



MONDAY

July 21, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 71°-75° TOMORROW 96°-99°

BRIEFLY

ORTEGA FUND

A fund has been established at Western National Bank for those who would like to help the Ortega Family of Big Spring.

Monica Ortega has been going through dialysis due to kidney failure. A match has been found for a kidney transplant.

However the family needs help covering medical expenses.

Those who would like to make a donation may do so from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bank, 607, S. Scurry, or at the drive through from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Donations should be made to the account of Rudy Ortega Jr.

Anyone having any questions should contact Leonor Rios at WNB, 422 466-0000.

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

Immunizations

The Texas Department of Health is offering special immunization hours from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday from now until July 29.

Parents need to bring their child's shot record or a letter from their school or day-care. The TDH is located in the College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B.

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Second reading of daytime curfew on council agenda

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council will hold the final vote on a proposed school-hours curfew for youth under age 17 when it convenes Tuesday evening in council chambers.

The curfew, which would be in effect from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on days when school is in session and would prohibit

youngsters from being outside unless they are working or have parental permission, passed on first reading at the July 8 meeting by only a 4-3 margin.

While local law enforcement officials say the curfew would give them another tool to help curb juvenile crime, opponents of the ordinance say it would place an unfair

AT A GLANCE

What: Big Spring City Council meeting.

Where: Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

When: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

burden on law-abiding citizens. Some parents of home-

schooled children in particular have voiced feelings that the measure would lead to unnecessary harassment of their children. Despite passing on first reading, the issue is expected to draw debate when the council meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Also on the agenda is a proposed lease agreement between the city of Big Spring and the West

Texas Water Ski Club which may give that organization exclusive use of part of Moss Creek Lake.

The area would be used for water skiing and boating activities, and the club would pay \$200 a year for the privilege. In addition, club members would continue to pay regular park entrance

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New SMMC equipment getting use

Cysto Table helps make urologist's work better

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

It's only a month old, but Scenic Mountain Medical Center is already getting a lot of use out of its newest piece of equipment.

The new Cysto Table provides an almost one-stop patient care area for people needing endoscopic procedures without having to undergo the traumatic impact surgery has on the body.

"It's like looking inside of the patient short of opening her or him up," said Urologist Dr. Rudy Haddad, a private practitioner with privileges at SMMC.

This newest technology provides doctors with the ability to diagnose, X-ray and even perform certain procedures while never leaving the examination room.

"They can use the scope, go through the urethra and with the video, he (Dr. Haddad) can actually work in the bladder and prostate without making an incision," said Stacey Parum, a regis-



Registered nurse Stacey Parum, Scenic Mountain Medical Center director of surgery, and urologist Dr. Rudy Haddad prepare the Cysto Table for operation. About of month old, the table provides an almost one-stop patient care area for people needing endoscopic procedures without having to undergo the traumatic impact surgery has on the body.

tered nurse who serves as SMMC's operating room director.

Kidney stones, bladder stones, treatment for bladder cancer and many other urology problems can be performed on the table.

This less evasive tack

on the body allows the patients to recover quickly. Many procedures can be performed on a one-day, out-patient bases.

"It makes life easier for the surgeon and, therefore, it makes the outcome more predictable and better for the

patients," Haddad said.

Although many of the same procedures were performed on SMMC's former equipment, the technology for the Cysto Table is greatly improved, Haddad said, including sharper fluoro

pictures or live X-rays, and digital X-rays that allow the pictures to be sent from the exam room to a printer in the X-Ray Department.

Dr. Haddad has been a medical practitioner in Big Spring for the past 27

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Scouts trying to overcome adversity

Vandals, lack of funds stall effort to create meeting place

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A plan to renovate an old building for use as a central meeting place for area Girl Scouts continues to be plagued by setbacks.

"We've had a lot of problems with vandalism at the building," said Karla Cervantez, service unit 35 manager for the West Texas Council of Girl Scouts. "They've broken into the back room. There's lots of broken glass. They've broken out nearly all the windows. In the front of the building, they've busted out two windows that are together. They put a heater through it."

In March of 2003, the unit received ownership of the old, dilapidated building at 3910 West Highway 80 as a donation. Plans were made to renovate the structure for



Brandi Polick, West Texas Girl Scout Council Service Unit 35 spokesperson, helps Karla Cervantez, unit 35 service manger, clean up some recently vandalized equipment in the organization's building. Lack of funds, lack of volunteers and vandalism have combined to delay renovation of the old building, which is envisioned as a central meeting area.

use by the service unit's 135 members. The unit covers troops in Howard, Glasscock and Martin counties.

However, a scarcity of funds, lack of volunteers

and continual vandalism have keep the project from advancing.

"We need a place where all our troops can leave their stuff," Cervantez said. "We need a place so

we don't have to continue to ask people if we can borrow their facilities."

"We meet all over," added Service Unit 35

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Rail spur, budget on Moore list

Herald Staff Report

The budget and a possible airport project will be the focus of discussion at a Moore Development For Big Spring board meeting Wednesday.

The board will meet at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday at its office, 215 W. Third St.

During the meeting, board members plan to discuss the possibility of conducting a study on the viability of a spur to give the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport access to rail freight.

Community leaders see a rail spur to the airport as a way to enhance the facility's versatility, giving it the capability to handle rail shipping as well as transport by air and highway.

The Moore Board will also discuss goals and strategies for the near future, as well as the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

For more information, call 264-6032.

JULY 21 2003

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Dorothy W. Wilkerson-Miller



Dorothy W. Wilkerson-Miller, passed away at the age of 77 Thursday evening, July 17, 2003, surrounded by her family at Clear Lake Regional Hospital.

She was born on April 7, 1926, in Paris, Texas, to Clem and Cora Wilkerson.

She is survived by sisters Opal Mealer, Juanita Bryant and husband, Weldon, and Veda White and husband, Bill; a brother, James "Ed" Wilkerson, and wife Doris; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Dorothy retired as an administrative assistant with the Department of Social Security. She also spent many years working in the personnel department of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

A visitation was held on Sunday, July 20, 2003, Crowder Funeral Home in Webster. A service was held at 10 a.m. today, Monday, July 21, 2003, at Crowder Funeral Home in Webster.

In Big Spring a visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home with a graveside service set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Cemetery.

Paid obituary

Bessie Sorrells Hodnett

Bessie Sorrells Hodnett, 81, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 20, 2003, in a Snyder nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Gay Nell Leonard

Gay Nell Leonard, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 20, 2003, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Edith Redman

Edith Redman, 88, died Sunday, July 20, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

MONDAY

The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngectomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

Compassionate Friends support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday February, April, June, August and October, in the Family Life Center, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Drive, east entrance, south end. Our December program is held the same time and address, but in the chapel, north entrance, east end. Call 267-2769.

