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Students riding the technology wave

by Rachel Stennett
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Mrs. Deanne Blackwell's fourth grade class is riding the wave of technology everyday with

the use of the Promethean Board, the first interactive white-board in the Pampa Independent School District.

Thanks to Blackwell's efforts in grant writing,

recycling programs, and presentations, and the Austin Elementary School Booster Club, her class uses the 72 inch screen every day in their lessons. The board has already

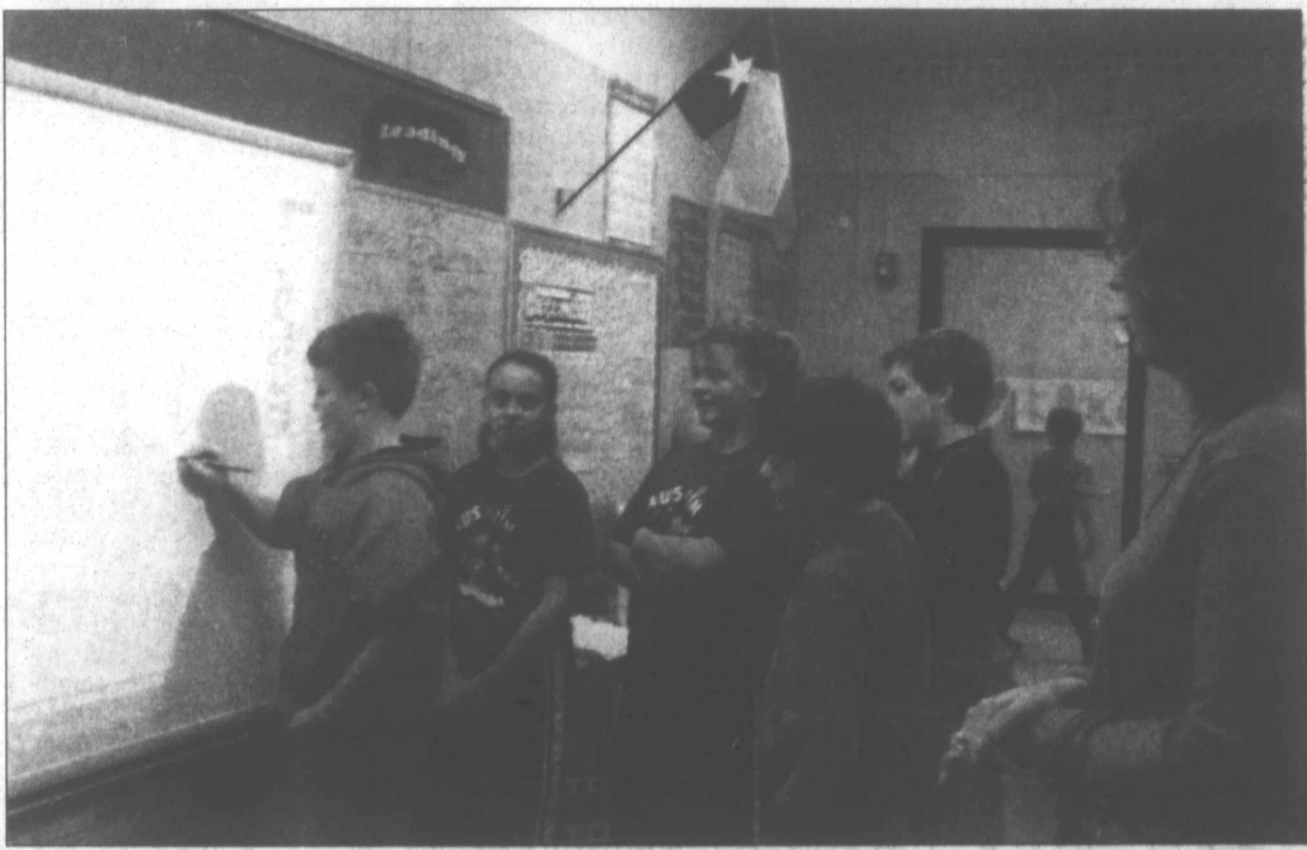
shown positive results in learning in the classroom. The Promethean Board is a combination white board, computer, projector, and interactive learning tool for the classroom.

The thin, wall-mounted screen is touch sensitive to the "pen" or "wand" used as a mouse, drawing instrument, pen, or selector.

The board "allows for hands on interactivity," according to Blackwell, who had used boards like this where she taught in Missouri.

Blackwell uses the board every day in her lessons, mostly in math and English. The board comes with software to make enhance learning for students and helps eliminate worksheets. It can stream educational videos and has instant access to anything that is on Blackwell's computer.

Blackwell starting pushing for the board over a year ago with research and price quotes. She wrote grants and started a program for recycling cell phones, printer cartridge ink, and toner to start a technology fund for Austin. Austin Elementary School Booster Club purchased the Promethean Board for the school, which Blackwell hopes is the first of many for the school and the entire dis-



Fifth grade students gather around Deanne Blackwell's Promethean Board, taking their hand at math problems while the fourth grade students are in gym. Pictured are: Matthew Lewis, writing on the board; next to him are Kayli Bagley, Bailee Budd, Gunnar Stevens, Colton Jefferies, and Deanne Blackwell.

photo by Rachel Stennett

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Four indicted by Wheeler grand jury

by Rachel Stennett
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A Wheeler grand jury handed down four indictments Thursday in the 31st Judicial District Court.

Frank James Wright, 22, of Wheeler County, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On April 5, 2008, Wright allegedly intentionally or knowingly threatened Randell Allen Menefield with imminent bodily injury by hitting him with a stick, using or exhibiting a deadly weapon in the assault against Menefield.

Randell Allen Menefield, 50, of Wheeler County, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the first degree felony as set at \$50,000.

On April 5, 2008, Menefield allegedly intentionally or knowingly threatened Frank James Wright with imminent bodily injury by attempting to strike

Wright with a vehicle and did then and there use or exhibit a deadly weapon during the assault. Menefield was convicted of burglary in Collingsworth County on Feb. 6, 1981 and aggravated robbery on Oct. 11, 1985 in Lubbock County.

Tyrone Dewayne Satchell, 34, of Wheeler County was indicted for injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury. Bond was set for the third-degree felony at \$15,000.

On Sept. 23, 2007, Satchell allegedly intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to a child 14 years of age or younger by striking them.

Edward Louis Clerkley, 56, of Wheeler County was indicted for aggravated sexual assault of a child. Bond for the first-degree felony was set at \$50,000.

On Aug. 8, 2006, Clerkley allegedly raped a child who was 14 years of age at the time and not the spouse of the defendant.

Five locals arrested on alleged drug charges after traffic stops

By Rachel Stennett
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Five people were arrested in two traffic stops after what is believed to be controlled substances found in their vehicles.

According to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office, a vehicle was stopped in a routine traffic stop at 11:50 a.m. on Brunow. When the arresting officer made contact with the vehicle occupants, one of them had existing warrants. The deputy gained permission to search the vehicle.

"He found a substance believed to be methamphetamine in a baggie inside of a soft drink bottle without a lid," Hoard said.

Edward Ray Williams, 53, of Pampa was arrested at that time for possession of a controlled substance greater than 200 grams but less than 400 grams. He was also charged with improper use of farm tags. Bail is set for Williams at \$25,500.

James Michael Hunnicutt, 50, of Pampa was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance greater than

200 grams but less than 400 grams. Bail is set for Hunnicutt for \$25,000.

Teri Lynn Furgerson, 35 of Lefors, a passenger in the vehicle, had existing warrants for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no seat belt driver and passenger. She was arrested on these warrants and for possession of a controlled substance greater than 200 grams, but less than 400 grams. Bond was set at \$25,000 for Furgerson.

During another stop at 2:35 p.m. yesterday, a deputy who stopped a vehicle in the 1300 block of West Alcock on a traffic violation noticed items in the rear seat of the vehicle that he suspected may be stolen. After gaining permission for a search the goods, the deputy found a water cooler that had "a strong odor of chemicals in it," Hoard said. "We found what is believed to be anhydrous ammonia in the vehicle."

Waylann Lynn Bridwell, 22, of Pampa and Jere David Hink, 44, of Pampa were both arrested for possession or transport of certain chemicals with intention to manufacture controlled substance. Both of their bonds are set at \$10,000.

All of the arrested were still in jail as of noon Friday.



Williams



Hunnicutt



Furgerson



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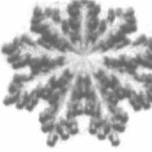



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NEXT DAY FORECAST

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By The Associated Press

Moderate temperatures were expected across much of the state on Saturday with a chance of rain in the Houston area, the National Weather Service said.

Skies should be partly sunny in South Texas, with a high near 77 degrees in Brownsville. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. The low should fall to around 65.

Mostly sunny skies were expected in the Panhandle, with a high near 69 in Amarillo. Winds could gust up to 30 mph. The low should drop to around 45 under partly cloudy skies Saturday night.

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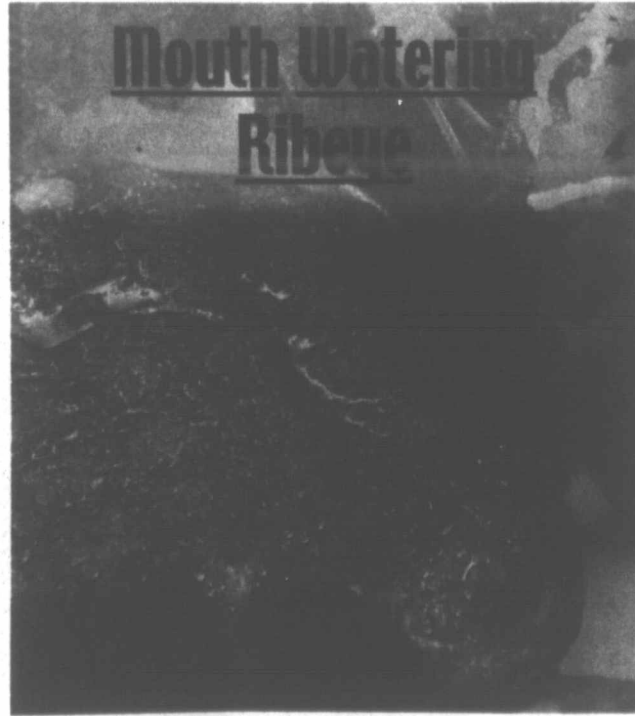
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD
Monday, Dec. 8

Officers conducted 21 traffic stops. A stop in the 1100 block of Neel Road resulted in at least one arrest.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at Alcock and Naida, in the 200 block of East Kentucky, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1300 block of North Christine, the 1100 block of Cinderella Drive, at Price Road and Highway 152, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 3000 block of Rosewood Lane, the 1100 block of Juniper Drive and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart, where some tools were reported stolen.

Police escorts were provided in the 600 block of North Ward and the 100 block of East Foster.

Fraud was reported at the PD.

A traffic accident was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 200 block of South Miami, at the PD and in the 600 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North Carr.

Phone harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Christy.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Public intoxication was reported in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks where a hole was reported knocked in a wall of a living room and other walls spray-painted for an estimated \$3,000 in damages.

A domestic distur-

bance was reported in the 400 block of North Carr.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace, where miscellaneous tools, a boom box and a tool box, worth an estimated \$1,250, were reportedly stolen.

Harassment was reported at the PD.

Agency assistance was provided in the 900 block of South Municipal Drive.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Alarms were reported in the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn and the 400 block of East Frederic.

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

A welfare check was conducted in the 900 block of East 23rd.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Officers conducted eight traffic stops. Stops in the 2300 block of West Alcock and the 500 block of East Francis resulted in at least one arrest.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 300 block of South Sunset Drive.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Suspicious persons were reported at Rham and Faulkner, in the 1000 block of South Varnon Drive and in the 2600 block of North Evergreen.

Stolen vehicles were reported in the 800 block of East Francis and the 1100 block of South Christy. The vehicle reported stolen from South Christy is described as a 1999 Ford Explorer worth an estimated \$3,000 which was later recovered and returned to the owner.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 100 block of South Nelson, the 200 block of West Kingsmill, at 18th and Hamilton and in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Traffic accidents were twice reported in the 1200 block of South Christy, once at Florida and Hobart, at Highways 152 and 2857, in the 1300 block of North Hobart, Highway 60 East and an undisclosed location on Kentucky.

Alarms were reported on North Highway 70 and the 2700 block of North Duncan.

A welfare check was conducted in the 900 block of South Wells.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway, the 300 block of North 30th, the 1100 block of South Prairie Drive and at Rham and Nelson streets.

Officers served or attempted to serve one warrant in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Naida where tools worth an estimated \$270 were reported stolen.

Theft and forgery was reported at Heard-Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler, where counterfeit bills were reportedly passed.

A gas drive off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. An estimated \$28 in gas was reported stolen.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors and the 1000 block of South Varnon Drive.

A civil matter was reported in the 2200 block of North Russell.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Officers conducted seven traffic stops.

Phone harassment was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of Crest Road.

Officers served, or attempted to serve, one warrant in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

A traffic accident was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

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Riot, hostage situation ends at West Texas prison

PECOS, Texas (AP) — An uprising at a privately run prison in West Texas ended Saturday morning. Outside law enforcement officers returned control of the Reeves County Detention Center back to prison personnel about 6:30 a.m., said Pecos dispatcher Patricia Dieschler of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Dieschler said there were no injuries to responding law enforcement. The center's warden declined to comment pending release of a prepared statement. Federal inmates at the prison took two prison employees hostage when the disturbance erupted Friday. Prison officials did not released the names of the two prison employees, who are recreation specialists at the prison. The hostages were released late Friday night. The inmates, which include immigration detainees, were asking for better medical treatment, DPS Trooper John Barton told the Pecos Enterprise Friday night. Officials say the riot started after noon, when the body of an inmate who died of natural causes was removed from the prison, Barton said. The GEO Group, based in Boca Raton, Fla., has run the jail through contracts with Reeves County and the Federal Bureau of Prisons since 2003. The prison holds more than 2,400 inmates.



