Antonio office. "It's going to stay pretty dangerous."
Air travelers and motorists seeking refuge from the slick roads filled up hotel rooms around Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Mortgage rates resume increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rates on 30-year mortgages, which had fallen for two weeks, resumed their increases this week.

Mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.32 percent this week, up from 6.26 percent last week.

Rates three weeks ago had hit 6.37 percent, the highest level in more than two years. Analysts said the booming housing sector, which has been cooling a bit under the weight of rising rates, should slow further in coming months. The slowdown, however, won't be enough to stop sales of both existing and new homes from setting a fifth-straight record in 2005, economists said.

Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac, said even with the recent increases, 30-year mortgages, by far the most popular mortgage type, so far this year have remained close to the averages set in the past two years.

"These low rates helped the housing market set records for home sales and new construction over the past three years," he said. "Looking ahead, as mort-

gages rates rise, housing activity will ease somewhat."

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Thornberry
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Thornberry's wife, Sally, is also a native Texan. They

have been married since 1986, have two children, and are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.
The primary election is on March 7, 2006.

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age of one every 30 minutes. An estimated half a million people are injured in alcohol-related crashes each year.
• Alcohol-related crashes cost the American public an estimated \$114.3 billion, and people other than the drunken driver paid \$71.6 billion of that bill.

The council asks that motorists display a ribbon on a radio antenna or other visible place, and asks that party hosts be responsible and make available non-alcoholic beverages, high protein snacks and provide alternate transportation or accommodations for guests who have been drinking.
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Viewpoints

The power of words can be transforming

Two things I credit to saving my life. First, was accepting Christ and His word into my life and second was the encouragement that was delivered to me through the words of a song.

"I decided long ago, never to walk in anyone's shadow. If I fail, if I succeed, at least I'll live as I believe. No matter what they take from me, they can't take away my dignity," read the chorus of the Greatest Love as sung by jazz guitarist George Benson. If life demanded a

theme song, I'm sure that would be high on my list.

It was in the 1970s when I first heard the song. My family struggled to survive within the low-income bracket that held us hostage. Drug use, alcoholism, crime, and so many other societal ills threatened to create for me a mark that would be nothing more than one of many temporary chalk outlines frozen on concrete.

Lying in bed that fateful night, I struggled to see a better life ahead, ignoring

the radio that played songs nearby.

Having missed the introduction of the song, the chorus above cut deeper than any knife could, allowing the true meaning behind the song to sink deep. The very next morning, I awoke with renewed faith and a belief system that bore no boundaries and haven't

looked back since.

Looking back, I can clearly see three important learned lessons that I gladly offer anyone facing a blurred future:

1. Your future is not predicated on what our family or friends have done or will do. Life is driven in directions purely by the choices we make. Consider all the dif-

ferent places you would be today had you turned right instead of left or said yes or no over the course of your life.

2. Accept and be ready to fail, but know that failure is an event and not a person. A successful person is not a person that makes the fewest mistakes, but rather a person that learns from their mistakes. Success and failures will vary in life, but dignity should always be a constant.

3. Self-esteem is one of the greatest attributes to pos-

sess. It's no wonder that even Christ himself admonished us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Is it really possible to love anyone more than you love yourself? If so, how can you give away something that you don't have?

Whether in scripture or song, the right words can be powerful motivators. Find the right words to believe in and they will take your life to heights that are beyond description.

David Cain
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2005. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty-five years ago, on Dec. 8, 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

On this date:
In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

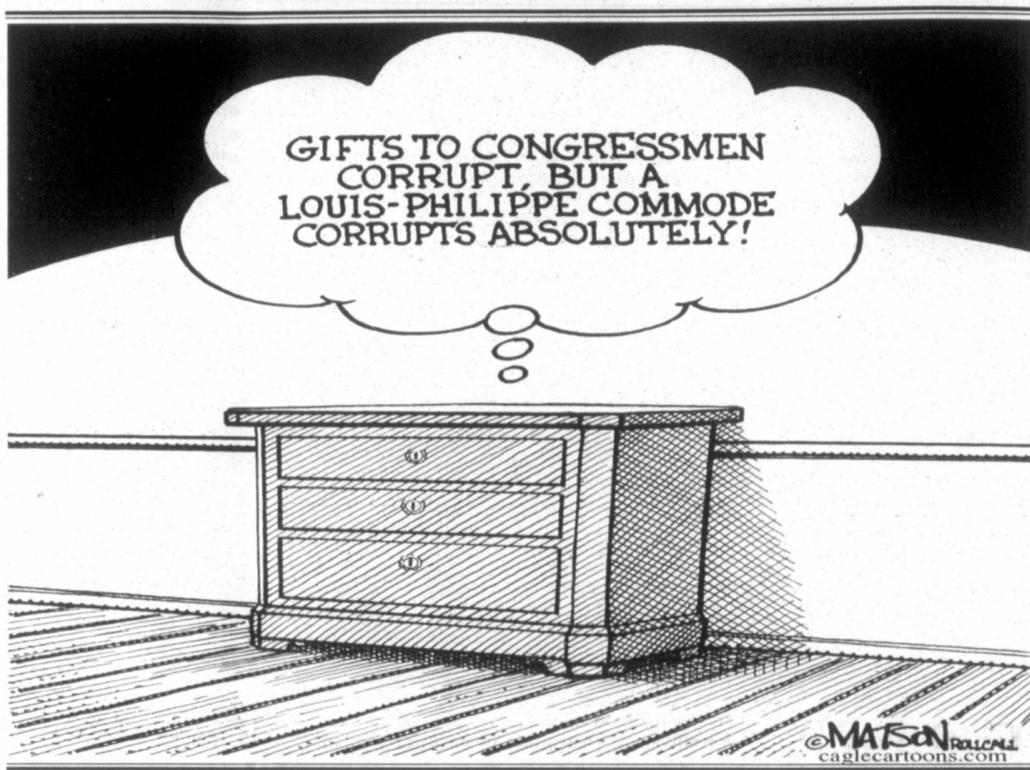
In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

'Untilled ground, however rich, will bring forth thistles and thorns; so also the mind of man.'