WEDNESDAY

The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

- IRENE MORENO ALVEREZ**, 36, of 1613 Harding was arrested Saturday on city warrants for traffic and county warrants.
- ISREAL MIRAMONTES**, 19, of 1002 N. Main was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- KELLY DAWN FORSHEE**, 17, of 1519 Kentucky way was arrested Saturday on city warrants for traffic.
- ERNEST CASTENADA JR.**, 17, of 301 E. 19th was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- AMANDA LEOS**, 19, of 509 W. Eighth was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- TRACY GONZALES**, 17, of 2521 Chanutte was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence—minor and on city warrants for traffic.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2200 block of South Runnels Street, at Barcelona Apartments, in the 2600 block of Langley Drive, in the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue, in the 2500 block of Ent Drive and the 2200 block of South Runnels Street.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1800 block of South Ownes Street, the 1500 block of Gregg Street and in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the police department. A 1994 Buick reported received \$1,000 in damages.
- BURGLARY of a VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Northeast Eighth where \$75 worth of unlisted items was reportedly stolen from a 1994 Toyota.
 - in the 1400 block of East Sixth where a CD player worth \$235 and a CD worth \$13 were reportedly stolen.
- BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 700 block of East 14th Street where electronic equipment worth \$1,020 was reported stolen and \$20 of damage was reportedly inflicted upon the structure.
 - in the 100 block of West 19th where electronic equipment worth \$210 were reported stolen.
 - in the 100 block of East 19th where electronic equipment worth \$20 and a window cooling unit worth \$500 were reportedly stolen and \$50 of damage was reportedly inflicted upon a structure.
 - in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street where a DVD player worth \$113.74 was reportedly stolen.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported at the Barcelona Apartments.
- ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
- FORGERY, INCREASES PRESCRIPTION QUANTITY, DANGEROUS DRUGS** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported in the 2600 block of Langley where a 1997 Dodge reportedly received \$350 worth of damage.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE** was reported in the 1800 block of Owens Street.
- THEFT, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported in the 2600 block of Chanutte where unlisted items worth \$140 were reportedly stolen.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported westbound on Interstate 20 at the 181 mile marker.
- PROWLER** was reported in the 400 block of Tubb Loop Road.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 9000 block of Moss Lake Road.
- DOG BITE** was reported in the 500 block of North Second Street.

Weather

Today...Partly cloudy. Highs near 100. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. West winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Here are the winning Texas Lotto numbers drawn Saturday night: 3 - 9 - 12 - 22 - 44 Bonus ball: 28

The Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 3 - 8 - 7

The Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 6 - 1 - 6

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday: 4 - 6 - 14 - 17 - 35

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY
Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth. St.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

TUESDAY
Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. All members please attend. For more information call Charlie Gray at 393-5715.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third St.

THURSDAY
Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. FM 700.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY
AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn., Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
Howard County Scottish Rite, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is served.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Heritage Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 510 Scurry.

Potter House, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, corner of Goliad and First streets.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

SUNDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

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By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A one-vehicle accident early Sunday morning left one person dead and four injured.

Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs pronounced 26-year-old Christy Scott Hulme dead at the scene of the accident which occurred on Lake Road about 10 miles south of Midway.

According to the Department of Transportation Safety Cpl. Weldon Hulme and four people were driving from Moss Lake Sunday morning when the accident occurred.

"He (Hulme) was in a GMC pickup heading west at a high rate of speed," said Jones. "He failed to negotiate the curve, went to the side of the road, overcorrected to the right and rolled the truck."

Hulme, the driver of the truck, was ejected from the vehicle and killed. The other passengers were Ryan Kendrick,

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WASHINGTON - Americans could get more income tax deductions for retirement accounts if corporations would set aside less to their defined pension obligations.

Backers say it would save underfunded pension plans billions of dollars and protect the interests of current and future workers.

The legislation sponsored by Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, R-N.M., would also change a year-old rule which individuals start withdrawing money from their retirement accounts at 1/2. Reflecting the fact that Americans now live longer, the new rule would be 75.

Portman and others who have joined the effort to promote pension law, only promoted an act that cost \$230 billion of dollars. They had that back as Congress attempts to deal with quickly growing deficits, but the bill would still require \$230 billion over the next decade.

Even with House passage, the measure has a long way to go before it reaches the Senate. The Finance Committee is working on legislation to better protect workers.

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One killed in rollover accident

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A one-vehicle rollover accident early Sunday morning left one person dead and four others injured.

Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs pronounced 26-year-old Christopher Scott Hulme dead at the scene of the accident which occurred on Moss Lake Road about 2-1/2 miles south of Midway.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety Cpl. Weldon Jones, Hulme and four other people were driving back from Moss Lake early Sunday morning when the accident occurred.

"He (Hulme) was in a GMC pickup heading west at a high rate of speed," said Jones. "He failed to negotiate a curve, went to the left side of the road, overcorrected to the right and rolled the truck."

Hulme, the driver of the truck, was ejected from the vehicle and killed. The other passengers, Ryan Kendrick, 26;

Chance Perryman, 19; Ashley Guidey, 20; and a 15-year-old juvenile, received injuries and were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Jones would not provide information on the condition on the other four passengers.

None of the five victims were wearing a seatbelt, Jones added.

Alcohol may be involved with the incident, the Highway Patrol trooper added. The accident is still under investigation.

Howard County Sheriff's deputies and Big Spring Firefighter/EMS personnel assisted with the scene.

A graveside service has been set for Mr. Hulme at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Spur Memorial Cemetery in Spur. Arrangements are under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home in Spur.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Magen Schrecengost, left, of the Heritage Museum hands out decorated cookies to visitors Larry Reynolds, Kathleen Alton, Kay Reynolds and Al Alton during the museum's grand reopening of the Western Room exhibit. The area has been under construction since mid-December.

COUNCIL

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fees, but would be exempt from wake permit fees.

According to the agreement, the water ski club would be allowed to place slalom courses, floating docks and other facilities on water or land at the lake and to hold ski tournaments open to American Water Ski Association members.

The contract also requires the water ski club to maintain a \$1 million comprehensive general liability insurance policy for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.

Should the agreement be approved, the water ski club will also be allowed to display sponsors' banners or signs on the leased property.

The council will also:
• Hear a request to change the zoning of a

portion of Jones Valley from general residential to heavy commercial.

• Consider approving a plat for traffic control changes at the Wright, Randolph and Simler intersection.

• Consider an agreement with Mark Zeck for the lease of McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark building 1106-C.

• Consider authorizing expenditures for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements.

• Consider a resolution opposing the congressional redistricting plan approved by the Texas House of Representatives July 8.

• Discuss resolutions for the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference.

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Pension plan aimed to give employees better access

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans could put more tax-deferred income into personal retirement accounts and corporations would have to set aside less to cover their defined benefit pension obligations under legislation that the House may take up this week.

Backers say it could save underfunded pension plans billions of dollars and protect the benefits of current and future workers.

The legislation, sponsored by Reps. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Ben Cardin, D-Md., would also change a 40-year-old rule under which individuals must start withdrawing money from their retirement accounts at age 70 1/2. Reflecting that Americans now live longer, the new age would be 75.

Portman and Cardin, who have joined in the past to promote change in pension law, originally promoted an ambitious plan costing some \$230 billion over 10 years. They had to scale that back as Congress attempts to deal with quickly growing budget deficits, but their plan would still require \$50 billion over the next decade.

Even with House passage, the measure has a long way to go in the Senate. The Senate Finance Committee is working on legislation to better protect workers in

the wake of the Enron scandal. Committee aides said they were studying the Portman-Cardin legislation.

A key element of the bill is replacement of the 30-year Treasury bond as the basis for calculating defined benefit plan obligations. The government stopped issuing new 30-year bonds in 2001, and Portman and Cardin would use high-quality corporate bonds, which tend to carry higher interest rates and are thought to be a more accurate measure for pension obligations.

The corporate bonds would be the standard for three years while the Congress and the Treasury Department, which has been working on its own formula, work on a more permanent solution.