Smoke billows from a privately run prison unit in Pecos, Texas, Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, after inmates started a riot. It was unclear what prompted the riot or if anyone inside the prison had been injured, or how many inmates were involved. (AP Photo/Pecos Enterprise, Jon Fulbright)

Bank blast kills Oregon police officer

Associated Press Writer
WOODBURN, Ore. (AP) — A bomb exploded inside a bank here late Friday afternoon, killing a police officer who arrived to check on a suspicious object and seriously injuring two others. A spokesman for the Oregon State Police, Lt. Gregg Hastings, said a Woodburn police officer died. He did not identify him. He also said the blast seriously injured the Woodburn police chief and a bomb technician with the Oregon State Police. The police chief, Scott Russell, was in surgery at a Portland hospital late Friday, said a hospital spokeswoman. Hastings said Russell was in stable condition. Bank President and CEO Bob Szniewajs told The Associated Press that some bank employees might have been injured by flying glass but that none was seriously hurt. Before the detonation, a Wells Fargo Bank branch nearby got a call that was "a potential bomb threat" but police searched and found nothing, Szniewajs

told The AP. He said his bank then got a call "from an unknown person saying that we should look for one as well. We called authorities, but they looked and found nothing." Szniewajs said one employee saw a device in the bushes near the bank and called the authorities. "We looked at it and evacuated the branch and sent people away," he said. Authorities decided to move the device inside the branch, apparently scanned it, and then it went off, he said. Szniewajs said he did not know if the bomb went off on its own or as a result of the technicians' investigation. The Marion County Sheriff's Department said the device detonated at 5:24 p.m. The bank branch, which employs 3-5 people, normally closes at 6 p.m. Szniewajs said he knew of no previous threats against the bank. Late Friday night, federal agents were talking with security people at the bank about any information they may have, Szniewajs said.

Drug bust nets 1295 grams of cocaine

Conway — 3:25 p.m. - Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers working patrol in Carson County near Conway stopped a Nissan pick up for speeding on I-40. During the stop Troopers observed signs of criminal activity from the driver. Consent to search the vehicle was requested by Troopers. The driver Fernando Hernandez of California gave consent to Troopers to search the vehicle. Subsequently troopers located 1295 grams of cocaine valued at \$ 94,537 in the liner of a cooler located inside of the vehicle. Hernandez was placed under arrest and booked into the Carson County Jail for possession of a controlled substance. His destination was Oklahoma City, OK.

FEMA extends deadline for hurricane help

AUSTIN (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency is giving Texas victims of Hurricane Ike an extra 29 days to ask for financial help. FEMA on Thursday extended the application deadline for homeowners, renters, and business owners to Jan. 10. FEMA officials said the aid can include grants for temporary housing, vital home repairs, or other storm-related expenses that aren't covered by insurance. They said they acted in response to a request from state officials. Gov. Rick Perry has previously requested about \$300 million from FEMA for temporary housing for Ike victims. Perry says Ike destroyed about 100,000 homes and left half a million people in Southeast Texas homeless.

Wave

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tract. The cost of a Promethean Board, fully installed with all capable software was \$5,800. The board was purchased in the Spring and installed in Blackwell's classroom in October. A sales representative from the company came and gave a presentation to Austin, the booster club, and other campus officials on how to use the board and all of its perks. Some of the perks include "activates" or what Blackwell calls "eggs" for every student which allow every student to interact with learning software from their seat, selecting a button on their egg. The handheld devices allow the teacher to have an instant assessment tool because it gathers and analyzes the student's answers. Another tool to use with the board includes a "Activslate" which is a small, electronic gray slate that can be passed to students to use the board from their seat, or it gives Blackwell control of the board from any point in the room. Blackwell's class is somewhat of a test classroom for the district, although another Promethean Board is scheduled to be installed in the music classroom of Austin early next semester. Blackwell is testing the software programs and tools to find out what is most effective. "Texas is in the wave of the future with these boards," Blackwell explained. "More technology in the classroom helps the class be engaged and there is a learning increase... As I parent, I would love to see one these in every class."

Austin Elementary is not a Title I school, which has made it difficult to find the funding for more boards. The school is accepting cash donations from individuals or businesses, like Celanese who donated \$200 last summer. About \$1,000 has been raised for the technology fund through Blackwell's recycling program. The students who use the board, and even students in other classrooms are enthusi-

astic about the new technology and learning board, Blackwell said. Even as a teacher, she had trouble containing her excitement when the board was finally delivered to her classroom after so many efforts. "The day it was delivered was like Christmas for me," she said. "I was foaming at the mouth with excitement. We use this every day for something."

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Pampa ISD Events for the Week of December 15-19

Watch this space every Sunday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district

December 19 Early Release at 1:15
December 22-January 2 • Christmas Holiday

Pampa High School

December 15 • All Night Party Meeting
December 18 • Softball Booster Club Meeting • 6:00 pm • Ready Room
December 18 & 19 • Semester Tests

Pampa Learning Center

December 19 • Graduation/Award Celebration • 10:00 am

Pampa Junior High School

December 16 • Student Council • 7:30 am
December 16 • Christmas Parties • 2:30 pm
December 18 & 19 • Semester Tests and Early Release • 1:05 pm

Austin Elementary

December 16 • 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling • 12:30 pm
December 17 • Kindergarten Christmas Caroling • 12:30 pm
December 18 • 4th Grade Christmas Caroling • 9:00 am
December 19 • Christmas Songs • 9:30 am • Gym
December 19 • Classroom Parties

Lamar Elementary

December 16 • PHS Band Performance • 8:00 am
December 16 • 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling • 9-11 am, 1st Grade • 1:00-2:30 pm
December 17 • Kindergarten Christmas Caroling • 1:00-2:30 pm
December 18 • 2nd - 5th Grade Christmas Parties • 2:30 pm
December 19 • Head Start Christmas Program & Make and Take • 8:30-10:30 am
December 19 • 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Christmas Program "Holly & the Ivy League" • 9:30 am
December 19 • Kindergarten & 1st Grade Christmas Parties • 12:00 pm

Travis Elementary

December 17 • Christmas PHS Band Concert • 8:00 am
December 17 • 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling • 9:00 am
December 18 • 2nd & 3rd Grade Christmas Parties • 2:30 pm
December 19 • Kindergarten, 1st, 4th & 5th Grade Christmas Parties

Wilson Elementary

December 15 • Christmas PHS Band Concert • 8:00 am
December 16 • Family Night (Decorating cookies) • 6:00 pm
December 17 • 2nd Grade presents "Melton the Warmhearted Snowman" • 2:00 pm



For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net From the parent connection drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar



Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 13, the 348th day of 2008. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat to the Confederates in the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg (Va.).

On this date:

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1835, Phillips Brooks, the American Episcopal bishop who wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was born in Boston.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's musical work "An American in Paris" had its premiere, at Carnegie Hall in New York.

'My theory is to enjoy life, but the practice is against it.'

— Charles Lamb
English essayist
1775-1834

In 1944, during World War II, the U.S. cruiser Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack that claimed more than 130 lives.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 1996, the U.N. Security Council

chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretary-general.

Ten years ago: With a grave impeachment threat looming, President Bill Clinton told a news conference in Jerusalem he would not resign, and insisted he did not commit perjury. Voters in Puerto Rico rejected U.S. statehood.

Five years ago: Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit. Oklahoma quarterback Jason White won the Heisman Trophy. Former Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., creator of Roth IRA accounts, died in Washington at age 82.

One year ago: Shareholders of Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, approved a takeover by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. Major League Baseball's Mitchell Report was released, identifying 85 names to differing degrees in connection with the alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 83. Actor Christopher Plummer is 79. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 75. Movie producer Richard Zanuck is 74. Singer John Davidson is 67. Singer Ted Nugent is 60. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 41. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 27. Country singer Taylor Swift is 19.

Saving auto industry requires concessions by all parties

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

This fall, our financial crisis reached a flashpoint that threatened the sustainability of our credit markets and the economic security of every American family and business. On October 1, after two weeks of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations, the Senate took the unprecedented step of passing legislation intended to stabilize our imperiled economy and shore up our credit markets. While some opposed the rescue, I heard from many small business owners that they were unable to get credit for payroll and inventory purchases. The frozen credit market threatened Americans' ability to get car loans, mortgages, or financial aid for school. I believed it was responsible to infuse the financial markets with liquidity to avoid further crises, so I helped shape the legislation with a priority of keeping people in their homes and jobs and protecting the taxpayer (the interest paid on the loans and warrants would reduce national debt). As I travel through Texas, I have been very disappointed to see that more credit is not flowing through our markets. I am frustrated at the mismanagement of the relief

funding and at the constant fluctuation of the Treasury Department's strategy. Many of my Senate colleagues have expressed the same view. Our economy is in a recession. Unemployment

has reached a 15 year high. Our nation's "Big Three" car manufacturers, General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford are suffering and, without some fundamental changes to the way they do business, face bankruptcy. Ford faces similar, though less imminent, financial challenges.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison



On December 11, Congress went into session to debate legislation to provide GM, Chrysler, and Ford short-term loans to prevent imminent collapse and protect jobs. My colleague, Senator Bob Corker, put forward

a reasonable proposal that would require that the United Auto Workers labor union reduce wage and benefit packages to be competitive with other U.S. plants making cars and trucks for Toyota, Nissan, and Volkswagen by the end of 2009. Late night negotiations between Republican and Democratic lawmakers and UAW representatives fell apart over the wage issue. The union representatives refused to set a firm date in 2009, when they would agree to concessions to match the industry standards. Indeed, it is this very wage structure that prevents domestic auto manufacturers from competing with foreign-based carmakers with American plants. The UAW has effectively priced U.S. autoworkers out of the

market. According to the Wall Street Journal, nationwide, GM's total hourly labor costs are \$81 per worker, including wages and benefits. This amounts to about \$1,800 in labor costs per vehicle produced. A Toyota employee in San Antonio, on the other hand, earns an average hourly wage and benefit package roughly half those of GM's at \$35 an hour. The labor costs of a Toyota are \$1,000 per vehicle. My goal is for American workers to earn a living wage and for their companies to be competitive, resulting in long-term success for the business and their employees. While American taxpayers are willing and eager to help protect jobs, they should not be asked to subsidize a failed business model — and unfortunately, that's exactly what the Democrats' proposed legislation did. That's why I opposed this bailout. I will continue to work for a constructive solution that will revitalize America's auto industry and bolster our overall economy. I am reluctant to authorize any further debt for our country that isn't backed by a plan that has a good chance to succeed.



Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion: *Houston Chronicle*, on border safety:

Guns don't kill people. Gangsters kill people. But Mexican narco-traffickers buy Texas guns, and thousands of people die as a result.

No turn of phrase can hide the link between gun sales in Texas and the violence just over the border. If we want Mexico's cartels under control for our own security, we need to halt their incredibly easy access to military-grade weapons on this side of the border.

Last year alone, Mexican authorities confiscated 1,131 Texas guns from drug cartels or their killing fields. Houston was the No. 1 source of these arms. ...

While buying guns is close to impossible in Mexico, consumers in Texas can purchase unlimited quantities of cheap imported assault weapons, or .50-caliber sniper rifles strong enough to shoot down helicopters. The stores peddling these weapons rarely break the law. The problem is there are few laws for them to break. ...

With the stroke of a pen,

President George W. Bush can restore the ban on imported assault weapons. Using his executive authority, he can instruct ATF to halt the import of these arms as his father, President George H.W. Bush, did in 1989. ...

In the end, only federal laws can choke off narco-traffickers' gun purchases on U.S. soil. ...

Los Angeles Times, on President-elect Barack Obama and Guantanamo Bay:

Call it the other mess Barack Obama will inherit from George W. Bush.

It is the military tribunal system that the administration set up at Guantanamo Bay to try accused al-Qaida members and other suspected Islamic terrorists. And, particularly, the five men in U.S. hands who, by their own admissions, organized and coordinated the Sept. 11 attacks. ...

Why did administration officials create such an unwieldy, unconstitutional structure? Because they knew full well that trying these defendants in regular courts would present hellish problems; they've been tortured, and two of them may have been rendered incompetent to cooperate in their defense, one of

them by the administration of psychotropic drugs.

The administration's arrogance also has created a golden opportunity for these evil men. ... Instead of being brought to sober justice, these killers have been handed a chance to present themselves to much of the world as martyrs, victims of a vengeful and lawless America.

There is, in fact, speculation that the five are now seeking to plead guilty because they fear Obama will shut Guantanamo down and try them either in regular federal courts or, perhaps, before tribunals subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. In either case, the normal notions of due process, legal rights and judicial precedent would be in force.

The last thing these loathsome characters want is a fair trial. They want to die at the end of one of the Bush/Cheney mockeries of justice so they can win a final victory through what much of the Islamic world will regard as martyrdom — and much of the rest of the world will regard as distasteful legal barbarism.

It's not a victory the incoming administration should allow them.

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Wild horse roundup plans in Nevada criticized

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Wild horse advocates are up in arms over new plans announced by federal land managers to conduct emergency roundups of nearly 2,000 more mustangs from the range in Nevada at a time when government holding pens are already overflowing.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has started removing 1,480 horses south of Battle Mountain and plans to begin removing 450 more in January south of Gerlach, agency spokesman JoLynn Worley said Friday.

Without the actions, she said, the animals could starve this winter because of extremely limited forage. The horses will be sent to a BLM corral just north of Reno to be readied for adoption or long-term holding.

"Once the snow gets on the ground it'll be even more difficult for the horses to find what limited forage is out there," Worley said.

But horse advocates sharply criticized the agency, saying the roundups will exacerbate a problem that has led to nearly as many horses being kept in

long-term corrals as remain on the range.

The problem has become so great that in recent months BLM officials have considered for the first time euthanizing some wild horses as a way to reduce the populations in the future.

"We shouldn't be rounding up any more horses until we resolve the issue of tens of thousands of horses that already have been rounded up and are in holding pens," said Matt Rossell, outreach coordinator for the San Rafael, Calif.-based animal rights group In Defense of Animals.

The two roundups will reduce the number of wild horses that roam the open range in 10 Western states to about 31,000. The BLM has set a target "appropriate management level" of horses at 27,000 in the wild.

Chris Heyde, deputy director of government and legal affairs for the Animal Welfare Institute based in Washington D.C., disputed the agency's conclusion that an emergency exists.

"They're not starving, and they're using it as an excuse to remove more

horses," Heyde said. "They can survive if we can keep our little fingers off them."

Worley said leaving the herds alone could cause large die-offs and damage rangelands.

"It would basically be a natural disaster," she said.

The agency rounds up excess horses and offers them for adoption. Those too old or considered unadoptable are sent to long-term holding facilities.

Last month, the BLM announced it will round up fewer wild horses and try to shuffle funds within the agency to hold off for now on killing large numbers of the animals in an effort to control herds and rising costs.

Deputy Director Henri Bisson has said maintaining the wild horse and burro program for another year will give time to explore possible alternatives to euthanasia.

Horse advocates said possible solutions include reducing livestock grazing, stepping up birth control and removing fences to provide better access to water.

"Do all these other things and there will be less need for removal," Heyde said. "I think we'll definitely see some changes" under President-elect Barack Obama.

The two Nevada roundups are among nine nationally that have been approved for the current fiscal year that runs through Oct. 31, 2009, Worley said. Nevada is home to about half of the wild horses on the range.