— St. Teresa of Avila
Spanish Carmelite nun (1515-1582)



Merry Christmas and happy e-shopping

Our readers write

Wal-Mart devoid of Christmas spirit?

I was in the Wal-Mart store here in Pampa on Saturday, Dec. 3. I went to purchase some things and to do a little Christmas shopping.

As I went about finding the items I wanted, I began to feel a bit strange. I went from medicines to toys, and it struck me. The store was bare, austere.

It's December, but it doesn't look it. Even in the toy section, there is no indication that it is the Christmas season. I took a few minutes to watch the Wal-Mart TV Network.

No mention of Christmas. I went through electronics, clothing and groceries. Coming back across, I noticed a card display with a countdown to Christmas.

That is all I saw. No Christmas music was playing.

It was a strange experience, disquieting. The atmosphere was somehow uneasy, uncomfortable, uninviting. As I checked out, I asked the checker if the store would be decorating for Christmas later. She said probably not and pointed to the angel tree. I had missed that.

As I left, I noticed the Salvation Army Bell Ringer. At least he was there. My daughter made a donation. It seems as though either The Grinch or Mr. Scrooge has taken over the company.

I am glad Wal-Mart is in our community and will con-

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With Thanksgiving under our belts (literally), the countdown to Christmas has begun. And what better way to lay sleepless in your bed at night, than to count all the gifts you haven't bought yet. Thank goodness for the Net. With a few clicks, you can have gifts sent to everyone on your list, without having to brave store crowds or empty shelves.

But, wait! Before you fire up your browser and start "surfing for savings," check out these eight essential tips for online shopping, courtesy of the Better Business Bureau (<http://www.bbb.org>).

1. Location, Location. If you're interested in trying a new online merchant who you're not familiar with, ask the company for its physical location (address and phone number) so that you can check on its reliability with outside organizations like the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and consumer agencies.

2. Customer Satisfaction Policy. Determine the company's refund and return policies before you place an order. If

online companies can't offer concrete commitments on how they will handle any potential problems you may have with their products or services, reconsider doing business with them.

3. Protect Your Passwords. Never give out your Internet password. When creating a password, avoid using

established numbers, such as your house number, birth date, or your telephone or Social Security numbers. If the site asks you to create an account with a password, never use the same password you use for other accounts or sites.

4. Leave Nothing to Chance. Be sure you have a thorough understanding of everything involved before making an order. Be clear on the price and any shipping and handling charges. Know the terms of any product or service guarantees. Find out how long it will be before

you receive your order. Federal law requires that goods and services be delivered within 30 days, unless a different delivery period is specifically stated by the merchant.

5. Guard Your Personal Information. Only provide your credit card information or Social Security number online in a secure environment. Look for the prefix <https://> ... in the Uniform Resource Locator box which lists the Web site's Web address to be sure that a site you are using is secure. Note the "s" after the "p."

6. Check For Reliability. Check a company out with your Better Business Bureau. For the phone number or address of your nearest BBB, visit the BBB's Web site at lookup.bbb.org. Also look for a reliability seal from a reputable online consumer protection program such as BBBOnline (www.bbbonline.org).

7. Keep a Paper Trail.

Print out the "address" of the company site you are on — its Uniform Resource Locator (URL). The URL ensures that you are dealing with the right company. It's also a good idea to print out a copy of your order and confirmation number for your records.

8. Know Your Consumer Rights. The same laws that protect you when you shop by phone or mail apply when you shop in cyberspace. Under the law, a company must ship your order within the time stated in its ads. If you decide to pay by credit card or charge card, your transaction will be protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. If you are not comfortable entering your credit or charge card account number online, call it in to the company's 800 number or fax it.

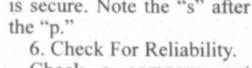
Well, now that you have been properly warned, where do you shop? My suggestion is to check out some of the price comparison sites. My four favorites are:

M y S i m o n (<http://www.mysimon.com>)

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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The Odessa American on U.S. oil dependence:

Many pundits and Washington observers rejoice when politicians work across party lines to enact legislation.

They think it's a sign that partisanship can be put aside when the nation really needs its elected representatives to represent us. Were a bit more cynical.

When lawmakers reach across the aisle to work with the other party, it usually means the taxpayers are going to take it in the wallet or in their liber-

ties. And that seems to be the case with a bill introduced recently in the Senate that's intended to wean the country from its dependence on oil, especially foreign oil.

Led by Democratic Sens. Joe Lieberman and Evan Bayh, the bipartisan cohort aims to reduce U.S. oil dependence by 2.5 million barrels a day by 2015. Long-range hopes are to cut about 10 million barrels a day from our oil use. The United States currently uses a bit more than 20 million barrels a day. Although these are noble goals, it's likely that no amount of federal bullying or cajoling will make Americans, and especially independent West Texans, give up their personal autos.

After the oil embargoes of the 1970s, Americans responded by replacing

their V-8-powered land yachts with smaller, more fuel-efficient cars, mostly from overseas. U.S. automakers responded slowly until Congress forced them to produce the smaller cars.

But when good economic times returned in the 1990s, Americans in increasing numbers threw aside their cracker-box-sized cars and hit the highway in minivans and sport utility vehicles. You see, Americans will put up with being cramped and uncomfortable in the short term when it's necessary, but we hunger for the freedom to buy what best suits our needs.