James Klein, president of the American Benefits Council, said the legislation would protect both employers and the plans they now offer to employees.

He cited one survey finding that, under the current 30-year Treasury rate, 21 percent of defined benefit plan sponsors expect to freeze their benefits for current workers and 27 percent expect to change benefits for new employees.

Without reform, he said, employers' 2003 overinflated contributions could be six times as much as the \$14 billion they coughed up in 2001.

SCOUTS

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Publicity Spokesperson Brandi Polick. "If we have one place, we can meet here."

Besides breaking out glass and destroying part of the already decaying structure, the vandals have also ruined several pieces of equipment that were left in the building following a change of ownership. Among those were computers the unit had planned to donate to charity.

"One of the members of

the service unit team knows someone who fixes computers," Cervantez said. "We were going to donate all the computers, the hard drives, all of them to him."

"I think that he gives those to children who are low income, disabilities, stuff like that... he donates to all of those," Polick said.

Thanks to vandals, all the selected equipment has been destroyed.

"The kids have come in and kicked out the screens, have broken the hard drives," Cervantez said. "They have practi-

cally destroyed all the monitors we were going to donate."

Even with the setbacks, the service unit is moving ahead with the plan, although slowly. What's needed now is a professional who could donate time to give an accurate estimate of renovations needed for the structure.

"We think once we start renovating the building people will notice they, something's being done with that building, and maybe they won't touch it," Cervantez said. "But we've got to have the help to do it and the funds."

A fund for the project has been set up at American State Bank under an account called the West Texas Girl Scouts Council of Service Unit Building Fund.

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years. His office is located on the first floor of the Malone and Holgan Clinic and appointments can be made by calling 267-6361.

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Diplomatic focus on Mideast shifts Washington after Jerusalem meet

JERUSALEM (AP) — The diplomatic drive for progress on a Mideast peace plan widened Monday when the Palestinian premier headed to Egypt for talks and the European Union hosted the Israeli and Palestinian foreign ministers in Brussels.

The discussions follow a summit on Sunday between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas that yielded no breakthroughs, shifting focus on the leaders' upcoming trips to Washington to meet with President Bush.

Sharon was also expected to address parliament later Monday.

A temporary cease-fire declared by main Palestinian militant

groups on June 29 has greatly reduced violence, but progress on the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan has been thwarted by an Israeli-Palestinian standoff over conditions for moving ahead.

The Palestinians are pushing for a mass release of Palestinians held in Israeli jails, further Israeli withdrawals from West Bank towns and other steps. The Israelis say they cannot move on those demands until the Palestinians begin disarming militant groups responsible for attacks that have killed hundreds of Israelis.

Abbas was to head to Egypt on Monday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak, to be followed by a visit to King Abdullah II in Jordan, most likely on

Wednesday. The trip will lead to Washington, where Abbas is to meet Bush at the White House on Friday. Sharon is scheduled to meet separately with Bush on July 29.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Tuesday is your last chance to impact school-hours curfew

Tuesday figures to be Big Spring residents' final opportunity to voice an opinion concerning what has become a hotly debated topic — a proposed school-hours curfew for children and teenagers under the age of 17.

The city council will vote on the proposal on a second and final reading when it meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the council chambers at City Hall, located at Fourth and Nolan.

Council members voted by a slim 4-3 margin to approve the ordinance on first reading during their July 8 meeting.

There is still considerable question in our collective mind that a daytime curfew is necessary. There is even more question that it will be effective.

While proponents of the measure say they believe it will give law enforcement personnel a tool to better combat juvenile crime in our community, opponents argue the ordinance curtails constitutional freedoms and would be unnecessary if current truancy laws were strictly enforced.

The ordinance makes it illegal for children and teens under 17 to be outdoors without parental permission and outside of work or school between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. of a day when school is in session.

An offense would be punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

The problem, to our way of thinking, however, is the suggestion that juveniles predisposed to break laws already on the books will be deterred by the prospect of "getting in trouble" for violating a curfew.

Such thinking by the Texas Legislature gave us the so-called "no pass, no play" rule for public school students participating in extracurricular activities.

The problem in that instance, of course, is that perhaps 90 percent or more of those students taking part in extracurricular events are the over-achievers in our schools.

In other words, it really didn't address a problem, it created a different one, as some of our talented children decided not to challenge themselves with difficult class offerings and thereby make sure that didn't damage their eligibility.

So, regardless of which side they weigh in on this issue, we believe it's important for those interested enough to discuss the issue to make their feelings known before the city council Tuesday night.

A 4-3 vote for passage on first reading makes it obvious there was, and perhaps still is no real consensus by the council on this issue.

Clear public input will likely make a difference.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we are afraid, let us feel your power and strength. calm our spirit and help us trust in you.

Amen

Exiting ignorant in California

State Board of Education member Suzanne Tacheny has heard students wait that the requirement to pass the state's high school exit exam could ruin their chances of getting into college. They are so wrong, she said.

If high school seniors can't pass this test, they aren't likely to get into college.

Folks, the exit exam is not a difficult test.

The math section, which tests proficiency in 10th-grade math, is multiple choice. When an answer isn't clear, a student can factor all four possibilities to select the right answer. If students can't find solutions with the answers in front of them — and they need to get only 55 percent right — they haven't learned how to think critically or solve problems. (I haven't taken a math course for 30 years, and I got 52 out of 60 answers right on the sample math test.) Of the 459,588 students who have taken the English-language arts half of the test, 81 percent passed, compared to 62 percent in math. Students who flunk a section are given seven more chances to pass.

As Ann Bancroft of the governor's Office on Education put it, "It's not failing the test that harms the students' chances of success past high school. It's not knowing the material on the test."

Fortunately, the prospect of failing has pressured low-performing districts to provide more remedial

programs and supplemental courses, according to a review by the Human Resources Research Organization of Virginia.

Volla, students are faring better. According to the Department of Education, 73 percent of students in the class of 2004 — the first class required to pass the exit exam in order to graduate — passed the English-language arts test by the end of the 10th-grade, two years ahead of deadline; the number was 79 percent for the class of 2005. The pass rate on math went from 53 percent of 10th-graders in the class of 2004 to 60 percent for the class of 2005.

Not that improvement matters to self-styled advocates for poor and minority students who have opposed the test because they are so misguided as to believe a diploma is more important than an education.

They should figure this out: The exam exists to pull poor and minority students out of an educational ghetto.

As board member Tacheny explained, the "real tragedy" in California public education is how few schools reflect the state average; most are significantly above it or below it. The exit exam has put low-performing schools on notice that they have to expect more from themselves, their teachers and students.

Besides, it's insulting to assume that minority and poor kids can't pass a basic test. And it's counterproductive to disallow an exit exam because some special-education students can't pass it — especially when their school districts can issue certificates of completion in lieu of a diploma to students who don't have the capacity

to learn basic academics.

In July, Californians likely will see the sad day when the state Board of Education votes to postpone the test as a requirement for graduation for two years. (State law allows the board to vote for one delay only.) Board president Reed Hastings explained that if the requirement begins with the class of 2004 as planned, a horrific 20 percent of graduates won't get diplomas.

His hope is that when the class of 2006 is ready to graduate, as improvements continue, more than 90 percent of the students will pass the test. Those who don't will be able to take the test after they finish school, according to the board, or earn a GED.

Students who work hard will graduate with a diploma that tells the world they earned it.