"If in Nevada we have another emergency situation, then we would request funding through Washington," she said.

BLM officials have said the agency faces a crisis because of the skyrocketing costs of caring for the horses in long-term facilities where the animals live out their days — some for as long as 20 years.

A report released last month by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, said the BLM this year will spend about \$27 million — about three-fourths of its budget — caring for the animals.

BLM Drops oil drilling areas near parks

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management has dropped more than half the parcels it originally proposed for an oil and gas lease sale next week, many of which were criticized because of their proximity to southern Utah national parks.

The agency's final list for the Dec. 19 sale was released on Friday and includes 132 parcels totaling 164,000 acres.

The sale has been controversial since details were first announced Nov. 4. The BLM at that time proposed lease sales on 359,000 acres in Utah.

After the proposal was criticized by the National Park Service, a fellow federal agency, and environmental groups, the BLM removed more than 37,000 acres near Utah's national parks. Another 80,000 acres in western Utah were dropped so the agency can conduct an environmental analysis.

Other parcels were taken off the list out of concern for wildlife, cultural resources and potential conflicts with existing coal mines, said Megan Crandall, a BLM spokeswoman.

One of the remaining parcels in the sale is adjacent to Dinosaur National Monument near Vernal with the agreement of the Park Service, Crandall said.

Patrick O'Driscoll, a Park Service spokesman

in Denver, said Friday's final list reflects an agreement worked out two weeks ago about what the parcels should and shouldn't be leased.

"Our primary concern all along were those parcels that were so close to national parks," he said.

Environmental groups, the Outdoor Industry Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and others protested portions of the proposed sale, saying drilling threatened some of the most prized landscapes in eastern Utah.

Stephen Bloch, a staff attorney for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, says the final list from the BLM still includes some of Utah's most spectacular lands, including parcels near the White River, Desolation Canyon and Nine Mile Canyon, which has thousands of prehistoric paintings and rock carvings.

The proposal is a "fire sale" for industry in the waning days of the Bush administration, he said.

Crandall said the BLM removed parcels below the rim of Nine Mile Canyon. Others on a plateau above the canyon remain on the list.

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Bush tells Texas A&M grads doing right counts most

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - A reflective President George W. Bush told graduates of Texas A&M University on Friday that popularity is capricious and what matters is whether they think they've done what is right.

In the final commencement address of his presidency, Bush commiserated with graduates who don't have a job, spoke wistfully about his affection for Texas and described the "tremendous privilege" of serving as president for two terms. He briefly became emotional when he talked about his 84-year-old father, who introduced his son.

Bush leaves office in 39 days, with President-elect Barack Obama to be sworn in on Jan. 20.

Bush made no mention of the failure of a bailout package for the auto industry after his lobbying of Senate Republicans or the latest dire economic news,

developments likely to be a coda on his eight years in office.

An Associated Press-GfK poll this week showed just 28 percent of the public approving of the job he is doing, about where Bush has been all fall. Among Republicans, 54 percent approve, a low figure from members of a president's own party, including only 26 percent of whom approve strongly.

Bush told the graduates to pay no heed to those who recommend something more popular.

"Remember that popularity is as fleeting as the Texas wind. Character and conscience are as sturdy as the oaks on this campus," he told the graduates and their families at Reed Arena. "If you go home at night, look in the mirror and be satisfied that you have done what is right, you will pass the only test that matters."

Bush spoke about several Americans who have

done remarkable deeds, and displayed some emotion when he described his father's career - from World War II Navy pilot to 41st president.

"He reached the pinnacle in government, but he defines his life by other roles - a father who gave unconditional love, a grandfather devoted to his grandchildren, and a beloved husband of the sweetheart he married a lifetime ago. Some of you will leave A&M with a degree that carries this good man's name.

"George Bush. I have been blessed and honored to have carried it for 62 years," the president said.

In these final weeks, Bush has engaged in a great deal of self-reflection, and he reminisced on Friday about memorable moments of his presidency, with travel to 74 countries and nearly every corner of the nation. He talked about sleeping in Buckingham Palace, feasting in the desert of Abu Dhabi and



(AP Photo/ Stuart Villanueva, Bryan College Station Eagle) President George W. Bush, right, shakes hands with his father, former President George H. W. Bush, left, and mother Barbara Bush, center, during the Texas A&M fall commencement ceremony at Reed Arena in College Station, Texas, Friday, Dec. 12, 2008.

flying on the presidential helicopter Marine One into cities large and small.

"These days I'm asked a lot about my time as president. Some days have been happy, some days not so happy. Every day joyous. It's been a tremendous privilege," he said during his 23rd and final speech as president to a graduating class.

He joked about his post-presidency prospects.

"To those of you with jobs lined up, congratulations. To those of you not exactly sure what comes

next, I know how you feel," he said.

Bush, who wore the light blue gown of his alma mater, Yale, alluded to several Texas A&M traditions and said he was thrilled to be in Aggie land. He said Texas was where he met his wife, Laura, and where his daughters, Jenna and Barbara, were born.

"And next month, when our time in Washington is done, Texas is where we're coming home," said the state's former governor.

Also present as Bush addressed the 3,700 grad-

uates at the College Station campus was his mother, former first lady Barbara Bush, who was released from a Texas hospital 10 days ago after undergoing surgery for a perforated ulcer.

"I am thrilled that our son the president is speaking to you today," she told the crowd.

Said the president to the woman often referred to as the "silver fox": "Mom, I've been meaning to say this publicly for a long time. Thanks. Thanks for the gray hair."

Williams joins race for US Senate seat

AUSTIN (AP) — Two more Republicans have announced their intentions to run for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison:

Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones and GOP fundraiser Roger Williams.

Hutchison has formed an exploratory committee to run for governor in

2010. If she leaves her Senate seat before her term ends in 2012, the governor would appoint a replacement to the seat until a special election is held.

Williams, a former Secretary of State who owns a North Texas auto dealership, said he will use an exploratory committee to launch his statewide organization.

Jones confirmed Friday that she will be a candidate for the position after media reports that she had filed the necessary paperwork in Washington, D.C.

"I will be making a formal announcement at a


later date," she said. "Obviously, my experience, including my service in the Legislature and in statewide elected office will serve me well as I fight for issues important to Texans."

Other possible Republican contenders for the seat are state Sen. Florence Shapiro, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Michael Williams, the chairman of the Texas

Railroad Commission.


On the Democratic side, former Comptroller John Sharp announced his plans to run earlier this week, while Houston Mayor Bill White; former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk; state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio; state Rep. Richard Pena Raymond; and state Rep. Rafael Anchia are thought to be considering a bid.

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Texas State offers free tuition to new freshmen

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Texas State University will cover tuition and mandatory fees for incoming freshmen whose families make \$25,000 or less, officials announced Friday.

"Bobcat Promise" starts next fall and is geared toward students who are Texas residents that have been admitted to the university and have submitted a federal application for financial aid.

Eligible students must complete at least 30 credit hours each academic school year, maintain a 2.0 — or "C" — average and continue to have an adjusted gross family income of \$25,000 or less. Students could qualify for up to eight continuous long semesters. Only undergraduates are eligible.

Similar programs exist at other Texas schools. The Texas A&M

University System announced a new program this month that pays tuition and mandatory fees for incoming freshmen whose families make \$30,000 or less.

The University of Texas System doesn't have a system-wide program but its nine schools do offer similar tuition assistance programs with ceilings varying from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Wealthy horse owners also feeling economic crunch

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - Horse racing has long been a sport for the rich, but lately even those who can spend more on a horse than most people spend on a house have been struggling with the bottom line.

Racehorses are selling at auction for a fraction of what they did a year ago, if at all. Breeding operations are slashing thousands of dollars off the fees they charge to mate with their top stallions.

Three Chimneys Farm in Lexington has lowered most of its stud fees but raised one and kept two others stagnant. Owner Robert Clay acknowledges there has been plenty of penny-pinching

in an industry whose key players aren't accustomed to that.

He says, "We're just

going to have to slug our way through it and wait for better times."

Ohio player wins \$207M Mega Millions jackpot

(AP) - A single winner has taken the \$207 million jackpot from the latest drawing of the multistate Mega Millions lottery.

The only ticket to match all the winnings numbers from Friday night's drawing was sold in Piqua, Ohio.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be on Tuesday night with a jackpot of \$12 million.

In addition to the grand prize winner on Friday, 23 players won the second prize of \$250,000. Another 113 players won the third prize of \$10,000.

The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: 10, 16, 19, 27 and 48. The Mega Ball number is 25.

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Ike wreckage attracts tourists

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Janet Oostenbrink came to see the sights. Actually, the Canadian was on Galveston's seawall to see what sites were no longer there.

"It's amazing," said Oostenbrink, who was visiting from Edmonton, Alberta. "You talk about the power of the ocean, and you see that there is nothing you can do to stand against it."

She didn't come to the United States just to see what destruction Ike had brought to Galveston. She was visiting fellow Canadian Beth Wiebe in Spring, and the two were curious just what was left of Galveston. They had seen plenty of images on TV, but standing on the seawall and seeing what was left of Murdoch's Pier and the damage to the Flagship Hotel they decided the television images didn't do the storm justice.

"We just didn't realize it impacted this area," Wiebe said. "It is so different from what we have in Spring."

The Canadian women are not the only tourists who are making trips to the island to see what was destroyed, what was damaged and what survived Ike. They also wouldn't be the first disaster tourists.

From the site of the World Trade Center towers in New York to the Lower 9th Ward in New Orleans to far off places such as Chernobyl in the former Soviet Union,

communities that have endured horrible destruction are attractions for many visitors.

Some make trips out of curiosity. Others come to see history firsthand. For many, it's an educational experience.

But is there a line between insensitive voyeurism and education?

"For a year, I refused to show the destruction, but people started asking so we had to show the areas," said Javier Cuellar, owner of Dixie International Tours in New Orleans. "It's part of our history now. Tourists now don't want to see the destruction; they want to see the recovery of the area and how we are rebuilding."

For a while, though, destruction was the tourism attraction in the Crescent City.

"Some companies almost immediately they were taking people to the 9th Ward, places that were so bad," said Cuellar, who has been in the touring business in New Orleans for 20 years.

So in addition to stops in the French Quarter and along the riverfront, Dixie Tours also makes stops in the Lower 9th Ward, along the levee system and at the Superdome.

Cuellar pointed out that New Orleans is a tourist town, not unlike Galveston, and that a tour operator has to adjust the sites visited to what the visitors want to see.

Pampa events and opportunities

• **Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa** launched its annual Tree of Blessing program this month to benefit victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Client families are screened and submit "wish lists." Paper ornaments are made for each item requested and hung on the tree. Families are kept confidential. Persons interested in picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed may contact Tralee. The deadline to return all items unwrapped to the office is Dec. 19. All ornaments must be returned even if an item is not provided so that organizers can purchase what was not purchased. For more information, contact Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131.

• **Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum of Pampa** will host its Sixth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum on the west side of the cemetery. The service is dedicated to those who are no longer living. For more information, call 665-8921.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

• **Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 18 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center for luncheon and gift exchange. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 669-9297, 669-9916 or 669-3580.

• **The 26th Annual Benefit Bridal Show** will be staged from

12:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Heritage Ball Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo by Bride's World. The event will include 100 merchants, continuous modeling of bridal wear, a silent auction and a grand prize giveaway. Tickets will be \$6 at the door or may be purchased in advance at www.bridesworld.com on the Internet.

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• **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Servicemember. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

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Sports

FAREWELL TO TEXAS STADIUM Roof's hole only part of what made it special

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The line is so arrogant, yet so fitting. After all, this is the home of the Dallas Cowboys, the place where they became "America's Team."

But the snarky saying shouldn't be this building's epitaph. Because, for better or worse, this place changed the business of pro sports.

Start with team's the grandiose nickname and with this being the birthplace of the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders. Then realize that seat licenses basically started here. Luxury suites

already existed, but never to the extent Texas Stadium had them, 176 at first and 360 now, still among the most. And, by leaving its namesake city for a suburb, the Cowboys were part of the first wave of a migration that's still happening.

Those things can all be traced to the start, in 1971. Then along came Jerry Jones in 1989 and, soon, more shake-ups followed.

Jones raked in big bucks from Pepsi and Nike by making them the official sponsors of Texas Stadium, a clever way of circumventing the

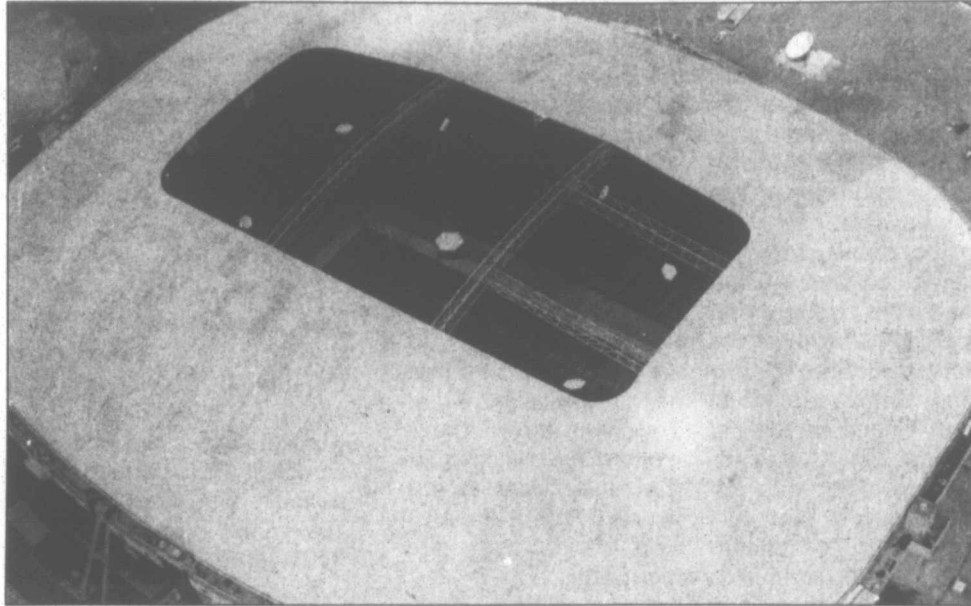
league's revenue-sharing plan. The NFL was doubly rankled because Jones was exploiting a loophole and doing so with the top rivals of league sponsors. The NFL sued him, he countersued them, and, ultimately, he changed the way all teams do business.

As for the building's architectural quirk of the partial dome, that didn't exactly catch on. But it still looks great on television. And as often as the Cowboys have been on TV, even the most casual observer needs only a glimpse of a game to know where it's being played. Texas Stadium's hole in the roof is as symbolic of pro football as Wrigley Field's ivy-covered walls are of baseball or the old Boston Garden's parquet floor was of the NBA.