To be certain, high gasoline prices put a strain on drivers everywhere, but more so on Permian Basin motorists

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People in the news

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Indian actress Aishwarya Rai says finding work in Hollywood is no easy task — even for one of Bollywood's most recognizable leading ladies.

"People overseas are aware of me, but haven't seen enough of my work to be able to perceive me as anything but relatively new to their world," Rai was quoted as saying in the December issue of *Filmfare* magazine.

The former Miss India, long a major box office draw in India, recently wrapped up filming "The Last Legion," a Hollywood epic about a Roman warrior, played by Colin Firth, who must protect a young Caesar as the Roman Empire crumbles.

Although she is not the lead in the movie, Rai agreed to take part "because you want visibility or (to) be part of a great team or work with a director or you want (a) foot in the door."

Last year, the 32-year-old Rai starred in "Bride & Prejudice," her first English-language film.

"It's a tightrope you are walking and it's your decision which side you want to dip and which way you want to go," she said.

Shot in Slovakia, "The Last Legion" also stars Ben Kingsley and is scheduled to be released next year.

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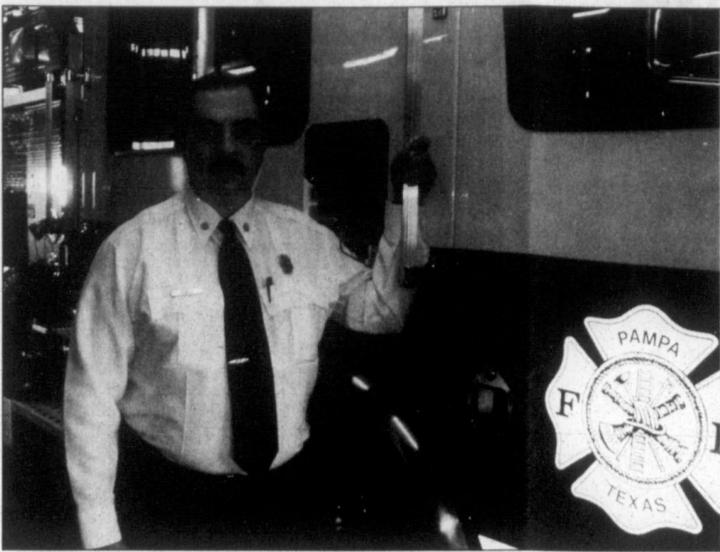
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All of these sites work very similarly. Once you know the product you want to buy, do a search on its model number or its name. These sites will then show you the price of the item at a variety of stores. Be sure to include the cost of shipping when choosing a vendor.

So, what are you waiting for? Start E-Shopping!

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Rotary honoree



Pampa News photo by DENNIS SPIES

Pampa Rotary Club recently conferred its Vocational Recognition Award upon Pampa Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham. Dunham has lived in Pampa 46 years. He and wife Kim have four children, Jared, Aaron, Katy and Caleb. He has worked for Pampa Fire Department for 16 years. He was nominated for the award by Fire Chief Kim Powell. "(Dunham) has worked in this department as a firefighter, an equipment operator, a training officer and now the Deputy Chief of Fire Operations," Powell wrote in her nomination letter. "He is at the office from 0800 (8 a.m.) to 1700 (5 p.m.) every weekday, yet he is always on duty. He takes those middle of the night calls for equipment breaking down. He answers the alarm when the structure is fully involved and incident command must be established in the wee hours of the morning. He is a grant writer, computer technician, call screener, disciplinarian, organizer and all around fix-it man. The hours he spends for this department and the City of Pampa," Powell concluded, "cannot be measured by a clock or time card."

Oil

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haven't seen a great rush to unload SUVs and other so-called gas guzzlers in this area.

Folks around here apparently don't mind paying for the pleasure their big vehicles give them. The new bill wouldn't necessarily force car makers to make certain types of cars, but would give tax credits for producing gas hybrids and ethanol-friendly autos. That's using the power of taxation to practice social engineering.

The feds won't force anyone to manufacture or purchase any of these new models, but they sure sweeten the pot if you do.

"This is a bipartisan effort," said Sam Brownback, who co-sponsored the bill with fellow Republicans Lindsay Graham and Norm Coleman along with Democrats Lieberman, Bayh and our own Ken Salazar. "This is just good common sense," Brownback added. "This is where the public wants us to go. They want us to not be so dependent on foreign oil."

We have to question the need for such a bill. There are waiting lists for hybrid cars and gas-guzzling SUVs aren't selling in these days of high gasoline prices, so it seems like the free market is already moving in the direction this legislation seeks to drag it.

Rather than having the feds bribe manufacturers to produce more, we'd like to see lawmakers allow the market to decide the proper ratio of alternate fuel vehicles. As car makers see the demand for these vehicles rise, they'll make more to meet that demand. And if Americans really want to reduce oil imports, they'll make the switch to the more efficient vehicles. But having the government tell us what's good for us and what we want is simply more nannyism.

who often have to travel considerable distances in the pursuit of work and pleasure. But we

Letter

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I continue to purchase some of the things I normally do there. I will, however, do the balance of my Christmas shopping at stores that will celebrate Christmas with me.

Ronnie Goode
Pampa

Boy suffocated at youth camp

INGRAM, Texas (AP) — The weekend death of a 12-year-old Kerrville boy at an Ingram residential treatment center has been attributed to suffocation while being restrained, according to an autopsy.

A staffer at Star Ranch placed Christening "Mikie" Garcia in "a basket hold" as the emotionally disturbed youngster tried to bang his own head on the pavement. With his arms across his chest and hands held from behind by the staffer, Garcia

stopped breathing Sunday evening and couldn't be revived, officials said.