Why not have a two-tiered diploma system — where students who attended high school and received passing grades could receive a lesser diploma? The fear is that low-performing districts will funnel students into the lower track and condemn poor kids to a third-rate education and second-class sheepskin.

Sort of like what they get now, as advocates have worked to sabotage testing. This is their victory: For one in five graduates of the class of 2004, a California high school diploma will be a cruel hoax.

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Simon says: A few thoughts

Do we have an exit strategy for Iraq? I thought exit strategies were one of those things we were

always supposed to have, along with plans not to get bogged down in quagmires.

Quite a few people who are into the bare-midriff look shouldn't be.

John Kerry is setting a very bad example by riding his Harley without a helmet.

Why do we have to be quiet at golf tournaments and not baseball games? You can't tell me it's harder to hit a golf ball than a curveball.

When a person says, "To make a long story short," you know you've got at least 20 minutes to go.

Right after hockey pucks and Peter Jennings, the BlackBerry is the best thing ever to come out of Canada.

If New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's approval rating dips five more points, he automatically becomes mayor of Trenton.

There is no culinary act more fraught with peril than de-boning a fish.

I can't help it: I use "google" as a verb.

I cannot understand why we have not yet found those weapons of mass destruction. In the old days, the CIA would have planted some by now.

Does Starbucks have any age limit? Would they serve coffee to a 5-year-old?

I just don't think I'll ever get used to blue nail polish.

A few months ago, nobody knew

who Howard Dean was. Today, everybody knows that his favorite Beatles' tune was "I Am the Walrus," which he used to sing at the top of his lungs while at Yale.

So next time you see him, ask him what these lines mean: "Semolina pilchard ... Climbing up the Eiffel tower ... Elementary penguin singing Hare Krishna ... Man, you should have seen them kicking 'Edgar Allan Poe.'" I am sure he has a very good explanation.

I don't trust a concierge who recommends the hotel's restaurant.

If you are not watching "The Wire" on HBO, you are missing the best series since "The Sopranos."

I don't get it: Midsummer's Night does not come mid-summer.

Learned at a wine tasting in California's Anderson Valley: No matter how tipsy, never drink from the spit cup.

Who will be the first Democratic presidential candidate to host "Saturday Night Live"? (And wouldn't it be a hoot if President Bush beat them to it? Or someone even bigger, like Karl Rove?)

If you always accept the first table the hostess shows you or the first hotel room the front desk gives you, then you are a sap.

Having just driven through about 10 zillion of them, can anybody tell me the difference between a sequoia and a redwood? (And why do they grow so close to the road?)

Are you as sick as I am of those Iraqi National Museum officials who keep blaming the looting on the Americans? How come they don't blame the Iraqi looters? And how come they didn't stay at their posts and shoot the looters?

I often select my entree based on the side dishes.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival

in Ashland, Ore., is one of the country's great festivals. (And there is plenty of non-Shakespeare, if you find the bard a bore.)

Key lime pie should never be green.

Paperback pick of the month: "Six Days of War" by Michael B. Oren and anything by Henning Mankell.

Shouldn't Baskin-Robbins have come up with more than 31 flavors by now?

My advice to this year's graduating class: If you don't learn to fix a running toilet, you will be at the mercy of plumbers for the rest of your life. (And will probably die broke.)

If you know that an "Arnold Palmer" is a drink made of half-ice tea and half-lemonade, then consider yourself among the cognoscenti. (Question: Does Arnold Palmer know what an Arnold Palmer is?)

Ralph Nader says if Dennis Kucinich gets the Democratic nomination, then Nader will be less likely to run as a third-party candidate for president. Other events that will keep Nader from running: getting hit by an asteroid, winning the Lotto or being named ambassador to Disneyland.

Even if it's just street buskers, there is nothing like live music.

Why do people with tattoos assume the rest of us want to see them?

A career is a job you've had too long.

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By Bill Broadway
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — people will never Gutenberg Bible or dimly lit display. They won't smell sweet, musty aroma rippled cowhide or use a magnifying glass to examine the embossed brass clasps or strokes of hand-penned letters.

What they can thanks to high-resolution digital photography, a new generation of computers, is exploring 548-year-old work by pinning discs into the drives. Viewers can zoom in on sections of printed the hand-tooled binding. And the search for a word in English translation with a mouse click the original page the word appears in Latin text.

Digitizing Gutenberg Bible first book printed West on movable type — has made otherwise unavailable, and in that before were unavailable, "said Dimunation, chief rare books and collections division Library of Congress.

The library's Gutenberg is one of 20 copies of the 1,200 text and one of a dozen 49 existing copies on vellum, a fine material made from animal skins, Gutenberg scholar Janet Freeman said by from London.

It was acquired as part of the \$1.5 million purchase of more than 3,000 items from German rare-book collector because the Bible bound in three volumes just one volume displayed in the Hall while the "rest" in conservation terms. They are once every three months.

Technicians Octavo, based in Berkeley, Calif., for four months last year photographing the Library of Congress Gutenberg for its released two-CD facsimile. Octavo created six years ago by John Warnock, who founded Adobe Systems 20 years ago and developed such core software as Adobe Reader, Photoshop and Illustrator.

Warnock chairs boards of Adobe Octavo, but the two companies "have no connection," said Ginger, Octavo's vice editor.

Warnock, an avid collector, started after realizing that computer technology helped design and reproduce rare books and artifacts, he said. He photographed 16 17th-century scientific texts from his private library. The company since published more than 40 rare texts in architecture, art, geography, mathematics and other categories, she said.

The Gutenberg was the eighth that Octavo completed partnership with the Library of Congress, including a tree 16th-century Andrea Palladio 19th-century collection.

Technology brings Gutenberg Bible to the masses

By Bill Broadway
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Most people will never see a Gutenberg Bible outside a dimly lit display case. They won't smell the sweet, musty aroma of the rippled cowhide vellum or use a magnifying glass to examine the engraved brass clasps or the strokes of hand-painted letters.

What they can do, thanks to high-resolution digital photography and a new generation of home computers, is explore the 548-year-old work by popping discs into their CD drives. Viewers can use the "zoom" tool to enlarge sections of printed text or the hand-tooled leather binding. And they can search for a word in the English translation and, with a mouse click, go to the original page where the word appears in the Latin text.

Digitizing the Gutenberg Bible — the first book printed in the West on movable metal type — has made the otherwise unavailable text available, and in ways that before were unimaginable, "said Mark Dimunation, chief of the rare books and special collections division at the Library of Congress.