Anything else stick out over the last 38 years?

Oh yeah, the teams, players and games have been pretty good, too.

For all its big-picture significance, Texas Stadium mostly will be remem-



In this May 1995 file photo, Texas Stadium in Irving, Texas, the home field of the Dallas Cowboys where the NFL team has played since 1971 is shown.

bered for Roger Staubach handing off to Tony Dorsett and throwing deep to Drew Pearson, and for Troy Aikman handing off to Emmitt Smith and throwing slants to Michael Irvin. And the Domsday Defense and guys like Bob Lilly, Randy White and "Captain Crash," Cliff Harris.

It's Tom Landry roaming the sideline in his fedora and Jimmy Johnson ruling with an iron fist and a helmet of hair. It's a young Bill Parcells coaching on the visitor's side, then leaving decades later from the home side.

It's Thanksgiving afternoon. "Wow, it's Texas Stadium," Smith recalls saying to himself the first

time he walked in, hours after being drafted. "I was in awe."

Although the Super Bowl never was played here, five Super Bowl champion banners hang around the opening in the roof. Another sheet honors Smith becoming the NFL's career rushing leader, almost directly above where the record-breaking run occurred.

Texas Stadium once hosted a Pro Bowl, plus several movies and TV shows. An overhead shot of the stadium was part of the opening montage of the prime-time soap opera "Dallas."

Even in the heyday of J.R. Ewing, pro wrestler Kerry Von Erich was just as popular locally. He had a title match against Ric Flair at Texas Stadium and drew 43,000. (Any guesses who won?)

Around the same time, SMU challenged for a couple of national championships while playing at Texas Stadium. Legend has it those "Pony Express" teams of Eric Dickerson and Craig James had a higher payroll than the Cowboys.

Hundreds of high school playoff games have been played there, and every kid who suited up went home with an incredible memory and a neat souvenir: his own nameplate above his locker.

Other than the roof, the next-best symbol is the giant blue star logo right at midfield.

No visitor can resist standing on it and gazing up through the roof and around at the Ring of Honor: "The most exclusive and prestigious collection of NFL names this side of Canton, Ohio," crows Jones. Heck, Terrell Owens did it in the middle of a game. Twice. While on the other team.

"The first time I walked into the Cowboys' stadium I was like 'Wow, I'm really a professional football player,'" said Cris Collinsworth, a former NFL receiver who is now an analyst for NBC and NFL Network. "Every time I've been there I look around. It would be like going to the Grand Canyon and not looking down one more time."

John Madden first visited the stadium as coach of the Oakland Raiders. He recalls the problems caused by the shifting sun, which left part of the field in shadows and other parts in blinding light. Play calls were made based on whether teams were going into or out of the light.

In his second career as a broadcaster, Texas

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10 MEMORABLE EVENTS

- 1. The opener (Oct. 24, 1971)** Problems with weather and workers kept the Cowboys from moving in until their third home game. It was worth the wait. Duane Thomas ran 56 yards for an early touchdown, Bob Lilly helped the defense make an early goal-line stand while wearing only one shoe, and the Cowboys beat the Patriots 44-21. They lost on the road the next week, then didn't lose again en route to their first Super Bowl title.
- 2. Clint Longley's Thanksgiving surprise (Nov. 28, 1974)** "The Mad Bomber," a rookie from Abilene Christian, became Roger Staubach's backup when Craig Morton was traded in October. He came in to throw his first NFL pass when the Redskins lived up to their vow of knocking out Staubach; it was the third quarter and Dallas trailed 16-3. Longley pulled out a 24-23 victory with a 50-yard touchdown pass to Drew Pearson with 28 seconds left.
- 3. Staubach's last, best rally (Dec. 16, 1979)** The Cowboys, Redskins and Eagles were tied for first place in the NFC East, with Washington coming in for the finale. Dallas trailed 17-0, led 21-20, then trailed 34-21 when injured star Charlie Waters told radio listeners, "You've got to believe!" Staubach threw a TD pass, then the defense got the ball back. Staubach drove 75 yards without a timeout, throwing a TD pass for a 35-34 lead with 39 seconds left. Washington missed a field goal as time expired. This turned out to be the final regular-season home game of Staubach's career.
- 4. Tom Landry Appreciation Day (April 22, 1989)** The man in the hat, under the hole in the roof, one more time. Two months after his firing, he's celebrated with a parade that starts downtown and ends inside the stadium. Landry worried no one would show up; about 100,000 did, all told.
- 5. Leon Lett's snowy Thanksgiving blunder (Nov. 25, 1993)** Already infamous for getting the ball stripped from behind at the goal line at the end of a long fumble return during the Super Bowl, Lett made a bigger gaffe on a blocked field goal at the end of a game played in a snowstorm. The ball would've been dead unless touched by a Dallas player, and Lett slid right into it. Miami recovered and kicked a field goal for a 16-14 victory.
- 6. "Put it in 3-inch headlines" (Jan. 23, 1994)** Days before San Francisco came to Texas Stadium for a rematch of the previous year's NFC championship game, coach Jimmy Johnson called a popular sports talk radio show and proclaimed, "You can put it in 3-inch headlines. We will win the ballgame." They did, too, jumping ahead 28-7 by halftime on the way to a 38-21 victory. Troy Aikman was knocked out with a concussion in the second half. Asked on the sideline if he knew where the Super Bowl was going to be played, he said, "Henryetta, Oklahoma."

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Sports

Rangers pitcher Mathis becomes free agent

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rangers right-hander Doug Mathis became a free agent on Friday when Texas decided not to offer him a 2009 contract. Mathis went 2-1 with a 6.85 ERA in four starts and four relief appearances for the Rangers last season. He spent just over a month with the Rangers before his season was cut short because of right shoulder inflammation. Mathis was originally selected by Texas in the 13th round of the 2005 amateur draft.

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7. "I've done wet my britches" (Nov. 26, 1994) The state semifinal playoff game between Plano East and Tyler John Tyler was memorable enough for the 34 points scored in the final 3:03, but most people remember it for the colorful, folksy broadcasters and their homespun lines on a local cable channel. Down 41-17, Plano East went ahead with four touchdowns, three set up by recovered onside kicks. The next kickoff went deep and John Tyler returned it for a touchdown and a 48-44 victory. The game finished too late to make the morning papers, but the wild ending and the hilarious analysts guaranteed the game would never be forgotten.

8. T.O. defaces the star, George Teague defends it (Sept. 24, 2000) , Playing for the 49ers, Terrell Owens celebrated a 3-yard touchdown by jogging to mid-field, looking up through the hole and throwing out

his arms. Teague was ejected (and deified locally).

9. Emmitt's record-breaking run (Oct. 27, 2002) With an 11-yard run against Seattle, Smith passed Walter Payton to become the NFL's career rushing leader, accomplishing a goal he set at the start of his career, when people were saying he was too small and too slow to make it in the league. The record fell in the fourth quarter with his 93rd yard of the game; otherwise, he likely would've broken the mark in Detroit the following week. Forgotten is that Dallas lost 17-14.

10. Romo-mania peaks (Nov. 23, 2006), Tony Romo already was off to such a storybook start that before his first Thanksgiving start some fans strung his name together and hung it in the Ring of Honor. Then he lived up to it by throwing for five touchdowns in three quarters of a 38-10 victory over Tampa Bay. He ended up dating the halftime star, Carrie Underwood, while impressing another singer in the crowd, Jessica Simpson.

Hole

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Stadium was much more comfortable and far less challenging. "The booth was the best in the business," he said. "It was not only the biggest, but it was the only one that had a bathroom in it."

What's often forgotten is that the Cowboys weren't a glitzy franchise when they moved into Texas Stadium.

They hadn't won a Super Bowl. Cheers were led by teenagers. And the club's reputation was for not being able to win the big one, thus the derisive nickname "Next Year's Champions."

A few years later, Cowboys founder and owner Clint Murchison Jr. wanted a new stadium. Dallas leaders refused. Folks in Irving smiled.

A plan was developed to have season-ticket owners pay \$250 to \$1,000 for a "seat option bond" that wouldn't bear interest, but would guarantee the right to keep buying season tickets. The bonds raised about \$31 million of the building's \$35 million cost.

Construction began in January 1969. Between union strikes and bad weather, it wasn't ready for the start of the 1971 season. But it was close enough for Billy Graham to hold a 10-day crusade that September.

When the Cowboys finally moved in, they were in awe.

"I remember we went to practice there and Bob Lilly says, 'I wonder if it's OK if we spit on the carpet?' Because it just seemed like we were in an opera house or something," former running back Calvin Hill told a team publication.

They sure got comfy quickly. Duane Thomas ran 56 yards for a touchdown on the Cowboys' fourth play

of their first game. They beat New England 44-21, lost in Chicago the next week, then didn't lose again, securing the NFC title with a home victory over San Francisco.

Two weeks later, Dallas won its first Super Bowl title.

While Staubach and Landry took care of things on the field, club president Tex Schramm handled everything off it.

In 1972, Schramm got rid of the "CowBelles & Beaux" local high school girls and boys who'd rooted them on since the early days at the Cotton Bowl and brought in an all-female troupe of models and dancers. Cheerleading hasn't been the same since.

A few years later, the combination of the star players in the huddle and the sexy gals on the sideline made the Cowboys more than a local sensation. A producer at NFL Films realized the big crowds they drew everywhere they went and dubbed the club "America's Team." Schramm knew marketing gold when he heard it.

Hill's comparison of Texas Stadium to an opera house is apt because, from the start, patrons weren't the raucous types like the Cotton Bowl regulars.

From the bonds to the luxury suites, it took good money to be a diehard fan. That's still true, with Jones inviting the most privileged guests on the field several hours before kickoff.

Women treat it like a society ball, wearing their finest fur and shiniest diamonds. The scene used to drive Johnson bonkers. Rival coaches weren't thrilled either.

"I was scared to death that someone would just get clobbered," and then whoever did the clobbering would get hurt," said Mike Holmgren, who brought the Packers to Texas Stadium for some huge

games in the 1990s and visited recently with the Seattle Seahawks. "Now I think you see more teams doing it. Heck, we do it. Everyone does it. It seemed like Jerry did those things first; I mean, he was a little bit ahead of the curve that way."

Next season, the Cowboys will move into another new stadium in another suburb. The \$1.1 billion, 100,000-seat palace in Arlington already has lured a Super Bowl, the Final Four and the NBA All-Star Game.

It will have a hole in its roof, too; a retractable one. That's not even the most stunning part. Just wait until you see the high-def TVs hanging

above the sidelines.

But first, two games remain at Texas Stadium: Sunday night against the Giants and next Saturday night against the Baltimore Ravens. (Even if Dallas makes the playoffs, a home game is extremely unlikely.)

There's still time for another great memory or two, perhaps even an unforgettable farewell.

Here's an idea: When time runs out against the Ravens, a spotlight shines on Don Meredith's name in the Ring of Honor. Then Dandy Don himself appears, clutching a microphone and crooning the ditty he used to sing on "Monday Night Football."

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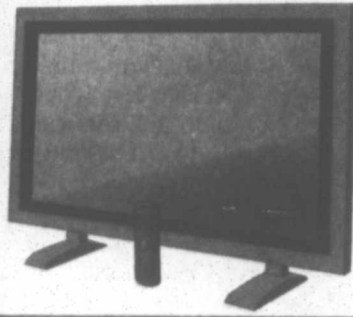
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A bright idea: Make your own luminarias

NEW YORK (AP) — Children's faces seem to brighten the moment you flip the switch on the Christmas tree lights.

But tree awe is usually a one-day thing. What comes next?

Luminarias could be another brilliant idea. These easy-to-make lanterns are a tradition in America's Southwest — and they could become one in your household too.

Luminarias are rooted in an old Hispanic bonfire ritual, lighting the pathway to church for the festival of Las Posadas, a reenactment of the story of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging.

Today, luminarias, also called "farolitos" (Spanish for little lanterns), are done on a smaller scale — typically candles placed in paper bags — but they still give off a warm, inviting glow.

The bag and candle can both be kept in place by filling the bag with sand, says Deborah Way, a senior editor at FamilyFun magazine.

Way says her most family-friendly tip for all luminaria is to use a piece of dry spaghetti to light any candles inside a deep vessel. You use a match or lighter to light the spaghetti, but then have a



Luminarias are small candles set in sand or dirt inside a paper bag and are commonly displayed during the Christmas season.

much longer stick as well as a longer window of time to transfer the flame.

Battery-operated "candles," popular in home catalogs, or available at many local stores are another option.

Other ideas:

—Spruce up your bag.

If you use extra paper to cut shapes and then tape them to the inside of the bag, you'll cast your own shadows. If you use colored tissue paper, the effect will be even more impressive, Way says.

Make a terrific trail

This project uses plastic, gallon-size milk jugs. Cut a half dollar-size hole in the base of clean, dry jugs and feed a section of a strand of electric Christmas lights inside. Using the same string of lights, place another section in a jug next to the first, and so on. You'll create the effect of a trail of lights.

Try ice

This project uses tin cans. Fill a clean, empty tin can that's been stripped of its label. Freeze it until ice is solid. Use a hammer and nail to poke holes in the can to make a design — the ice will prevent denting.

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Brothers brought together after kidney donation

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — John Santillanes decided to dig deep for his big brother's Christmas present this year, and it wasn't into his wallet. Instead, he gave his sibling something much more important, a second chance at life.

Over the past year, the kidneys of John's big brother, Bob, had rapidly deteriorated after a long battle with diabetes. Watching Bob, 61, spend most of that year on dialysis spurred, John, 50, and his wife, Diane, to see if they could do anything about it.

"We knew a transplant was an option, and Diane really tried to get involved," John said, adding it was his wife who really pushed the idea of getting tested to see if he was a match for a kidney donation.

It took about a month and a half for doctors to confirm the procedure could work, and as it turned out, John was a match.

"It was a perfect match in every way," Diane said, smiling at John as the group sat together recently in Martin Brother's Plumbing in Albuquerque, a store owned by Bob.

And after learning he was a match, John, a fifth-grade teacher in Espanola, moved quickly.

The news that his little brother was a match came only about two weeks ago, Bob said.

"I was sitting in dialysis when he called me, 'How's the fourth sound?'" Bob said.

John shrugged.

"I said the sooner the better for his sake," John said. "Besides, I had Christmas plans."

Bob, who is somewhat protective of his little brothers, had told John and their youngest brother David, 47, to forget about the idea of donating.

"I didn't want anything to happen to them," Bob said.

But John was persistent and told his brother he was going to give him a kidney anyway.

"That's why we've got two of them," John said.

"We get an extra one to give away."

The brothers underwent surgery Dec. 4 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. Both are doing well and recovering in the hospital, Diane said.