Before ruling on the manner of death, Kerr County Justice of the Peace Bill Ragsdale is awaiting the results of toxicology tests and investigations by state and local authorities.

Ragsdale said investigators will look into whether "the person who restrained (the boy) did so intentionally, knowingly or recklessly and what their training was."

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• **The downtown merchants of McLean** will host an old-fashioned Christmas from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. today and from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday.

• **Lovett Memorial Library** will host a free Christmas Craft Day beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the library. Projects will include gift bags, cards and more. All materials will be provided. At 10 a.m. Tuesday, the library will hold a Christmas party for its Story Time program. For more information on either event, call the library at 669-5780 or visit www.lovettlibrary.org on the Internet.

• **Tibb Burnett of Benjamin will appear** at the next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Saturday at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo. An open mike

session will follow Burnett's program. For more information, call (806) 372-7000 or (806) 374-4354. Reservations are required for parties of more than 10.

• **Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo** will conduct a blood drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 15 in the atrium of Celanese administration building. A Christmas ornament will be given to every donor.

• **The next Pampa Christians Dance** will be from 8-11 p.m. Dec. 17 with Earl Witt at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my fiancé, "Dave," and I befriended a neighbor of his I'll call Jane. We didn't know her very well. I tried to talk with her once when she joined us outside, but her focus was solely on her husband. Not long afterward they separated, and Jane was devastated. Their marriage had been filled with financial, emotional and infidelity problems, but she loved him. Jane gravitated to Dave and me for emotional support. She needed cash, so I hired her to watch my girls twice a week so Dave and I could go out. Things were fine for a while, but then she began showing up all the time. On nights that I worked, Jane would hang out at Dave's. Finally, we both told her it made me uncomfortable, and she seemed to get the message. She found another part-time job, became involved with church, and began reading books about boundaries, emotional strength and spirituality. I was happy for her. Then Jane began confiding in Dave. She'd tell him about the men she was meeting at work, exposing herself to them for money, sex for money, intimate relations with married men, wanting to get tattoos in places I won't mention. When Dave told me, he made me promise not to say anything to Jane because he didn't want problems in the neighborhood. I ended my social relationship with her. She still babysits for me because it's hard finding help for my disabled girls. But our relationship is strictly business. I would like to tell Jane how angry I am that she discussed her sexual behavior with my fiancé while pretending to be my friend. Then again, I have the situation at home and I do need time off. Jane is asking Dave why I don't visit with her anymore. He makes up excuses. Although I promised Dave I wouldn't say anything, I feel an urgent need to get this off my chest.

Now, when and what do I say to someone who has shown no respect for me, my relationship with my fiancé or our friendship? — **FURIOUS IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FURIOUS: Say something to this woman ONLY after having made other arrangements for someone to baby-sit your children. After that, my advice to you is to keep your promise to your fiancé and tell her only that you have made other arrangements. If you think you can win a spitting contest with a woman who has no character, no morals and no shame, you are deluding yourself.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my beloved daughter, Katie, died of a stroke. She was only 33. Her favorite time of year was the Christmas season. Last fall, I began to worry what the first Christmas without her would be like. I knew we should still celebrate, but how would I bear the grief? I decided to do a project for my daughter. I asked all the relatives to bring a small stuffed animal to our Christmas gathering. Then I hung up Katie's stocking and we all stuffed it full with the little animals. I called them Katie's Critters. On the anniversary of her birthday, Jan. 15, I took all the critters to our local WIC center. They were overjoyed to receive them! I plan to continue this project every Christmas so we can remember our darling Katie and how much she loved the season of giving. — **SHERRIE W., VICTOR, N.Y.**

DEAR SHERRIE: Your letter touched my heart. What a wonderful tribute to a loved one -- and I'm sure Katie's Critters have brought a smile to every person who has touched them.

For Better Or Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 12 Average | 5 Litigious ones |
| 13 "Miseri" director | 6 Live |
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| 16 MTV favorites | 8 Citrus |
| 20 Imps | 9 Also not |
| 23 Zodiac sign | 11 Golf bunkers |
| 24 Seething | 15 Muscle quality |
| 25 Gown material | 17 Choir singer |
| 27 Grenade part | 26 On the line |
| 28 Climbers' spikes | 18 Horse halter |
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| 36 Mechanical men | 21 Niagara's source |
| 39 Met piece | 22 Lion's pride |
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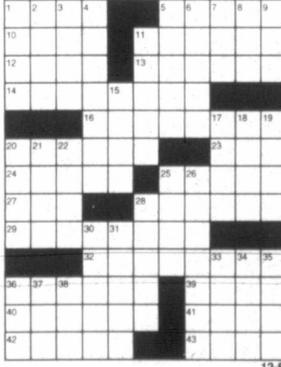