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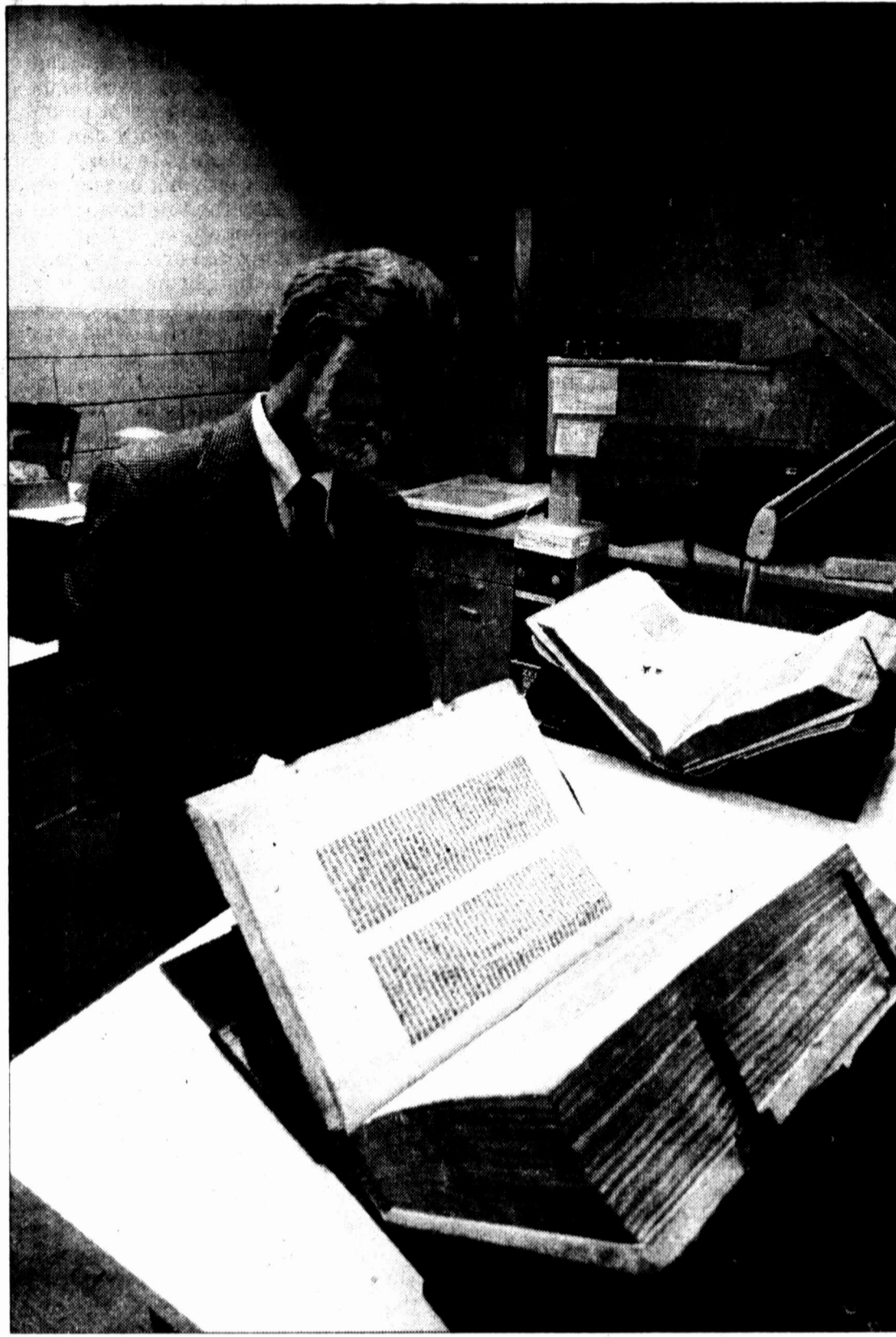
It was acquired in 1930 as part of the \$1.5 million purchase of more than 3,000 items from a German rare-book dealer. Because the Bible is bound in three volumes, just one volume can be displayed in the Great Hall while the others "rest," in conservators' terms. They are rotated once every three to four months.

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Warnock chairs the boards of Adobe and Octavo, but the two companies "have no legal connection," said E.M. Ginger, Octavo's executive editor.

Warnock, an avid book collector, started Octavo after realizing the computer technology he helped design could reproduce rare books digitally and affordably, Ginger said. He began photographing 16th- and 17th-century scientific texts from his personal library. The company has since published more than 40 rare texts on CD in architecture, literature, art, geography, mathematics and other categories, she said.

The Gutenberg Bible was the eighth project that Octavo completed in partnership with the Library of Congress, including a treatise by 16th-century architect Andrea Palladio and a 19th-century collection of



Washington Post photo/Robert A. Reeder
Gerald Wager, head of the Library of Congress rare-book reading room, looks over a copy of the Gutenberg Bible, which was photographed under a conservator's strict supervision. Thanks to high-resolution digital photography and a new generation of home computers, people can now explore the 548-year-old work by popping discs into their CD drives.

rose paintings by French artist Pierre Joseph Redoute.

Four years ago, Octavo set up an imaging studio off the rare-book reading room, where imaging specialist Arthur Brown is photographing English poet Edward Young's "Night Thoughts" (1820), engraved and hand-colored by William Blake. The project is scheduled for fall publication.

The Gutenberg Bible was photographed in a different location under strict supervision of a conservator and rigorous environmental controls.

Octavo has worked with more than a dozen other libraries and collections, including the Folger Shakespeare Library, the New York Public Library, Chicago Botanic Garden and the Bridwell theological library at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Most of the world's major libraries are digitizing texts and "there's probably more being done in biblical studies... than in any other field," said Kent Richards, executive editor of the Atlanta-based Society of Biblical Literature.

The society has developed a universal typeface called "unicode" that can be used to e-mail or print texts in Hebrew, Greek and Latin, which without a standard font are not easily transferred from one computer to another, he said.

It also is working with the Freer Gallery of Art here to digitize — and provide free on the Internet — facsimiles of biblical codices and other texts in the Freer's collection. Richards said scholars and librarians are debating whether digital facsimiles should be free to anyone with Internet access or sold on compact

discs, the way Octavo is doing it. "I'm not saying making products to make money is a bad thing," Richards said, but noted everything possible should be done to make the material "freely accessible."

Ginger, of Octavo, said her company "has yet to make a profit." Octavo's

goal is to make the Gutenberg Bible and other rare books accessible to as wide an audience as possible and "to keep the price as low as we can."

The two-CD Gutenberg set is \$65, but the price will go up to \$80 in October — about what a moderately priced art

book would cost, she said. (A research facsimile with massive image files is available on 28 CDs for \$1,500 now, and \$1,950 in the fall.) Ginger said all Gutenberg images can be viewed on Octavo's Web site but cannot yet be magnified there as they can on the CD.

Dimunation said the Library of Congress long ago committed to providing easy Internet accessibility for the public interested in rare material. Over the last nine years in a "major undertaking"

separate from the Octavo book editions, the library has digitized more than 8 million books, films, baseball cards, photographs, audio recordings, letters, posters and other objects, he said.

All are available on the Library of Congress Web site, making it possible for anyone in the world to see materials they once had to visit the library to see or hear.

For researchers, digitization is "opening up a whole new level of scholarship," Dimunation said. Researchers at Princeton University, for example, studied digital photos of a Gutenberg Bible there and determined that Johannes Gutenberg possibly made his metal type using molds made of packed sand rather than metal — a significant theory in the development of printing, he said.

And scholars using the magnification capability of digital images might compare binding methods and decorations of books of the same approximate age to determine where — perhaps in what shop — various volumes were bound.

For the first three centuries or so of Western printing, bindings, decorations and text illustrations typically were done by someone other than the printer, Dimunation said. The library's copy has "rubrications" — hand-colored letters indicating the beginning of chapters and verses (numbered verses came later) — but fewer marginal illustrations than some copies, he said.

Gerald Wager, head of the rare-book reading room at the Library of Congress, said the library's copy — like most

of the 160 to 180 Gutenbergs believed printed — originally was bound in two volumes. But in the 16th century, it was broken into three, most likely because the weight of the vellum made it difficult for the Bible to be moved about by the Benedictine monks who used it regularly in daily monastery life, he said.