In some ways, it's a miracle John was able to help his big brother. When John was 18, doctors found a cancerous tumor in his shoulder, and they told him not to expect a long life, he said.

"I didn't know if I was going to live or not," John said. "The doctors said, 'Well, something kills every-

body, and this is going to kill you.'"

John went through 13 surgeries from age 18 to 27, and the tumor just kept growing back. Then, one day, it disappeared, and he's been healthy ever since.

"It just went away on its own," John said. "The doctors didn't understand. But I think it was so that I could save my brother's life."

Bob, who repeatedly broke into tears Tuesday at his brother's generosity, said it was hard watching John suffer as a young man.

"We did what we could, but we were all really worried," Bob said of his parents and the brothers' 10 other siblings.

It was also lucky the two ended up being a perfect match, because in any family, generally only one in four people will work as a donor, and John was the first one to get tested, said Maria Sanders, community services manager for New Mexico Donor Services.

"We have very few actual donors a year in the whole state," she said. "We average between 20 and 30 living donations a year."

Most people who need a kidney donation spend between three and five years on a waiting list, and there are about 100,000 people on that list nationally each year, she said. "Bob's lucky he could do this right away," Sanders said.

Thursday's operation may have brought them together in a new way, but the brothers acknowledged beforehand they had never been all that close.

"Growing up it was like two different families,"

Bob said. "Half of us were older and left for the (military) services or college, and the others were younger and stayed with our parents. So they were all close and we were all close, but the two groups didn't really spend time together."

Still, John remembers looking up to his older brother when he was a kid.

"Bob was always good in sports," John said. "He was on the basketball team. You always want to be like your older brothers that do well."

And David said John's generosity has really brought the whole family, at least the seven siblings who are still alive, closer together.

"We've got to be there for each other," said David, who works with Bob at the plumbing store. "We're all here to help each other."

Bob and John, especially, said they have a new appreciation for each other.

"We'll always be together now," John said.

Once he recovers, Bob plans to use this opportunity to the fullest degree.

"I've got a second chance at life, and I'm going to take it," Bob said.

Some of the things he'd like to do are to get married again, ride a horse and "I've always wanted to see the Baltimore Orioles," he said. "Before now, all I did was work. I'm not going to be like that anymore."

The whole family is also hoping to have a reunion in the future, spurred by John's generosity, the brothers said.

"There's just no way you can thank somebody enough," Bob said tearfully.

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Forbes names Southlake richest community

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. economy may be cratering, but the wealthiest folks in the nation are still living large in Southlake, Texas.

That's what Forbes magazine says, in finding the Fort Worth suburb to be the most affluent neighborhoods. Home to

former NFL broadcaster Pat Summerall, several Dallas Cowboys and top business executives, Southlake's estimated median household income is \$172,945.

"It's not about people moving here to be next to other affluent people," Southlake Mayor Pro Tem

John Terrell said Friday, citing its stellar schools and shopping, and proximity to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. "It's just a fabulous city to live in."

Two other Texas cities made the top 10 in the list released this week. The Dallas County community

of University Park ranked No. 7 while Colleyville, located near Southlake, ranks No. 9.

Forbes based its findings on average median household income estimates that the U.S. Census bureau released Dec. 9.



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WEDNESDAY
 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
 Lunch: Popcorn shrimp or chef salad, corn, English peas, pears, rolls.
THURSDAY
 Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage.
 Lunch: Mini twin cheeseburgers or cheese nachos, pinto beans, broccoli, fruit.

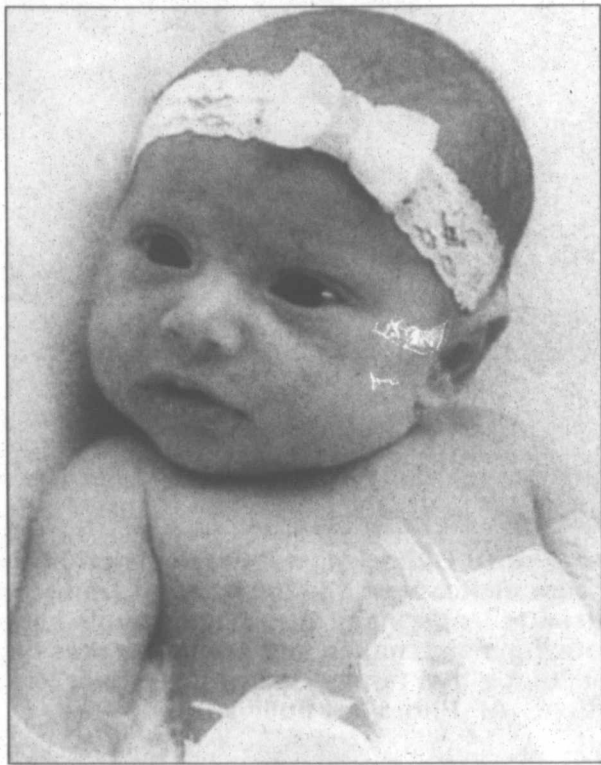
FRIDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
 Lunch: Breaded chicken patties on a bun or hot dogs, fries, vegetarian beans, peaches, gelatin.
Kid's Cafe-Wilson
MONDAY
 Eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, dessert.
Kid's Cafe-Lamar
TUESDAY
 Cornish game hens, dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, dessert.
Kid's Cafe-Briarwood
THURSDAY
 Soft tacos, beans, salad, dessert.
Southside Senior Citizens
TUESDAY
 Fried catfish, fries, salad, corn on the cobb, bread, dessert
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MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, peas, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
 Smothered steak or teriyaki chicken/rice, potato wedges, cream corn, fried okra, beans, tomato spice cake or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrots, beans, peaches and cream cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY

Chicken strips or sausages and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, California blend, macaroni cheese, beans, devilsfood cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, tater tots, cheese grits, beans, cinnamon rolls or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.
Meals On Wheels
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 Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, pineapple.
TUESDAY
 Sausage & rice casserole, green beans & tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad.

WEDNESDAY
 Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.
THURSDAY
 Swedish meatballs/noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce.
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Addyson Bailey Sims

Addyson Bailey Sims was born Aug. 30, 2008, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Tina and Brandon Sims of Borger. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 2-ounces. The newborn is the grandchild of Dan and Susie Dwight of Pampa, and Pat and Suzanne Sims of Dumas; and is the great-grandchild of Ava and Shirley Hale of Panhandle, Bea Dwight of Pampa and the late Kenneth Dwight.

Kid's recipe contest

NEW YORK, N.Y. — What do your kids eat for lunch? The standard peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a more innovative concoction? MeetMeAtTheCorner.org, the Web site that sends kids on virtual fieldtrips, is hosting the "Everybody Eats Lunch" Recipe Contest.

Open to children ages 7-12, the contest challenges youngsters to develop their own lunch recipe, hot or cold, a unique formula or an interpretation of one seen elsewhere. Ingredients and directions on how to prepare the recipe need to be included.

Entries must be post-marked by Jan. 31, 2009, to qualify.

All eligible entries will be judged by Cricket Azima, author of "Everybody Eats Lunch." Four winners (two in the age 7-9 category and two in the age 10-12 category)

will receive an autographed copy of Azima's book and a one-year subscription to Kiwi magazine. The winners will be announced in February, 2009. The winning recipes will be featured in a MeetMeAtTheCorner.org video podcast shortly thereafter.

Complete information and entry forms can be found at <http://www.everybodyeat-slunchcontest.com>.

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Texas tribes fight to revive gambling

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Preschoolers on the Alabama-Coushatta reservation play beneath a leaky roof and beside aging emergency exits. Tribal members who seek treatment for diabetes and cancer at the nearby health clinic share the facetious warning, "Don't get sick after June" — money may run out for the year. A tourist train once lured visitors and their dollars to the reservation but today sits idle in its

tunnel, weeds choking the tracks. A once-grand outdoor amphitheater is falling apart. These sad conditions worry Alabama-Coushatta leaders, but they say the American Indian tribe's history is proud and its destiny is hopeful. What they want now is the Legislature to help them relaunch a shuttered casino that drew big-spending gamblers to their remote East Texas land. "In the end we'll be

successful. It's just not easy," said tribal council chairman Carlos Bullock, who is working with the Tigua tribe of El Paso to get an Indian casino bill passed when lawmakers convene in January. Both tribes' casinos were closed in 2002 by court orders sought by then-Attorney General John Cornyn. Indian leaders argue the creation of Texas' state lottery opened the legal door for their casinos. But after the court disputes with the state, they're trying — again — to persuade lawmakers to approve Indian casino gambling.

"We are lining up our ducks," said Carlos Hisa, lieutenant governor for the Tigua tribe, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo. "We are considering everything."

Both tribes have hired prominent Austin lobbyists and consultants, some with close ties to Republican Gov. Rick Perry. The politically savvy tribal leaders grew wise about the legislative world the hard way, through past defeats and costly connections to convicted Washington lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

The Tiguas lost millions of dollars to Abramoff and a business partner as the tribe attempted to get its casino back. Meanwhile, the Alabama-Coushatta waged a civil lawsuit against Abramoff and others, accusing him of working with other tribes against their casino interests. The Alabama-Coushatta reached an undisclosed settlement with Abramoff's former law firm.

Winning at the Texas Capitol won't be easy, and the tribes know it. Baptist and social conservative activists are lining up in opposition.

"We're absolutely against any form of expanding gambling," said Julie Drenner, spokeswoman for the con-

servative Texas Eagle Forum. She contends casinos lead to financial ruin and crime and don't help the Indian tribes as promised. "We will be ramped up to fight it as hard as we can."

Suzii Paynter, director of the Texas Baptist Life Commission, said money spent on gambling, while perhaps helping to pay for tribal services, reduces

earned by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act — not the more restrictive Restoration Act that applies to the Alabama-Coushatta and Tiguas — according to the Texas Attorney General's Office.

The Tiguas ran their Speaking Rock casino for nine years, producing \$60 million annually for housing, health care and education for their 1,600 trib-

paid as much as \$12 to \$15 per hour.

The casino's games were Class II slot machines, blackjack and poker. Customers often waited in lines to get into the no-alcohol casino. A simple snack bar operated indoors, and the teetotaler tribe arranged for live music and food like boiled crawfish and steak and baked potatoes outside.

"People showed up for



Bethany Celestine, 3, and Alonzo Bullock, 4, watch television at the Alabama-Coushatta day care center Nov. 18, 2008 near Livingston, Texas. The Alabama-Coushatta leaders say they have trouble keeping up with roads and housing maintenance and are under pressure to make repairs to the buildings that house one of the oldest Head Start programs in the nation. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

what's spent in the local economy, hurting area businesses.

The politics surrounding gambling could change in the weeks to come should a new Texas House speaker be selected who is more or less friendly to gambling than incumbent Republican Tom Craddick, who at least has allowed Indian gambling to come up for a vote in his chamber.

Lawmakers could also view casino gambling as a potential state money source, and Indian reservations could benefit, said Rep. Norma Chavez, an El Paso Democrat who pressed an Indian gambling measure last year that barely failed in the House.

"We might be looking for revenue-generating bills," Chavez said, adding that the Tiguas will support all the "big bills" of major gambling interests attempting to bring casinos to Texas and work to ensure Indian casinos are included.

If an Indian gambling bill passes the House and Senate, Perry isn't saying whether he would veto it. But spokeswoman Allison Castle said the governor does not want to expand "the footprint of gambling" in Texas.

Currently the Kickapoo tribe in Eagle Pass is the only one of the three Texas tribes operating a limited casino. It is gov-

al members, Hisa said.

The Alabama-Coushatta operated its casino for only nine months, generating \$1 million per month for the tribe of 1,100, Bullock said.

These days Alabama-Coushatta leaders say they have trouble keeping up with road and housing maintenance and are under pressure to make repairs to the buildings that house one of the oldest Head Start programs in the nation. A fire marshal warned school director Billie Sue Williams, who's been scrambling to make improvements, that soon the doors in the buildings must be updated with newer push-exit bars.

"I said hopefully when you come back we'll be in a new building," Williams said, dreaming of casino proceeds.

The Alabama-Coushatta medical clinic next door receives federal funding from the Indian Health Service, but sometimes that money runs out before the end of the federal fiscal year in September and the tribe says it must fill the financial gap. About half the adult tribal members battle diabetes, clinic officials said.

Tribal unemployment, now at 32 percent, improved in the casino days. Tribal members filled about a quarter of the casino 300 jobs, which

all kinds of reasons. ... People were showing up just to eat," said Melanie Battise, a tribal council member whose late father oversaw slot technicians.

The tribe uses a patchwork of federal grants and income from its convenience store and piney woods lands to pay for essential services. Bullock would not release the reservation's annual budget.

While some tribal members initially rejected opening a casino, they have since squared their Christian faith with wagering, said McClamroch Battise, a 67-year-old tribal elder who says a prayer before every meal and meeting.

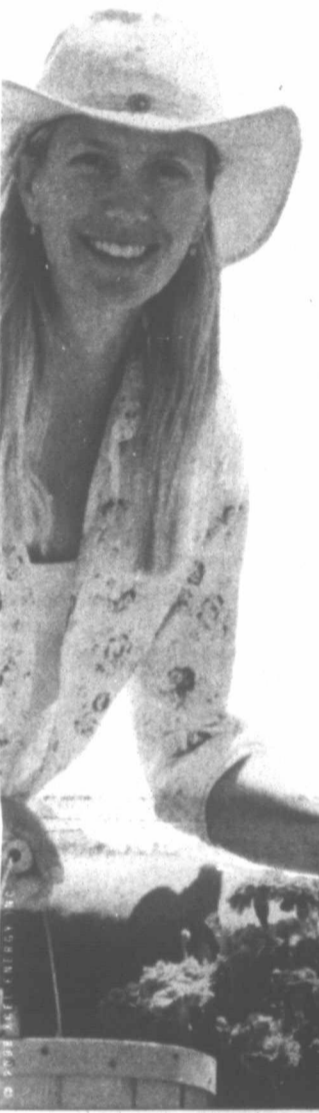
"The funding that's generated by gaming, the goodness, far exceeds the negative side," he said.

The tribe's ancestors helped fleeing Texas settlers during the "Runaway Scrape" in the 1836 battle for Texas independence, and Sam Houston became a friend of the tribe and gave it land in the 1850s.

Today's state leaders should respect the tribe's wishes, McClamroch Battise said.

"We as a tribe have been here before Texas was Texas. We've always been good neighbors," he said. "We're working for the betterment of our tribal people, and we want to determine what that is ourselves."