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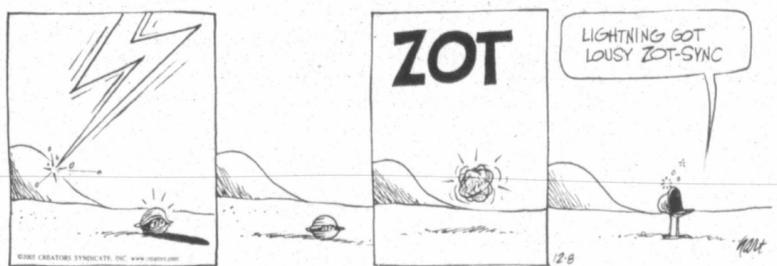
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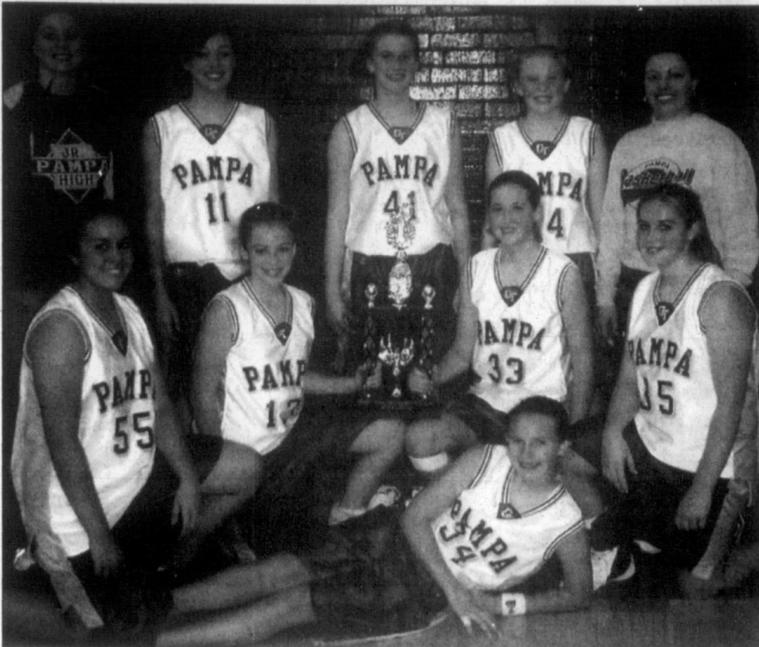


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Sports Day

Tournament trophy



Courtesy photo

The PJHS 8th grade girls Green Team shows off the second place trophy taken at the recent Hereford Tournament. Pictured are (left to right), front- Shelby Watson. Middle- Ashley Facio, Gabby Powell, Carlyn Teichmann and Sammie Pearson. Back- Coach Kathy Lee, Kara Stephens, Emilie Troxell, Cheyanne Collins and Coach Carrie Hicks. See page 8 for tournament results.

Rocket not offered arbitration

DALLAS (AP) — Roger Clemens isn't sure whether he will pitch again or retire again. The Houston Astros are moving on without waiting for him to decide.

Six weeks after playing in their first World Series, the Astros declined Wednesday to offer salary arbitration to the 43-year-old pitcher who spent the past two seasons carrying his hometown team to unprecedented heights.

seasons with the White Sox. Meanwhile, 26 free agents were offered arbitration and have until Dec. 19

to accept. They can negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8.

"This is probably one of the more difficult, gut-wrenching decisions we've made as an organization."

— Tim Purpura
GM, Houston Astros

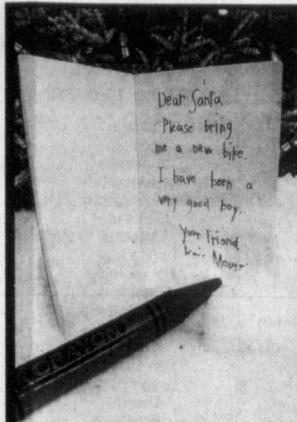
"This is probably one of the more difficult, gut-wrenching decisions we've made as an organization," general manager Tim Purpura said. "There's going to come a time when he's not going to play anymore. We don't know when that's going to be. I don't think he knows when that's going to be."

The move means Clemens can't re-sign with the National League champions before May 1. It also makes the seven-time Cy Young Award winner available to the other 29 teams, including the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox, two of his former clubs.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman wouldn't rule anything out, but wasn't ready to discuss any possible interest.

"We all know who Roger Clemens is, and how special a player he is," Cashman said at the winter meetings. "I guess all that's for another time."

Clemens was the most notable of 121 free agents refused arbitration by Wednesday night's deadline. Among other intriguing names were catcher Bengie Molina, infielder Nomar Garciaparra, pitcher Jarrod Washburn, reliever Octavio Dotel, outfielder Reggie Sanders, catcher Mike Piazza and two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas, injured most of his last two



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Tampa Bay @ Carolina
NY Giants @ Philadelphia
San Francisco @ Seattle
Washington @ Arizona
Baltimore @ Denver
Kansas City @ Dallas
Miami @ San Diego
Detroit @ Green Bay
New Orleans @ Atlanta
Southlake Carroll vs. Lufkin
Frenship vs. Lewisville Hebron
Childress vs. Celina
Stratford vs. Windhorst

Cumulative totals: Hooper 189-71, Stokes 188-72, Boring 177-83, Smith 172-88, Stevens 171-89.



Michael J. Stevens
Last Week: 13-7-0 (4)

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Buffalo
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Carolina
NY Giants
Seattle
Washington
Denver
Kansas City
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Sean Smith
Last Week: 14-6-0 (3)

Chicago
Cincinnati
Tennessee
Indianapolis
New England
Oakland
Minnesota
Tampa Bay
NY Giants
Seattle
Washington
Denver
Dallas
San Diego
Green Bay
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Lufkin
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Donny Hooper
Last Week: 14-6-0 (3)

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Ray Boring
Last Week: 15-5-0 (2)

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NY Giants
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Shane Stokes
Last Week: 16-4-0 (1)

Pittsburgh
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Dallas Highland Park seeking venue change for 4A final

DALLAS (AP) — Highland Park officials have asked the University Interscholastic Athletic League to find an alternative stadium or to simulcast the school's Class 4A Division I final against Marshall this weekend.

Highland Park officials said they made the request after selling out their allotment of 5,500 tickets for the Saturday afternoon game at Tyler's 12,000-seat Rose Stadium.

A UIL spokeswoman, however, said it's up to the two schools to come up with a solution.