One of the 13-by-17-inch volumes weighs 18 pounds and the other two each weigh about 14 pounds, Wager said. He

pointed to slight discoloration in the Book of Psalms, suggesting that the text had been handled frequently — more so than most of the rest of the library's copy. When not on display, the volumes are kept in a vault at a temperature of about 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

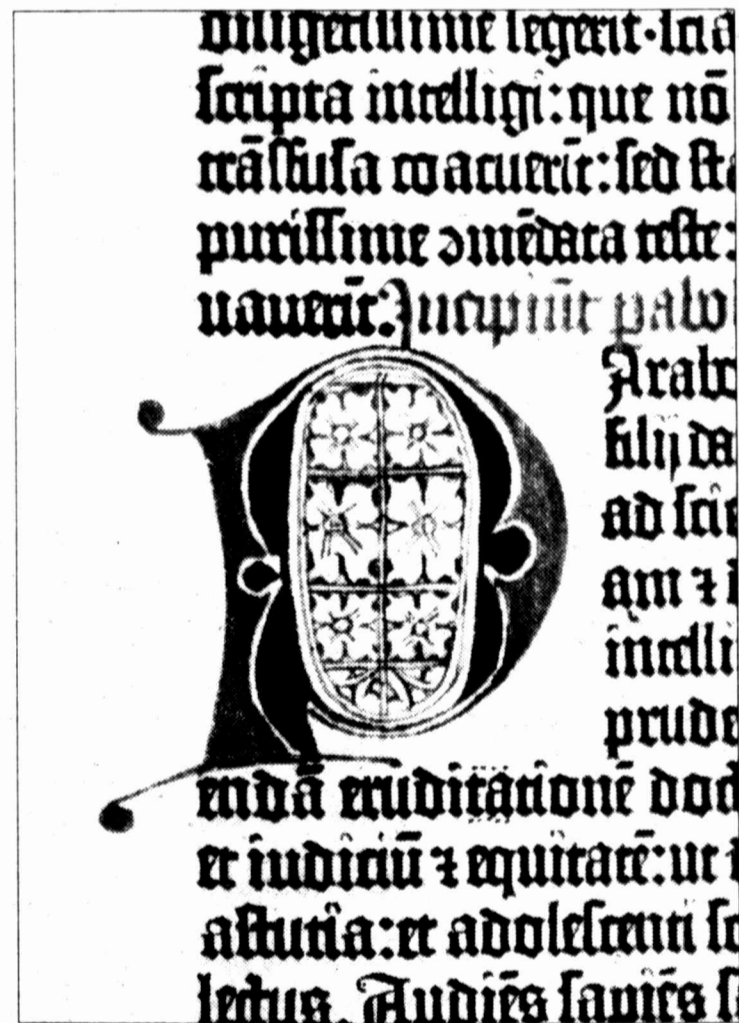
For the digital imaging project, a special cradle was made to hold the Gutenberg Bible horizontally as each volume was photographed from above with a high-resolution digital camera, said Arthur Brown, one of the project's photographers. Cool metal halide lights kept the temperature of the vellum under the maximum 1-degree increase allowed, and each exposure took up to 15 minutes, he said.

Although most consumer digital cameras are rated at two to four megapixels — a measure of how much detail the camera captures — Octavo's camera is rated at 130 megapixels, Brown said. To say it another way, while most consumer cameras cannot produce sharp prints larger than 11-by-14-inch images, Octavo's imaging system can produce 6-by-9-foot prints without loss of quality, he said.

The "larger" the digital image, the more times it can be magnified for analysis — down to the pen or brush strokes made by an illuminator or "the way the ink hit the page," Dimunation said.

— The Library of Congress' digitized collections are available at www.loc.gov/r/rarebook. Octavo's Web site is www.octavo.com.

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Washington Post photo/Robert A. Reeder
The Gutenberg Bible at the Library of Congress has "rubrications" — hand-colored letters indicating the beginning of chapters and verses. When viewed on a computer monitor, these digital images of the Gutenberg Bible, circa 1455, can be magnified for examination of textual and ornamental details.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Families break ground for bonfire memorial

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Families and friends of the victims of the 1999 Bonfire collapse gathered over the weekend at the spot where the bonfire's center pole once stood on the Texas A&M University Polo Fields.

That's where they broke ground with golden shovels for a monument which will pay tribute to the 12 Aggies who died.

After breaking ground, the family and friends moved to the edge of where the planned memorial will sit and broke ground at what will become the memorial's "spirit ring" — composed of portals dedicated to each of the victims who died.

Construction on the \$5 million memorial is set to begin in the fall.

"We will have etched a place in the landscape of our campus, just as they have permanently etched a place in our hearts," Student Body President Matt Josefy told about 100 people who gathered for Saturday's groundbreaking.

Bush ranch friendlier than European capitals

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush and Premier Silvio Berlusconi greeted each other like the oldest of friends when the Italian leader showed up for a two-day visit that followed his support for the Iraq war.

While the leaders planned to talk about shared concerns from the war on terrorism to Mideast peace, their warm display also sent a message abroad.

The visit by Berlusconi on Sunday and Monday gave the president a chance to show the world that not all of Europe is cool to his policies — that trans-Atlantic relations remain strong even though France and Germany didn't back the war effort.

For Berlusconi, the stay here was a reward from Bush for joining with Britain and Spain in support of the war. It also was an opportunity for Berlusconi, the current president of the European Union, to say that France and Germany aren't the continent's only powers.

"This is an attempt for all the world to see that this is a payoff — that Berlusconi has influence with the sole remaining superpower in the world," said John Hulsman, a specialist in U.S.-European relations at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank.

Money's tight? Cooperating best advertising

HOUSTON — To say Ronnie Machac and Hoss Wendler don't promote themselves is an understatement.

Located on a quiet, mostly residential street in the Heights, the exterior of their repair shop looks like an old country feed store. A peeling outdoor sign says only "Allen," a tribute to the site's original owner.

But Houston musicians know Machac owns and operates Allen's Speaker Reconciling, while Wendler fixes amplifiers at his Power Audio Service.

While others spend thousands of dollars on signs and advertising just to get customers to walk through the door, these businessmen thrive on word-of-mouth advertising.

Customers include nightclub managers, home stereo owners and musicians of every stripe, including country, rock and jazz. Even traveling bands can find them.

Intoxication manslaughter trial begins

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Jury selection was set to begin Monday in the intoxication manslaughter trial of a former Walker County Sheriff's deputy, who lost control of his motorcycle last year while a Sam Houston State University student was riding with him.

Kimberly Denise Lindsey, 21, died as a result of her injuries.

Police say former Walker County sheriff's deputy Kevin Allen was driving the motorcycle erratically and at high speeds. The crash happened at 2:25 a.m. on May 22, 2002 after the pair left a popular Trinity County night spot.

Crash investigators say Allen crossed the median and hit a paved crossover, throwing himself and Lindsey from the motorcycle. Neither was wearing a helmet.

Allen was fired in the weeks following the crash. He was off-duty at the time, but Deputy Chief Jean Sanders said Allen was dismissed because he had violated departmental policies and his behavior was inconsistent with "the philosophy, policies and procedures of the sheriff's office."

Claudette teaches lesson to coastal dwellers

INDIANOLA (AP) — Jim Gallaway was mindful of history while he gathered his family and prepared to trek 10 miles to the relative safety of Port Lavaca as Hurricane Claudette spun closer, three hours from landfall.