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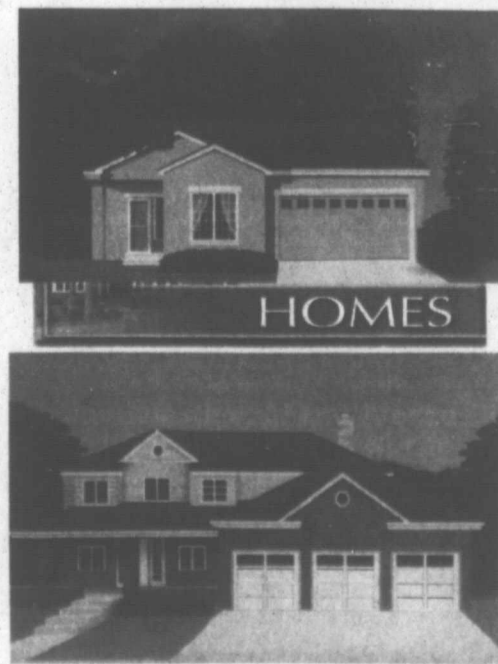
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San Antonio man, 63, goes a little marathon crazy

DALLAS (AP) - Larry Macon laughs at the notion that he's a serious runner.

Sure, he plans to run his 105th marathon this year - apparently a world record - in Dallas on Sunday. But he's not exactly running competitively or getting overly focused on each race, having once held an hourlong conference call while running the Boston Marathon.

"I didn't tell the clients about it until afterward," the 63-year-old San Antonio attorney said. "I was afraid they'd want a discount on the bill."

Somebody had to pay for him to get from Peachtree City, Ga., to Burlington, Vt., that day because he was running another marathon that day. The double-header this year was the third of his career and prompts a simple question:

Is he crazy? Of course, he says with a hearty laugh.

"My mother got me all this education, and then last year I was named the marathon maniac of the year," Macon said. "I thought, 'My mother would be so proud.'"

Macon's story started as a typical one, with a midlife crisis that got him to take up running at age 49.

"One day some idiot challenged me to run a marathon," he said. "After I did, I thought, 'Well, that wasn't that bad.'"

The site of his debut was routine enough, in San Antonio. So was his regimen for several years after he started running marathons. He'd do two a year "because that's what the books say."

But he said he had "places I wanted to go and people I wanted to see," so somehow two became 58, which became 79 (twice), which became 93 last year. When he was around 50 races this year, he found out Guinness World Records recognized 99 as the most marathons in a year. At that point, it became a matter of "Why not?"

"Like most other things in life, it's just a matter of showing up and doing it," Macon says.

On this kind of schedule, showing up isn't always easy, though. Sometimes he drives between races. Sometimes he flies. Sometimes he does whatever he has to. When he was going from Fort Worth to New Orleans one year, severe weather shut down the airport and forced him to hop in a car. Heavy rain slowed the trip so he "literally" parked the car and started running.

"Let me say, I wasn't a pretty sight," he said. "I hadn't showered. I hadn't shaved. I was ugly."

Yes, Macon has run all the biggies. He loves New York and Boston. He loves to know that thousands are running and sometimes millions watching.



San Antonio attorney Larry Macon, 63, poses with some of his marathon medals at his office in San Antonio, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008. Macon plans to run his 105th. marathon this year, apparently a world record, in Dallas on Sunday. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

But he's no marathon snob, also taking part in lesser known races.

Macon says the Extraterrestrial Full Moon Midnight Marathon runs on a stretch of Nevada highway known for its history of reported UFO sightings.

"Everybody dresses up in these weird heads," he said. "You run for 26 miles to a town called Rachel, and there's not a car on the highway, there's not a light, there's not a house that you pass. It was eerie."

It couldn't have been any more strange than the way his body reacts to all this: perfectly.

Aside from normal bouts with soreness, Macon hasn't had any physical problems. His knees are holding up just fine, to the surprise of a personal physician who Macon says told him he "shouldn't be doing this."

"He just says that I'm very lucky," Macon said. "He says something bad's going to happen. I say, 'Yeah. OK.' It hadn't yet."

Dr. Ben Levine, an exercise specialist in Dallas, says a body's ability to handle high-mileage running depends largely on the structure of muscles, bones and joints and the runner's gait, or style. Since Macon limits his training to roughly 16 miles a week, his typical two-marathon week amounts to about 70 miles. Levine says there are plenty of runners going that far in a week.

"He must be recovering well ... or else he wouldn't be able to run his next marathon," said Levine, a professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and a staff member at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

It probably also helps that he's not too worried about his time. He sometimes finishes in the four-hour range but thinks of himself mostly as a five-hour guy. The world record is 2 hours, 3 minutes and 59 seconds, and

Macon gets a simple thrill from knowing he sometimes runs the same course with those world-class athletes.

"It's like some golfer being able to go out and play with Tiger Woods," Macon said. "As slow as I run, you can talk to people. You meet hundreds of people. It's just a great thing."

If the record is 99 (a Guinness representative didn't return phone calls seeking comment), Macon broke it with his 100th race in Seattle on Nov. 29. He's scheduled for No. 104 Saturday in Huntsville, Ala., before calling it a year at the White Rock Marathon a day later.

He might never have contemplated the record if he'd been caught up on his marathon reading. Besides those books that say stop at two a year, there's another that says the maximum a body can handle is 100 in a lifetime.

After 100, "your body will crumble and fall apart. Your knees will go out," Macon said of the book's basis. "The bad news is, I didn't read the book until after I had already done over 100."

Clearly, he's getting the last laugh.

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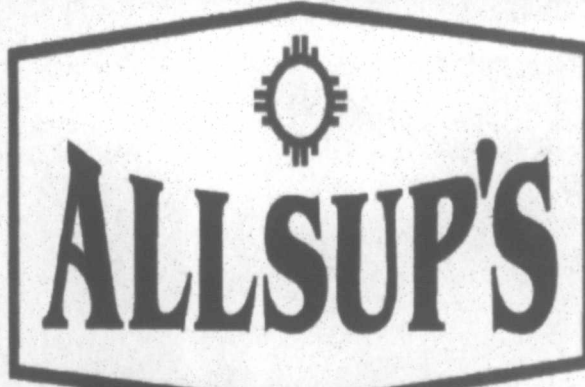
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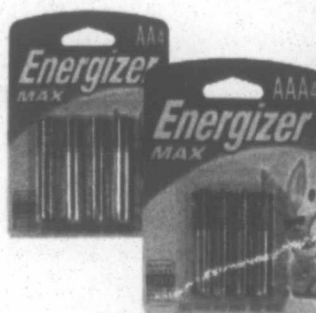
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Dune and dirty: Hurricane teaches lessons through ecosystem research

GALVESTON — Dr. Rusty Feagin was managing several ecosystem research projects on Galveston Island when the 2008 hurricane season began.

Then he got an unexpected visit from a research assistant named Ike.

"Ike reconfirmed the basic idea I've had for several years," said Feagin, ecosystem scientist with Texas AgriLife Research. "The plants on sand dunes and in marshes build an island's elevation, so we shouldn't compromise that."

Most of the dunes and marshes he and his graduate students had studied were destroyed or severely damaged by Hurricane Ike, which struck Galveston Sept. 13.

But with the 2008 hurricane season officially over, Feagin has noted the changes and will begin again.

His research over the years, however, has yielded discoveries that could help the tender ecosystem recover, depending on human interaction. Among his findings, when comparing before and after Ike, is that the marshes lost elevation, which is contrary to what most would expect to happen in a hurricane.

Damage to Texas's barrier islands stroke a variety of long-debated issues. According to the state's General Land Office, Texas is the only state in the nation that has an Open Beaches Act. That means the public has "free and unrestricted access to and use of the

beach" or the area between the dunes and the "state-owned submerged lands," the land office indicates.

The state's coastline is more than 365 miles long. The width is measured from the vegetation line on the land to more than 10 miles into the Gulf of Mexico, according to the land office, which estimates a \$7-billion-a-year tourism economy from the area.

Thus, tension brews around mending hurricane-slashed coastal ecosystems from the standpoint of people who choose to live nearby and those who want to enjoy the state's property.

Feagin, who admits a passion for coastal ecosystems, said four elements are impacted as a hurricane rolls over a barrier island: beaches erode, sand dunes "blow out," houses and buildings are damaged and, finally, the marshes receive sediment deposits from all the above.

"With beaches, sand from the beach is washed out into the sea, and it usually comes back in the natural wave cycles over time," he said. "But along the Texas coast, our sand doesn't come back very well. That's because it is very silty and so is carried farther away in the Gulf." He said the state's coastline also has a lot of development and engineered structures such as jetties which are meant to stabilize the land but instead interrupt the natural sedimentary process.

"The coast is one of the most dynamic ecosystems

there is, and it can totally change in a hurricane," Feagin said.

In some areas, he said, there was only a thin sand veneer on top of clay. With that sand now gone, all of the invertebrate animals are gone because they are not able to live in the clay.

That will impact other animals in the food chain, such as birds that previously fed on the small creatures.

Further inland come the sand dunes.

"The dunes are a little higher than the beach and some do OK," he said. "But basically water is forced through existing holes in dunes causing them blow out. Our dunes have problems because of over development, so that could make it difficult for sand dunes to re-establish."

Feagin said the sand dunes in the area hit by Hurricane Ike were already eroding at a rate of several feet per year. The natural mending of washed-out beaches might not be possible because of the many structures and non-native landscapes maintained there, blocking dune re-establishment.

He explained that sand dunes need plants to accumulate sand from passing winds. Many of these plants are actually stimulated to grow as they become buried by sand, resulting in the deposit of another layer of sand until a larger, land-sustaining dune is "born." But if a lawn is maintained where a dune used to be, the layers will never be allowed to rebuild and thus no

dune will exist to provide some measure of protection in the future.

"Dunes can protect buildings to some degree in the smaller storms that are more common in the area," Feagin said. "Plus the location of vegetation and dunes in Texas is where many legal battles play out for public versus private property issues."

"We care about dunes because we want our public beaches," he added. "And if a private house has been built and there is now no dune in front of it, then that house is now on our public land and may block our access to this

extremely valuable tourism resource."

Beyond these legal issues, he added, the dunes also support animals such as Kemp's Ridley sea turtles, which are endangered.

The sea turtles' nesting season in Texas runs from April through mid-July but nesting peaks during May and June. Females typically nest at the base of dunes or within the dune complex, according to Dr. André Landry, AgriLife Research marine ecologist and director of the Sea Turtle and Fisheries Ecology Research Laboratory at

Texas A&M University at Galveston.

One of Feagin's dune projects — planting of sea oats at Galveston State Park — was totally decimated by Ike. Sea oats, which used to be prevalent on the island, had been eliminated first from overstocking of cattle, decades ago and then from building and infrastructure construction, said Feagin.

In the next element of the island, certainly many homes and buildings were damaged, and plants there look "toasted" by salt

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Donated family photos hark back to 1890s

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) — Glendon Broumley occupied a special niche in Cleburne ISD from the day he began school here in the 1920s to the day he died in 2000. He was a student, football player, high school graduate, coach, teacher, principal, assistant superintendent — and the district's unofficial ambassador and historian after he retired in the 1980s. Shortly before he died, he helped facilitate a reunion of Cleburne Yellow Jacket football players who had played at Rhome Field, Yellow Jacket Stadium's predecessor, now covered by a parking lot behind the Guinn Justice Center. Broumley was one of the Rhome Field boys. He played on a mediocre — his description — team in 1939 with a future Baylor Bear legend named Bentley Jones. Broumley remains an important part of Cleburne ISD eight years after his death. His collection of CISD-related photographs was recently donated to the school system by Tara Kieschnick, who like Broumley has strong ties to the community and district. Her mother-in-law, Ann Zimmerman, was born and raised here. Ruby Zimmerman, Ann's mother, taught here. The Kieschnicks discovered the photo cache one afternoon while cleaning out the closet in a

home that, as it turned out, had belonged to Broumley. "We never knew Mr. Broumley," Tara Kieschnick said. "We purchased the home to remodel and rent out. We discovered the photos among a lot of Mr. Broumley's belongings." One is a 1953 photograph of former Cleburne and Texas star David McWilliams in what appears to be his Long Elementary sixth-grade uniform. Another photo is the 1920 Cleburne state championship football team. Yet another is what appears to be the 1899 Cleburne High football team. There are, of course, group photos that include Broumley, such as a high school baseball team photo from the late '30s and photos from his days as Long principal. "We have a real interest in that kind of history," Kieschnick said. "After we looked through them, we said, 'There's no reason for us to hang on to these.' We knew CISD had a little museum in the (Guinn) justice building (former high school)." They delivered the pictures to an eternally appreciative Lisa Magers, the district's public relations point person. "Mr. Broumley obviously gave a lot of his life to the school district," Kieschnick said. "I thought this part of his legacy needed to be pre-

served." It wasn't until last week, when she talked to Tara Kieschnick again, that Magers learned of the photo cache's connection to Broumley, who befriended Magers in the '90s. "I had already fallen in love with the photos," Magers said. "They represent such a wonderful piece of school district history. Seeing a picture of David McWilliams as a sixth-grade football player is special in itself. "Then I found out they were from Mr. Broumley, one of my favorite people in the world. He was like a grandfather to me. One of my biggest regrets is I didn't know him longer than I did. Knowing the pictures came from him makes them even more special. "To see the young Glendon Broumley in these pictures is so much fun. I knew him late in his life, but he still radiated great energy." Magers recalls meeting Broumley for the first time during the early renovation of the Guinn building. During dedication ceremonies, "Mr. Broumley was a very special guest." She grew to know Broumley better before, during and after the reception for the Rhome Field boys. "I wanted to do something to recognize the lettermen who had played at Rhome Field," Magers

said. "He knew who had played there and who was still living. He was such a great help." Broumley also supplied an original plaque from Rhome Field, named for Joe Rhome, a Yellow Jacket star in the late Teens. "Mr. Broumley had it in his garage," Magers said. "He brought it to me. He said, 'Young lady, I think you need to have this because I know you'll take good care of it.' What a wonderful thing to hear." Tara Kieschnick found her own personal connection to the box of pictures. Pictured in the 1920 team photo is Byron Rhome, who later coached Dallas Sunset to a state football championship. "Byron Rhome was my Texas history teacher at Dallas Kimball in 1974," she said. "He loved Texas and was so full of knowledge." Magers' connection to the main subject of the photos, Broumley, continues to this day. After the reception for the Rhome Field lettermen, Broumley inscribed a card to Magers with the words, "You did a good job, kid." Magers said, "Whenever I'm having a bad day, I take that card out and read it. He took the time to tell me I was doing a good job."