"It's not our decision to move," Kim Rogers said. "We couldn't step in at this point and move the game."

Highland Park (14-0) is making its first trip to a state final in 48 years in a matchup with Marshall (13-1).

Most of Highland Park's allotment of tickets quickly sold out at a Highland Park Sports Club meeting Monday night. The

school said another 800 tickets reserved for students were sold Tuesday.

Marshall won a coin toss deciding the venue after the two school could not agree on a site. Highland Park's choice was the much larger Texas Stadium in Irving.

Highland Park officials have contacted Marshall officials about changing the venue, Marshall Independent School District spokesman Richard Fluker said.

"They've been calling and calling," he said. "They're just not really happy that they can't get tickets."

But Fluker said the decision to relocate or stay at the existing site ultimately rests with Marshall coach and athletics director Rodney Southern. "He's the one who won the coin toss," Fluker said.

Telephone messages left with Southern by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

Hereford Tournament results

Hereford Junior High
Girl's Tournament
Dec. 2, 2005

8th Grade
Pampa Green 42, Hereford 38

High Point: Ashley Facio- 14 points.
Team Points: Ashley Facio- 14 points, Carlyn Teichmann- 11 points, Shelbie Watson- 8 points, Sammie Pearson- 5 points, and Cheyanne Collins- 4 points.
Rebounds: Ashley Facio 6, Sammie Pearson 6, Shelbie Watson 6, Cheyanne Collins 3, Carlyn Teichmann 3, Emilie Troxell 2, Kara Stephens 1.

Pampa Green 34, Westover 22

High Point: Ashley Facio 13.
Team Points: Sammie Pearson 7, Carlyn Teichmann 6, Emilie Troxell 5, Shelbie Watson 2, Cheyanne Collins 1.
Rebounds: Sammie Pearson 11, Ashley Facio 6, Emilie Troxell 3, Shelbie Watson 1.

Pampa Green 60, Canyon 29-60 Canyon

High Point: Ashley Facio 14.
Team Points: Carlyn Teichmann 7, Emilie Troxell 4, Sammie Pearson 3, Gabby Powell 1.
Rebounds: Sammie Pearson 6, Emilie Troxell 6, Ashley Facio 4, Gabby Powell 1.

Results from Monday, Dec. 5
Plainview 47, Pampa Green 45

High Point: Ashley Facio 10.
Team Points: Shelbie Watson 8, Sammie Pearson 8, Kara Stephens 7, Carlyn

Teichmann 5, Cheyanne Collins 4, Emilie Troxell 2.

Rebounds: Sammie Pearson 11, Ashley Facio 8, Emilie Troxell 4, Carlyn Teichmann 4, Shelbie Watson 3, Cheyanne Collins 2, Kara Stephens 2.

Hereford Tournament
Pampa Gold Team
Hereford 27, Pampa Gold 22

High Point: Andi Hutto 10.
Team Point: Emily Ruhl 4, Faby Soria 3, Serina Wagner 2, Brooklyn Barker 2, Lariat Lowery 1.
Rebounds: Rachel Heuston 5, Andi Hutto 4, Brooklyn Barker 4, Lariat Lowery 3, Faby Soria 2, Whitney Wade 1, Savannah Hoover 1, Emily Ruhl 1, Serina Wagner 1.

Pampa 48, Borger 10

High Point: Andi Hutto 14.
Team Point: Serina Wagner 8, Brooklyn Barker 8, Lariat Lowery 7, Whitney Wade 7, Faby Soria 4, Rachel Heuston 2.
Rebounds: Brooklyn Barker 13, Andi Hutto 7, Rachel Heuston 4, Lariat Lowery 4, Savannah Hoover 3, Serina Wagner 2, Faby Soria 1, Whitney Wade 1.

Pampa 30, Plainview 21

High Point: Andi Hutto 8.
Team Point: Faby Soria 6, Brooklyn Barker 6, Lariat Lowery 4, Serina Wagner 3, Whitney Wade 2, Savannah Hoover 1.
Rebounds: Brooklyn Barker 8, Andi Hutto 8, Serina Wagner 3, Whitney Wade 2, Rachel Heuston 2, Faby Soria 2, Lariat Lowery 2.

BUFFALO CHIPS

In or out, Barnett decision should not be based on last three games of the season

In the formative years of my now dormant radio career I learned what to fear and what not to. Atop the 'you'll need to change your Fruit of the Looms' list was any visit by the FCC. Just the mention, even if only rumor, that they might be stopping by for a chat and check of your files and facilities would cause unparalleled panic. I was a well seasoned veteran of the microphone before I ever had the FCC folks come calling. No new skivvies were needed afterward. Weren't no big deal. But the anxiety that preceded their arrival was immense.

Another of the fear factors that worried most at the time was any hint that a change in Program Directors was on the horizon. PD's were the head coaches of the air staff back in the day. If ratings weren't rising, upper management or ownership would effect change beginning with the office down the hall. After all, ratings provide revenue.

This was particularly troubling to the air staff, which was usually the problem in the first place. A new Program Director often meant more than replacing the nameplate on the door and changing the building entry code. New PD's had a reputation for 'cleaning house'. It was not uncommon for these people to come in and hold one-on-one meetings that commonly began with "If you were in-charge, what would you do?". More often than not, they ended with "Good luck in your future endeavors" and a severance check.

Knowing a new PD was coming in would literally suck the creativity and life out of an air staff. Performance levels would drop. Most would show up only to go through the motions, if they showed up at all. Nothing would function as it should until the office at the end of the hall was occupied and the changes complete.

When head coach Gary Barnett and his Colorado Buffaloes lost to Iowa State, it didn't shock me. The Cyclones are a very good football team. CU losing to Nebraska at home was painful. How do you let the Huskers come into your house and slap you

around like that? And then there was Texas. 'Nuff said. And though all three are bowl bound, something about Colorado didn't look right in either game.