"This used to be the county seat until a couple of hurricanes in the 1800s," Gallaway said over the howling wind on the porch of his home, just a stone's throw from Matagorda Bay. "We're going to try to get out of here before the water cuts the roads off."

Gallaway, 50, was among many residents of the middle Texas coast who saw and heard forecasts during the previous weekend that aimed the storm at the Rio Grande Valley, then went to bed Monday night with Claudette headed closer but not scheduled to arrive until late Tuesday.

When Texans awakened Tuesday, they learned Claudette had stepped on the gas overnight and that the powerful eye wall was due to arrive at Matagorda Bay that morning, prompting sudden evacuations from coastal dwellers who had listened to forecasts instead of local emergency managers who had urged people to get out the day before.

Claudette bulldozed through the region, killing two people inland and doing as much as \$80 million in damage to structures and vehicles, and likely causing millions of dollars in crop losses also. The storm, forecast to be a weak Category 1 storm, could end up classified a Category 2 if sustained winds eventually are determined to have exceeded 95 mph.

After one tough week, senators back at redistricting controversy

By NATALIE GOTT

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — After several tough days last week, state senators return to the Capitol this week to try to figure out how to redraw congressional districts in a way that satisfies most of the chamber.

The Senate Jurisprudence Committee has been presented proposed maps by Sen. Todd Staples, chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, and Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

The plan by Staples, R-Palestine, could give the Texas GOP as many as 22 seats in Congress, compared to 10 for the Democrats. Wentworth says his plan could give Texas Republicans a 19-13 majority in Congress.

Republicans are leading the charge to redraw the congressional boundaries

during the special session that ends July 29.

Lawmakers failed to draw the districts during the 2001 legislative session, leaving federal judges to create the current plan. Democrats hold a 17-15 margin in the delegation. The GOP says that voting trends show that Republicans should have more representation in the Texas congressional delegation.

Democrats in the Senate are nearly united in their opposition to the plan. All but one of the 12 Democrats in the chamber have signed a letter saying they are opposed to passing a redistricting bill.

Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant is the only Republican who has signed the letter but he and the 11 Democrats are enough to block a bill from getting out of the

Senate if a rule requiring support from two-thirds of the chamber's 31 members before a bill can be debated stays in place.

That may not be enough to stop the bill from passing though.

If lawmakers fail to pass a redistricting bill this session and Gov. Rick Perry calls lawmakers back again, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said he would do away with the rule so that only a majority of senators would be needed to vote to let a redistricting bill be debated on the floor.

Democrats are weighing their options.

"Our options are showing up and getting rolled over or having to leave," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, meaning the senators could boycott the Senate. "All options are realistic at this point."

Van de Putte is chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

When a redistricting bill faced state representatives during the regular session, 51 House Democrats fled to Oklahoma, breaking a quorum and killing the redistricting bill.

Dewhurst is standing firm in his resolve to get a map approved.

"Quite frankly, we are either going to come up with a fair plan now or we are going to come up with a fair plan later," Dewhurst told reporters last week.

He is urging Democrats to work with Republicans on a fair plan and said he believes there is a plenty of time for an agreement.

"I think we are going to come together," Dewhurst said. "It may be in August. I hope its in July."

Algae blooms devastate populations of fish in many lakes across Texas

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — For 35 years Buffalo Spring Lake treated angler Malcolm Eldredge well, until earlier this year when the first bloom of fish-killing golden algae appeared in the 225-acre lake just outside the city limits.

"It's just 100 percent nothing," the 62-year-old retired firefighter said. "I haven't caught a fish in nearly five months. It's been over four months since I've even had a bite."

Thousands of other anglers in Texas share Eldredge's disappointment.

This year, golden algae blooms were the worst ever, killing more than 6.3 million fish in 19 Texas lakes, including Buffalo Springs and all six city lakes in Lubbock.

Lake Colorado City in Mitchell County remains toxic and fish still die, making it difficult to determine the total damage, said Joan Glass, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department who has studied the algae for years.

Fish kills have occurred on lakes on five river systems in West and Central Texas: the Canadian, Red, Colorado and Pecos rivers and the Wichita River which comes off the Brazos system. All are west of Interstate 35, which is built on a limestone escarpment.

The kills are not unique to Texas. New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas and Alabama have all reported dead fish because of the algae.

Though it is unclear what causes the blooms, researchers know that conditions that make water salty — intensive water use, some irrigation methods, drought, brine contamination from oil and gas production — might contribute.

Another likely contributor — population growth

near lakes.

"One obvious change that's occurred is there are more houses around them than there were 20 years ago," said Larry McKinney, director of resource protection for wildlife department. "There's clearly more nutrients being put in these lakes."

The algae is not harmful to humans, other mam-

als or birds, but it's deadly to aquatic life such as fish, clams and mussels. Historically, golden algae has been a coastal phenomenon and how it moved inland is still a mystery.

"I don't know if it just showed up or it's been here a long time," Glas said. "But we've done something to enhance it."

Since first confirmed in Texas in 1981, the algae has killed more than 17 million fish. The loss in lake stock, recreational business and for cleanup has cost an estimated \$6.5 million, according to the wildlife department.

Thirty-eight fish kills were recorded in the past 22 years. This year's was the deadliest and large kills started about three years ago.

Some of the fish killed through the years have

included endangered and threatened species such as the Rio Grande Darter and the Blue Sucker, which have made the losses more costly. The state places a higher value on their loss because they are so rare and impossible to replace.

Glass said researchers have noticed that fish often move away from parts of lakes troubled by

the department will use \$1.2 million from revenues generated by hunting and fishing license fees to study the problem, McKinney said. The money was made available through action in this year's regular legislative session.

The department will enlist biologists and other researchers to study the algae's history in Texas, devise an early detection system and try to devise a way to deal with the blooms and their subsequent toxic affect, beginning on small scale in hatcheries. In October, experts from around the world will travel to Dallas for a symposium.

The Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce has already studied the affect the bloom has on businesses.

In early 2001, Possum Kingdom Lake in North Central Texas was stricken with the bloom. That fall, the chamber studied the impact to businesses, including fishing guides and bait and tackle shops, and determined that in the five years following the bloom losses would reach as much as \$20 million.

This year there was a small bloom in the lake, but it wasn't nearly as devastating as the one in 2001.

"It was a mess, but we've really recovered well," said Peg Howeth, executive director of the Possum Kingdom chamber.

Meanwhile, Eldredge has found other ways to pass the time until the algae goes away.

"All I'm doing these days is cutting and watering my grass," he said. "I can't catch fish anymore out there."

On the Net:
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IN BRIEF

Americas Bowl
The 2003 All Americas Bowl, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring. The 18-hole tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost for entering the golf tournament is \$35 per person, including green fees and cart.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held Wednesday through Saturday at Steer Gym. Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$85 per camper. For more info, call 263-4847.

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Forsan tennis clinic gets started today

The Forsan Students Tennis Clinic will begin today and run through Wednesday at the Forsan tennis courts. The junior high portion of the clinic will be held from 9-10 a.m. each day. The high school portion will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

The cost for the event is \$10 per junior high participant and \$20 for high schoolers.

For more information contact, Connie Eggleston at 267-6913.

Area players sought for all-star game

Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area seniors interested in participating.

Area boys and girls, who graduated this past year, are eligible to compete in the contest, which will be held Thursday and Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

For more info, contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

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Armstrong has 15-second lead in Tour

LOUDENVILLE-LE LOURON, France (AP) — After two grueling weeks, Lance Armstrong's bid to become the second rider to win the Tour de France five times straight hangs by the thinnest of threads.