Rare bird moves up on candidates list

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The status of a bird found in a handful of Western and Midwestern states has become more dire due to the loss of its native prairie habitat. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Wednesday announced a change in the listing priority of the lesser prairie chicken with the release of the agency's annual review of candidates for possible protection under the Endangered Species Act. The lesser prairie chicken, a stocky ground-dwelling bird found in parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, has been on the candidate list for more than a decade. The Fish and Wildlife Service said new information prompted raising the bird's priority number from 8 to 2, one of the most urgent categories. "It shows that it deserves to be looked at for Endangered Species Act protection sooner than the

others," said Elizabeth Slown, a spokeswoman with the agency's Southwest Region. Conservation groups have been pushing the federal agency to grant the lesser prairie chicken protection under the ESA for years, saying the bird has declined by more than 90 percent over the past century and is facing threats that include energy development, climate change and the loss of habitat. Despite its status as a candidate, Slown said the lesser prairie chicken is not on the agency's work plan for this fiscal year. That means it could be next September before the agency considers doing a review to determine whether to list the bird. The Fish and Wildlife Service along with the Bureau of Land Management, an oil and gas company and a New Mexico rancher signed conservation agreements aimed at protecting the lesser prairie chicken during a ceremony this week in Albuquerque.

Healthy holiday party offerings that taste great

The trouble with most holiday party finger foods is that you can't eat just one. This wouldn't be an issue except that the usual buffet of puff pastry hors d'oeuvres, mini quiches, egg rolls and chicken wings are jammed with fat and calories. So if you're hosting a holiday party, do your guests a favor and offer up nibbles that are as guilt-free as they are delicious. Try rolling sliced, lean grilled steak or roast beef around a dab of jarred horseradish sauce and strips of red, orange and yellow bell peppers; fasten together with a toothpick. Slices of cucumber can be topped with finely chopped smoked salmon and a dab of reduced-fat sour cream blended with minced red onion and capers. Halved large sea scallops can be wrapped with prosciutto rather than the traditional (and fattier) bacon. Secure with a toothpick and broil on a baking sheet until cooked through, about 4 to 5 minutes. Shrimp always are a hit and are virtually fat free. Precooked cocktail shrimp are convenient and relatively inexpensive, but for more flavorful results buy raw shrimp, thread them on bamboo skewers and cook them on the grill. If you are concerned about eating farmed seafood, look for wild caught American shrimp, which cost only a bit more and have wonderful flavor and texture. Chopped tomatoes, crumbled feta cheese and a squeeze of lemon juice bring Mediterranean flavors to these easy-to-prepare shrimp and pesto crostini. The recipe calls for store-bought pesto, but homemade would only improve things.

SHRIMP AND PESTO CROSTINI
Start to finish: 10 minutes (10 minutes active)
Servings: 16
Sixteen 1/2-inch-thick slices French bread
1 large clove garlic, peel and cut in half
1/2 cup chopped grape tomatoes
2 tablespoons prepared pesto
2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
16 large uncooked shrimp, deveined and coarsely chopped

Heat the broiler. Arrange the bread slices in a single layer on a baking sheet. Broil to toast both sides. Rub each slice with the cut side of the garlic clove. Set aside. In a medium bowl, combine the tomatoes, pesto, cheese, 1 tablespoon of the parsley, lemon juice and pepper. Toss to combine. Set aside. In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, warm the oil. Add the shrimp and saute until opaque at the center, about 3 minutes. Stir in the pesto mixture. Divide the shrimp mixture between the bread slices, spooning a bit on each. Sprinkle with the remaining parsley and serve immediately. Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 67 calories; 24 calories from fat; 3 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 23 mg cholesterol; 6 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 0 g fiber; 128 mg sodium.

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water, he said. But the final section — the salt marshes — had measurable damage, as Feagin's ecosystem research shows. "A salt marsh is normally a fairly nice protected area that benefits from a hurricane because all that sediment gets blown out from the beach, dunes and upland is deposited in the marsh," Feagin said. "But our research on the backside of Galveston where the surge was around 12 feet shows it lost elevation. The marshes need to maintain a fairly shallow water depth to support their unique ecosystem. And sea levels have been rising, so sediment is needed to maintain the depth. "The sediment accumulation didn't happen. In fact, at our research site, elevation dropped at about same rate as under everyday conditions." Feagin believes this could be because all the development between Gulf side and marsh side kept the sediment from arriving. "There was not any sediment addition in the salt marsh, which is not good," he said, noting that a lack of rain since Ike

and the influx of a higher concentration of salt water means that many of the marshes are parched. "Marshes are among the most productive ecosystems in the world. They are full of organic materials, detritus algae and plants. Gulf crab, shrimp, and commercial fish all have some portion of their life in marshes. So if we lose marshes, we lose fisheries. "Bird watching and hunting are also huge economically," he noted, "and marshes also filter runoff from the mainland to provide cleaner water to the bays." Feagin said the marshes also play a role in building new land because the plants slow down rising tide water, causing suspended sediment to settle, resulting in layers of land over time. "Prior to Ike, we tested this near Galveston by killing the marsh plants in one area to compare surface elevation change with a nearby marsh where we left the plants alone," he said. "We found that the plants did help build land elevation prior to the hurricane." However, when studying post-Ike surface erosion at the site, Feagin said, "we found the plants did not prevent sediment erosion by waves during Ike and in fact enhanced erosion because their

roots wiggled, stirring up sediment to be washed out to sea. "Some would say that plants directly protect the land and thus protect people from storms," Feagin said. "But that's not so in terms of the big storms. But the waves are not what does the damage and cause death, it's the water depth. If you get a 12-foot wall of water, it doesn't matter if you have a front yard full of oak trees. "We need to rely on 'ecological engineering' and good policy that requires people to build homes in the correct locations," he said. "If we covered a barrier island such as Galveston with concrete, you could say it was stabilized. But without the natural process of building elevation through by plants, the whole thing will eventually drown from the rising sea level."

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CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Lera, #203 Sanford, 1342' from North & 1366' from West line, Sec. 3,S,H&GN, PD 3155'. Recompletion - Form 1 filed well as #2003
HEMPHILL (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #101 Eden, 990' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 1,Z-1,ACH&B, PD 18000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., PD 13500', for the following wells:
 #3 Begert Trust '43', 1575' from South & 2457' from East line, Sec. 43,A-1,H&GN.
 #4 Begert Trust '3', 2031' from South & 1894' from West line, Sec. 3,41,H&TC.
 #4 Begert Trust '5', 533' from South & 2163' from East line, Sec. 5,41,H&TC.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., PD 13500', for the following wells:
 #2 E.B. Flowers '41', 2158' from North & 2085' from East line, Sec. 41,A-1,H&GN.
 #3 E.B. Flowers '1', 2218' from North & 1782' from East line, Sec. 1,41,H&TC.
 #3 E.B. Flowers '33', 2161' from North & 2259' from East line, Sec. 33,41,H&TC.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., for the following wells:
 #4 Dockray Rivers '237', 2173' from North & 1150' from East line, Sec. 237,C,G&MMB&A, PD 14300'.
 #29 Young '33', 2173' from North & 1973' from East line, Sec. 33,A-2,H&GN, PD 13400'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #7 Vise, 467' from North & 892' from East line, Sec. 29,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Tonkawa) Crest Resources, Inc., #402 Urschel, 1980' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 2,—,TTRR, PD 7700'.
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., PD 12800', for the following wells:
 #29 Hobart Ranch '69', 650' from South & 389' from West line, Sec. 69,A-2,H&GN.
 #68 Hobart Ranch '42', 700' from North & 1639' from West line, Sec. 68,A-2,H&GN.
 #69 Hobart Ranch '32', 859' from South & 2458' from East line, Sec. 69,A-2,H&GN.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., W.A. Carver, J.J. Hall Survey, PD 3675' for the following wells:
 #64, 3504' from South & 4437' from East Survey line.
 #78, 4004' from South & 1015' from East Survey line.
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 #13, 3365' from North & 3105' from East line of Survey.
 #15, 3130' from North & 3825' from East line of Survey.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., Carver Area Waterflood '2', J.J. Hall Survey, PD 3675', for the following wells:
 #40, 4385' from North & 5000' from East line of Survey.


#41, 1210' from North & 4500' from East line of Survey.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., Childers, Sec. 9 1/2,—,Z.C. Collier Survey, PD 3650' for the following wells:
 #34, 890' from South & 29050' from East line of Sec.
 #35, 330' from South & 2300' from East line of Sec.
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1104 Flowers 'A', 2510' from South & 1293' from West line, Sec. 4,—,BS&F, PD 14000'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ST. CLAIR CLAIR Granite Wash) Texakoma Operating, L.P., McMordie '90', PD 10500', for the following wells:
 #4, 467' from South & 587' from East line, Sec. 91,C,G&M.
 #6, 1980' from North & West line, Sec. 90,C,G&M.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & DYCO Granite Wash) Linn Operating, Inc., #10 Lohberger '25', 853' from South & 2173' from East line, Sec. 25,M-1,H&GN, PD 14593'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Des Moines) Crest Resources, Inc., #6045 Fabian, 2000' from North & 2100' from West line, Sec. 45,A-7,H&GN, PD 12777'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., #5059 Bass, 2173' from South & 1390' from East line, Sec. 59,A-7,H&GN, PD 11900'. Rule 37
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Linn Operating, Inc., PD 16750', for the following wells:
 #12 Dobson Ranch '40', 2050' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 40,A-3,H&GN.
 #10 Miller Spinney '39', 1980' from South & West line, Sec. 39,A-3,H&GN.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #16 Hobart '49', Sec. 49,A-2,H&GN, spud 7-21-08, drlg. compl 8-11-08, tested 10-15-08, TD 12826', PBTD 12472' —
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #20016 Campbell, Sec. 16,1,H&GN, spud 6-29-08, drlg. compl 7-13-08, tested 9-27-08, TD 11900', PBTD 11800' —
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #1770 Sutter's Mills, Sec. 70,C,G&M, spud 6-11-08, drlg. compl 7-6-08, tested 8-23-08, potential 8858 MCF, TD 11506' —
ROBERTS (LIPS Lower Morrow) Cimarex Energy Co., #3 Killebrew '215', Sec. 215,42,H&TC, spud 8-20-08, drlg. compl 9-2-08, tested 10-21-08, potential 3303 MCF, TD 10285', PBTD 10196' —
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #3119 Chambers Ranch, Sec. 119,C,G&M, spud 3-15-08, drlg. compl 3-31-08, tested 9-5-08, TD 10002', PBTD 9910' —
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #21 Byrum '6', Sec. 6,B-1,H&GN, spud 8-13-08, drlg. compl 8-31-08, tested 10-17-08, potential 844 MCF, TD 10520', PBTD 10429' —
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.L.C., #4 Brown '61', Sec. 61,M-1,H&GN, spud 6-6-08, drlg. compl 6-30-08, tested 10-2-08, TD 13501', PBTD 13358' —
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #8016 Stiles '16', Sec. 16,A-3,H&GN, spud 7-26-08, drlg. compl 8-31-08, tested 10-13-08, potential 3067 MCF, TD 16625', PBTD 16522' —
Oil Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Isaacs 'D', Sec. 216,C,G&MMB&A, spud 5-23-08, drlg. compl 8-5-08, tested 9-24-08, flowed 20 bbl. of 48.6 grav. oil + 45 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 13050, TD 11777', PBTD 11526' —
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #2 Begert Trust '4', Sec. 4,41,H&TC, spud 8-08-08, drlg. compl 8-28-08, tested 9-25-08, potential 1133 MCF, TD 13250', PBTD 12760' —
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #1h Washita Ranch '22', Sec. 22,A-1,H&GN, spud 4-3-08, drlg. compl 7-1-08, tested 9-18-08, potential 15616 MCF, TVD 1186', MD 12958' —
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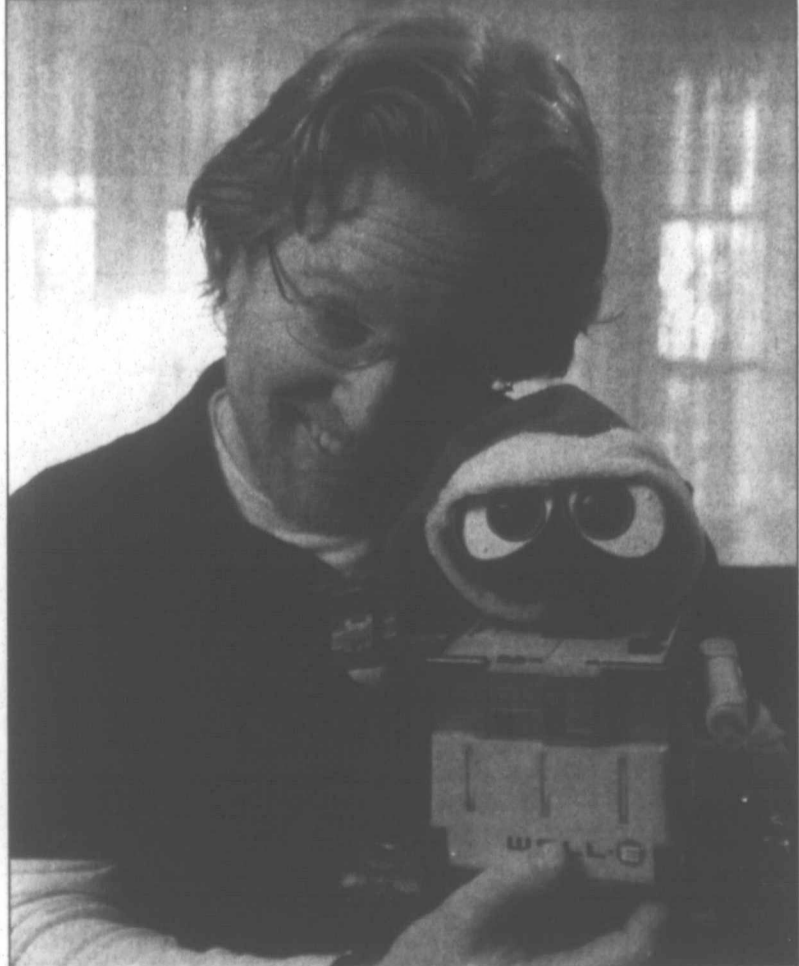
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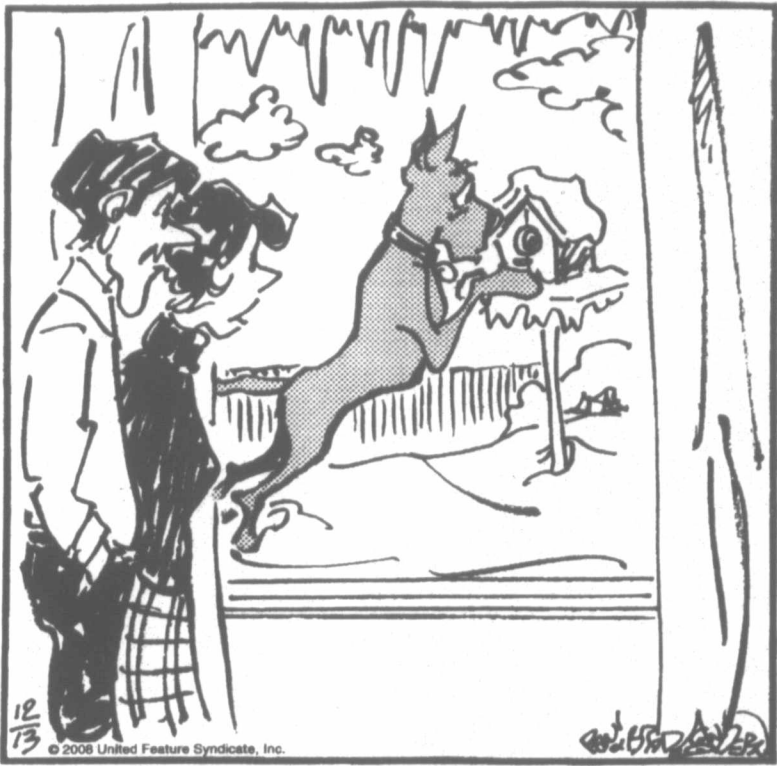
WALL-E director celebrates a week of kudos