Every one with a face knew Texas would win the Big 12 championship, but not like that. I was hoping a group of guys in the stands might form a team, lock the Buffaloes in the locker room at the half, and take the field against the Longhorns. Sure, they would lose, but it would have been more fun to watch. But while we belittle the CU for allowing Texas to humiliate them (70-3), we should also keep in mind that later that day, USC pounded UCLA 66-19. And it could have been much worse. UCLA was a ranked team at the time. Colorado was not.

The final three weeks of the season were way out of character for a Gary Barnett coached team. But I think I understand why the meltdown took place. The office at the end of the hall.

Barnett and university officials have been trying to hammer out a new contract for the coach, which appeared all but done before the losing streak began, but failed to do so. With just one year left on his current agreement, CU could buy Barnett out and send him on his way.

Like an air staff, a team will become unstable not knowing who will occupy the office at the end of the hall. It will not operate at its full potential. It will show up, only to go through the motions, lethargic though it may be. There is no sense of resolve, no real desire. Looking back over the past three weeks, I can see that in Colorado.

Prediction
Barnett is probably out at Colorado. I cannot see the Denver Post publishing reports of the man's demise unless it were so. But the Board of Regents and the Athletic Director owe it to the team, the students and future recruits to be honest as to why the decision was (will be) made. Anything relating to the performance on the field at the end of the season should be considered unacceptable.



Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

No. 2 Texas next for No. 1 Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Almost nothing went right for Duke. Except for winning, of course.

"I don't feel like we're playing bad, I feel like we're learning," senior guard Sean Dockery said. "And we keep winning. We don't have an 'L' yet, so we're in good shape."

The top-ranked Blue Devils' 72-59 victory over Penn on Wednesday night was their last game before this weekend's meeting with No. 2 Texas.

J.J. Redick had 24 points to move up to ninth on Duke's all-time scoring list, and Shelden Williams added 20 for the Blue Devils.

Dockery scored 11 points for Duke (8-0), which travels to East Rutherford, N.J., on Saturday to meet the Longhorns (8-0) in the 35th meeting between the top two teams since The Associated Press' rankings began in the 1948-49 season.

Somehow, in a game where the Blue Devils shot 49 percent and led almost throughout, no one was very pleased with the effort.

"I think we're capable of playing better offensively," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I would think you would have to give Penn some credit. I'm not standing here saying it's just us."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 17 Nevada 78, UC Davis 51; No. 21 Maryland 87, Western Carolina 57; Notre Dame 78, No. 22 Alabama 71; and No. 23 North Carolina 75, Saint Louis 63.

Freshman Josh McRoberts had perhaps his best all-around game for Duke, finishing with eight points, seven rebounds, four steals and two blocks following a little motivational speed from Redick late in the first half. After McRoberts missed the first of two free throws, Redick walked from his spot near the 3-point line and got in his face.

Whatever Redick said worked, since McRoberts appeared energized the remainder of the game. He grabbed three rebounds over the next several possessions, freed up Redick with a nice screen, then finished off the half with a steal.

The second half was more of the same for McRoberts, and he even got a chance to show off his open-court ability during one fast break. The lanky 6-foot-10 forward rebounded a miss by the Quakers (3-3) and dribbled up court before getting the ball to Redick, who turned down an open jumper to feed Williams for a dunk to make it 54-36.

McRoberts declined to speak with reporters after the game.

"I feel like everybody believes in each other on this team, and we just have to get going," Dockery said. "We've got some freshmen, and it's kind of tough coming and playing at Duke. When those guys get more comfortable, we're going to get better."

Penn rallied behind David Whitehurst, who made three consecutive 3-pointers. Then, Friedrich Ebeye added a three-point play to cut the margin to 10, and it still was 11 before McRoberts got inside for a layup. Later, Redick swished a 3 that put Duke ahead 66-50, and the Quakers never threatened again.

"For the most part, I was very proud of our effort," Penn coach Fran Dunphy said. "Before the game, we talked a little bit about having tremendous respect for this program, but we couldn't let that become a fear factor. I thought our guys did a pretty good job of understanding that concept."

Redick passed Trajan Langdon, Art Heyman and Shane Battier on the career scoring list, and made at least three shots from beyond the arc for the 70th time in his career.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 9, 2005: This birthday year, you'll often find yourself shaking your head, not quite believing what is going down. Many times, you believe you are on the right path in your daily life, only to be bounced in a different direction. Romance, children and creativity are subject to whims and changing winds. You will learn to forge ahead in a meaningful direction that is time-tested. New ventures could easily flip left and right. If you are single, romance won't be boring, but it also won't be stable. Go with the flow and don't make assumptions concerning your love life. If you are attached, you could easily find children to be a roller-coaster ride. Surprise pregnancies are also possible. ARIES helps you laugh at life and its twists and turns.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Though you might not know it until late in the day, you are on a winning cycle, able to clear out problem after problem. There is reason for celebration. Your Ruler goes direct today. Consider this a champagne occasion. Tonight: Your smile is a winner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Take your time right now, as you could be prone to wild mood swings. You will see sudden changes in how you approach situations. Mars in your sign goes direct, causing a mood swing of sorts. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You could be a bit more explosive than you realize right now. If you are getting strange reactions even though you know you are on the right path, step back for the moment. Ultimately, you get where you want to be. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Take charge, as others might be going back and forth deciding what to do, when and how. Your laughter makes friends out of those who might be remote or having a hard time. You are a sure-bet winner. Tonight: Someone needs to do true confessions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Taking a long-term perspective on a visible or key issue could make or break you. Information that has been held back could come from out of left field. Take the high road, as you might see a prime concept unravel. Tonight: Take in a vision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Relating looks like a close encounter. You might be surprised by the quality of it and what comes out as a result. Because of a change in someone's attitude, you'll need to rethink a decision carefully. Tonight: Togetherness needs to be the theme.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You could be dumbfounded by others. Investigate what you think is an issue, but also be ready to swing in the opposite direction. Others dominate; you are simply there to receive the end results. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Be nurturing to those around you. A theme of change and perhaps reversals becomes likely in the next few days. You might be bound and determined to make

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** No matter which way you turn, your routine seems to dissolve into thin air. A child, creative product or special bond could reverse itself. Understanding might not be that easy right now. Just don't try. Tonight: Allow humor to permeate a relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Where you thought a situation was locked and concrete, you discover otherwise in the next few days. On some level, you might need to regroup and think through decisions made in the past two months. Tonight: Frolic close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your word choice might be affected by recent reactions and behavior. How you see someone could change radically. What you thought was loose and easy might no longer be. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Be very careful dealing with money. In fact, the less you do, the better off you will be. If you can avoid dealing with money totally, all the better. News comes your way. Be a good listener—even if you are stunned. Tonight: Out and about.

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Air marshals kill man at airport

MIAMI (AP) — Shortly after boarding an Orlando-bound plane, passengers say, they saw a man bolt from his seat and run down the aisle, with his screaming wife and man in a Hawaiian shirt behind.

"My husband! My husband!" one passenger said she heard the wife cry.

The chase ended moments later Wednesday in a Miami International Airport jetway, when authorities say Rigoberto Alpizar appeared

manic-depression, and was off his medication.

"She said it was her fault that he was bipolar," said Mike Deshears, a Flight 924 passenger who works for a vacation club in Orlando. "He was sick and she had convinced him to get on the plane."

It was the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks that an air marshal discharged a firearm at a passenger or suspect, Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Doyle said.

Dave Adams, a spokesman for the air marshals, confirmed Thursday there were two marshals on the flight and said both fired at Alpizar.

"They felt their life was threatened," he told ABC's "Good Morning America." "This was a textbook scenario and they acted instinctively based on the training."

The Bush administration hired thousands of additional air marshals after Sept. 11, when the nation had only 33. The exact number now is classified. Marshals fly undercover, and which planes they're on is a closely guarded secret.

Officials declined to say how many times Alpizar was shot, but passengers reported hearing between four to six shots. Authorities did not confirm he suffered from a mental illness.

"The man sitting next to me got on the floor," said passenger Olga Echeverrie, of Guatemala. "I threw myself on the floor to pray for God's mercy on us."

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— Dave Adams
Spokesman for the air marshals

to reach for his bag. He was shot to death by the man in the Hawaiian shirt and a second pursuer, both undercover air marshals.

Before he ran off the plane he "uttered threatening words that included a sentence to the effect that he had a bomb," said James E. Bauer, agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshal Service field office in Miami.

No bomb was found, and federal officials later concluded there was no link to terrorism. Witnesses said his wife, Anne, frantically tried to explain he was bipolar, a mental illness also known as

Museum to host 'Action Gluing'

AMARILLO — Amarillo Museum of Art is set to host "Action Gluing" from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 15 at the museum. Held as part of the museum's "Third Thursday" monthly activity, guests will participate in fashioning a collage by gluing papers on a board together.

Though the museum will provide all necessary materials, participants are welcome to bring their own decorative or scrap papers to use instead.

The evening will include films, coffee and tea tastings

by Starbucks Coffee, live music, and more.

The art of Luis Jimenez will be the focus of a special gallery tour, and the following exhibitions will also be on view: "Watercolor U.S.A.: 4 Decades," "Jim Jordan: Inglesia Suite," "Central Asian Textiles," and "Selections from the Permanent Collection: Creatures and Scenes."

For more information on this upcoming Third Thursday event, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050. Third Thursdays are free and open to the public.

Economy: Jobless claims rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans who have lost jobs from a string of devastating hurricanes rose to 599,700 last week as the effects of Katrina and Rita continued to be felt months after they slammed ashore.

The Labor Department attributed 7,000 claims last week to Katrina, which struck near New Orleans on Aug. 29 and Rita, which hit near the Texas-Florida border on Sept. 24. Wilma, which hit Florida on Oct. 24, resulted in an additional 700 claims last week.

The 7,700 total of storm-related claims was the lowest weekly figure since the government began tracking the hurricanes' impact on the labor market in the first week of September. Total claims for unemployment benefits increased by 6,000 last week to 327,000, a figure seen as indicating a healthy labor market.

The figure for total jobless claims

Part of last week's overall increase of 6,000 claims was attributed to additional workers filing for benefits after the Thanksgiving holidays, when unemployment claims offices were on a short work week.

was slightly higher than the 318,000 claims that analysts had been expecting. However, the figure was still viewed as consistent with their belief that the labor market remains healthy as the economy continues to grow at a solid pace.

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tional workers filing for benefits after the Thanksgiving holidays, when unemployment claims offices were on a short work week.

Last Friday, the government reported that U.S. businesses hired 215,000 new workers in November, the biggest gain in four months and a sign that the labor market was regaining its footing after a two-month lull reflecting hurricane disruptions.

The surge in job growth led President Bush to declare that the country's "economic horizon is as bright as it's been in a long time." Bush is hoping that the rebounding economy will bolster consumer confidence and help him combat the lowest job approval ratings of his presidency.

The big jump in employment, which helped keep the jobless rate at 5 percent in November, was one of a number of stronger-than-expected economic statistics in recent days.



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