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Hollywood's most famous trash compactor continued his journey from the dump to the Oscars. Stanton, 43, is yet prepared to seriously consider. "Who thinks that's going to happen in their life?" he said. "Who even thinks they're going to get make a movie, no less that it'll end up in the category of just five select films?" Nevertheless, Stanton seems prepared for the awards-show gauntlet for him and "WALL-E," thanks to the experience collecting animated-feature Oscars for "Finding Nemo." "I just remember so many free meals," Stanton recalled. "And it's weird, because there starts to be a commonality of who's nominated, even though they vary at times. You start to see the same filmmakers and stars and artisans in the same room, just wearing different, new clothing and a different meal on your table. It's an odd existence for a month." Critics Association biggest prize: best picture. That group is just one among many suggesting "WALL-E" deserves to break out of the animated block at the Academy Awards. A best-picture Oscar isn't a notion

Andrew Stanton, (at left) director of the animated film "WALL-E," poses with a toy version of the film's robot star in Beverly Hills, Calif., Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008. "WALL-E" received two Golden Globe nominations on Thursday, for Best Animated Feature Film and Best Original Song - Motion Picture "Down to Earth". (AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

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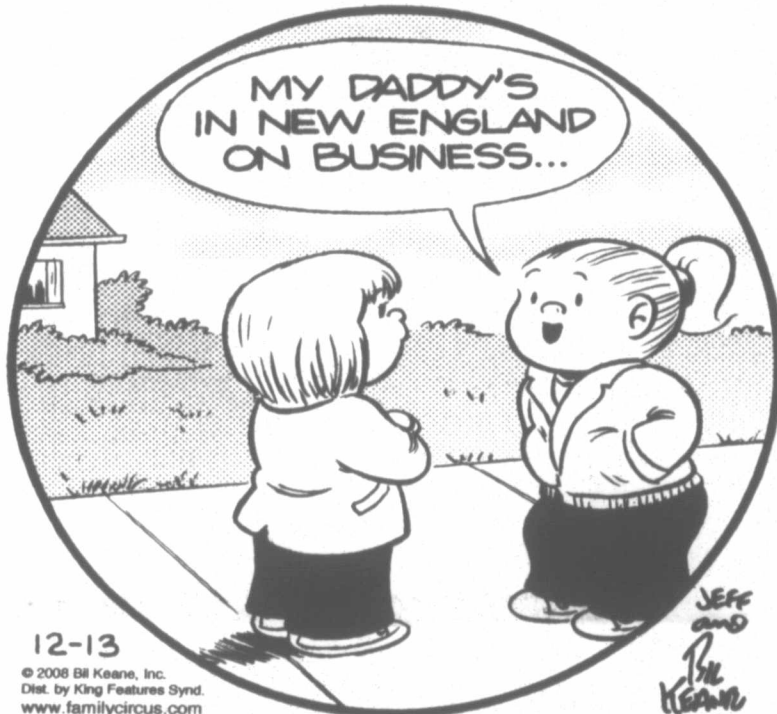
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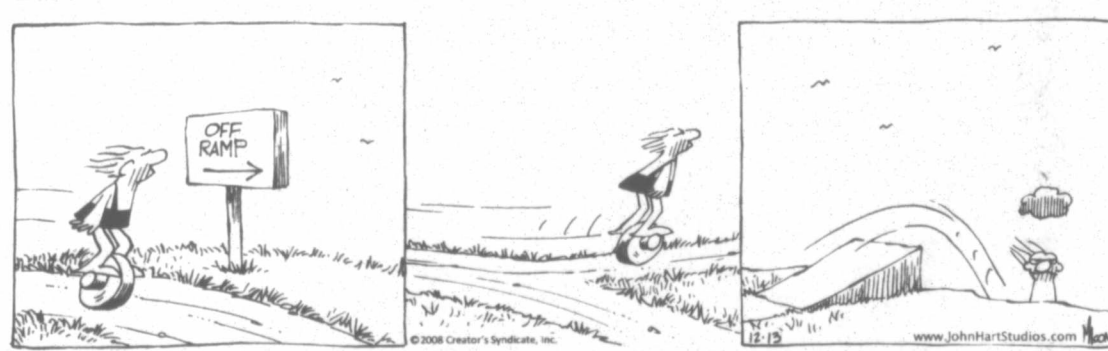
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Bush highlights his record of reducing American drug use

WASHINGTON (AP) — President George W. Bush highlighted his eight-year record in reducing drug use, reflected in a White House gathering with law enforcement, religious leaders and one of baseball's most famous comeback stories — recovering addict and Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton.

The president met Thursday with leaders in drug prevention and people in recovery as he focused on a 25 percent drop in overall drug use among youths since 2001, when he took office. While the percentage is down, the progress during the Bush years is mixed, with carefree attitudes among young people about marijuana and a shift to prescription medicine as a drug of choice.

"There will be more work done after I'm out of here, but we have laid the foundation for a successful effort against drug use, drug supply and helping those who have been addicted," Bush said, with Hamilton seated at his left and others in chairs around the Roosevelt Room table.

Among those in attendance were John Walters, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and Harry Connick Sr., the

former district attorney in Orleans Parish, La., who helped put in place a student drug testing program at an area Catholic school.

In the past, Bush has spoken openly about his drinking habit, saying, "I understand addiction." The 62-year-old president gave up drinking after his 40th birthday.

The president didn't discuss his personal experiences, but Hamilton did.

The 27-year-old outfielder was out of baseball for three years as he battled addictions to cocaine and alcohol, wasting \$100,000 on drugs in six weeks. He made it to the major leagues in 2007 and joined the Rangers — a team Bush once co-owned — last December. This past season, Hamilton led the American League with 130 RBIs and hit .304 with 32 home runs. At the All-Star Home Run Derby at Yankee Stadium in July, he belted 13 straight homers.

Hamilton said Thursday he shared some of his story of drug use and the road back.

"I told how much easier it is for me to stay clean because I'm held accountable at such a higher level," said Hamilton, who argued that the greater concern is an individual in an everyday job.

The White House event was just

one of several recent public events as Bush races through a selective legacy check list in his final days in office. The president has highlighted his efforts to combat the spread of AIDS, his record in the Middle East and his doctrine of pre-emptive military action. His appearance Thursday came on the heels of gloomy economic news — a jump in jobless claims to the highest level in 26 years — and an uncertain fate for a \$14 billion auto industry rescue package despite his appeals.

The presidential event was timed to the release of data from three studies. One examined drug use among teenagers; the others detailed cocaine use.

The "Monitoring the Future" study by the University of Michigan, a yearly report that looks at the behavior of eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders nationwide, found modest changes from last year. The survey found 10.9 percent of eighth-graders, 23.9 percent of 10th-graders, and 32.4 percent of 12th-graders reported using marijuana over the past year. It also found that the proportion of eighth-graders who considered smoking marijuana to be harmful was going down.

Texas gas prices at \$1.57 per gallon

HOUSTON (AP) — The price of gas keeps tumbling across Texas, settling at \$1.57 per gallon this week.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average retail price per gallon slipped 12 cents compared to last week.

The nationwide average for gasoline also declined 12 cents to \$1.66.

AAA Texas says gasoline prices this week are about \$1.30 less than one year ago.

Amarillo has the least expensive gasoline, at \$1.42 per gallon, down 15 cents from last week. The association's survey found El Paso with the most expensive gas, averaging \$1.69, which is down 11 cents from last week.

Association spokeswoman Sarah Schimmer says demand has fallen for oil and gasoline, in part because increased unemployment has led to less commercial activity.

Search narrows for UT chancellor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The University of Texas System is looking at hiring either AT&T executive John Montford or Francisco Cigarroa, president of the UT Health Science Center, as its new chancellor, the San Antonio Express-News and Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

UT officials did not confirm that they had narrowed their search to the two San Antonio men, but regents have a meeting scheduled for Dec. 18-19 in Austin and both candidates are expected to be interviewed at that time.

Mark Yudof left the chancellor job in June to head up the University of California system. As the UT system's chief executive officer, the chancellor oversees nine academic and six health-related institutions.

Montford, a former prosecutor and state senator from Lubbock, was chancellor of the Texas Tech

University System from 1996 to 2001. He now is a senior vice president for AT&T. Earlier this year, Gov. Rick Perry told several legislators in San Antonio that he thought Montford would be a good choice for the UT job.


Cigarroa, a transplant surgeon and native of Laredo, has headed the health science center in San Antonio for the past eight years. He already had announced he plans to step down next year to return to the operating room. He's the institution's third president and the first Hispanic to lead a health science center in the United States.

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More jobs carnage: 573,000 file for unemployment across U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for jobless benefits surged last week and came in worse than expectations that were already gloomy — and economists say the figures would get even worse without an auto industry bailout.

Initial applications for unemployment benefits rose to a seasonally adjusted 573,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That was nearly 50,000 more than economists were expecting and up from a revised 515,000 the week before.

The last time so many Americans filed new jobless claims in a single week was in 1982, although the labor force has grown by about half since then.

Adding more damage to the already ravaged labor market, Bank of America said it expected to cut as many as 35,000 jobs over the next three years, including some from investment bank Merrill Lynch, which it agreed to buy in September.

Separately, the U.S. trade deficit rose unexpectedly in October, partly because of dampened demand for American exports. The gap was \$57.2 billion in October, up from \$56.6 billion in September. Analysts had been expecting a decline because of falling oil prices.

The numbers came as legislation to provide a \$14 billion bailout to the auto industry ran into rising resistance from Senate Republicans. Both President-elect Barack Obama and a spokeswoman for President George W. Bush cited the jobless claims numbers in support of the bill.

In unusually stark terms, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the economy is so weak right now it "cannot sustain" a collapse of the auto industry. And in Chicago, Obama said an industry shutdown would have a "devastating ripple effect" on the already staggering economy.

The reports, along with investor concerns about the auto bailout bill's future, sent stock markets falling. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down almost 200 points, closing at 8,565.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC executives have said they could run out of cash within weeks without government help. Ford Motor Co., which would also be eligible for federal aid under the bill, has said it has enough cash to make it through 2009.

Automakers and their extensive network of suppliers support about 3 million jobs, and many economists say the bankruptcy of one or more of the Detroit Three would make the unemployment numbers even worse.

It "would have a significant impact at a very bad time," said Laurence Meyer, president of Macroeconomic Advisers and a former member of the Federal Reserve Board.

Besides Bank of America's announcement, more layoffs in other industries were announced Thursday. Tool maker Stanley Works said it plans to cut 2,000 jobs and close three manufacturing facilities.

Sara Lee Corp., known for food brands such as Jimmy Dean and Hillshire Farm, said it will cut 700 jobs as it outsources parts of its business.

Still, food companies will likely fare better over the next few months than other employers because consumers will buy food and other staples even in a recession, said Madeline Schnapp, director of macroeconomic research at Trimtaps Investment Research.

Most Americans expect the jobs situation to get even worse, according to a poll released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. Sixty-three percent think unemployment will increase next year, and 73 percent plan to cut back on holiday gifts this year, according to the poll.

The four-week average of new jobless claims, which smooths out fluctuations, is now a seasonally adjusted 540,500. That's the highest since December 1982, when the economy was emerging from a deep recession.

The number of people continuing to claim jobless benefits also jumped much more than expected, increasing by 338,000 to 4.4 million, the department said. Economists had expected a small increase to 4.1 million.

That figure also indicates that workers are having a

BofA to cut up to 35,000 jobs in next 3 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Bank of America Corp. said Thursday it expects to eliminate 30,000 to 35,000 jobs over the next three years, as it faces a deteriorating economic environment and tries to absorb Merrill Lynch & Co.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America said it hasn't yet completed its analysis for eliminating positions, and a final number will not be determined until early next year. It said the cuts will affect workers from both companies and all types of businesses.

Thursday's announcement of job cuts was hardly unexpected, considering the merger and the wave of job losses seen in the banking industry and in other sectors over the past few months. Bank of America and Merrill Lynch have already eliminated thousands of investment banking jobs over the past year, as have other banks, in an effort to lower costs as they face

increasing defaults in mortgages, credit card debt and other loans.

Bank of America is considered one of the country's healthier banks, and its decision illustrates how widespread the wave of layoffs hitting the United States is. The nation lost more than half a million jobs in November alone.

New York-based Citigroup Inc. has been slashing jobs the most — by next year, Citigroup expects to have shrunk its work force by 75,000, or 20 percent, since its headcount peaked in late 2007.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. is shedding about 7,000 employees, or 10 percent, of its investment bank staff, and cutting 9,200 jobs at Washington Mutual Inc., the bank it acquired in September. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley, meanwhile, are reducing their staffs by about 10 percent.

harder time finding a job and leaving the unemployment rolls, economists said.

As a proportion of the work force, the number of people continuing to receive benefits is the highest since August 1992, when the U.S. was recovering from a relatively mild recession.

Economists consider jobless claims a timely, if volatile, indicator of the health of the labor markets and broader economy. A year ago, initial claims stood at 337,000.

The Labor Department said last week that employers cut a net total of 533,000 jobs in November, and the unemployment rate reached 6.7 percent, a 15-year high. And the latest jobless claims figures indicate that the December report could be just as bad or worse, Abiel Reinhart, an analyst at JPMorgan Chase Bank, wrote in a client note.

Companies have eliminated a net total of 1.9 million jobs this year, and some economists project the total cuts could reach 3 million by the spring of 2010.

Several large U.S. employers announced layoffs this week, including Dow Chemical Co., 3M Co., Anheuser-Busch InBev, National Public Radio and the National Football League.

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