Two more days in the Pyrenees and one final time trial should decide his fate. Trouble is, he's still not feeling his best.

"Something's not going right and there's nothing I can do about that now. All I can do is wake up every morning and do my best," Armstrong said Sunday after watching rival Alexandre Vinokourov get away from him.

Having started the day 61 seconds back, Vinokourov closed his gap with overall leader Armstrong to just 18 seconds.

That leaves him, Armstrong and 1997 winner Jan Ullrich, just 15 seconds back, locked in a nail-biting battle with only six days of racing to the winner's podium in Paris.

Monday's stage to Luz-Ardenen, with two monstrous ascents, will be crucial, offering Armstrong a vital opportunity to distance the two riders tightening the noose around him.

"Tomorrow is important — it's my big stage," said the 31-year-old Texan. "If I feel good, I will probably attack."

Armstrong wants a bigger cushion than 15 seconds over Ullrich, whom he views as his biggest rival, going into the final time trial, he said.

Friday, taking a huge chunk out of Armstrong's overall lead.

"He's strong, so you have to wait until you see a weakness or a weak moment and so far I haven't seen that," Armstrong said of the 29-year-old German.

By this stage in previous years, Armstrong had a comfortable lead. Now in uncharted territory, he faces the prospect of being unable to equal Spain's Miguel Indurain's record of five successive victories.

"I knew it was going to be close. I probably didn't expect it to come down to the last few decisive stages — two days in the mountains here ... and then the final time trial," he said.

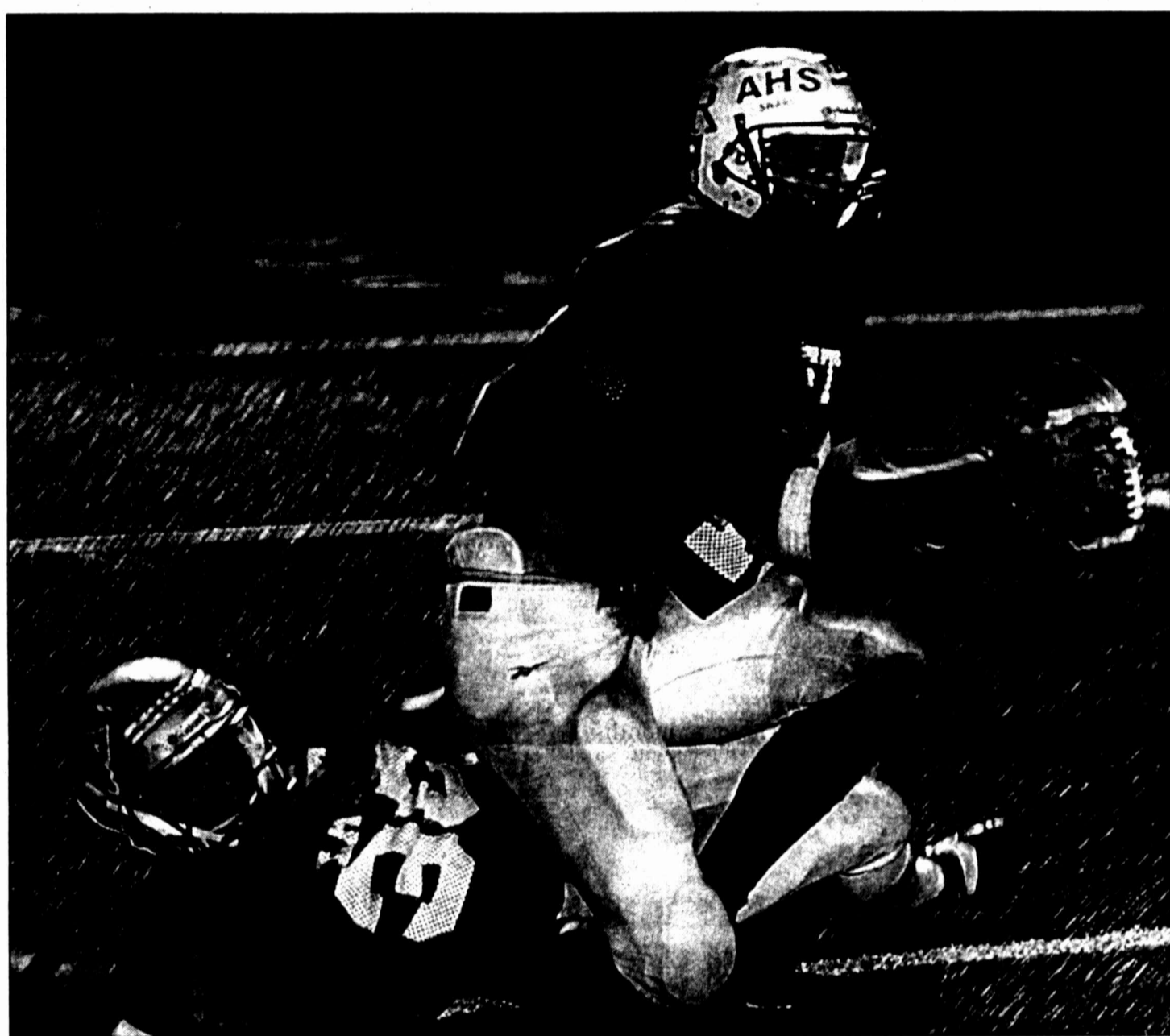
"If we get to Nantes and I have 15 seconds and I lose by 16, you know it will go down as the clos-

est Tour de France in history and I'll go home and have a cold beer and come back next year."

Cutting his losses, Armstrong stuck with Ullrich on Sunday, letting Vinokourov power ahead up the 5,158-foot Col de Peyresourde pass, the last of six climbs that made the stage one of the hardest of four in the Pyrenees.

"It's obvious that I'm not riding as well as I have in the years past. I can't exactly say why," Armstrong said. "I'm still not 100 percent and when you're lacking and when you're missing form, you've just got to rough it."

Vinokourov placed sixth in the 119-mile stage, 43 seconds ahead of both Armstrong and Ullrich. They finished 11th and 12th, respectively.



Whitharral's Brandon Hoskins makes an acrobatic catch in the end zone during the fourth quarter Saturday night in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star game in Lubbock. Hoskins, the 2002 six-man Player of the Year, will play in Saturday's All Americas Bowl at Memorial Stadium.

Webb helps power West to 36-28 come-from-behind win over East

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Heath Webb has a knack for being at the right place at the right time. Every time.

Webb, who led Sands to the state semifinals this past season, carried the ball just one time for a mere three yards Saturday night in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star clash at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. That one carry was for a touchdown and ignited a 30-point second-half barrage that led the West to a 36-28 victory over the East.

With the East holding a 14-6 lead midway through the third quarter, Webb managed to get the West offense into gear. He capped a short drive by taking a handoff and plowing into the end zone from three yards away. Ropes' Chris Cruz added the two-point conversion, tying the game with 5:55 left in the stanza.

Sparked by Webb's run, the West capped a 14-0 run moments later when Whitharral's Brandon Hoskins took a handoff inside for one-yard and a touchdown. Hoskins, the 2002 Six-Man Player of the Year, is the son of new Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins.

Bryce Dean didn't let the East roll over and die. The speedy tailback reeled off a 53-yard scamper in

the closing seconds of the third and knotted the score at 20-20 heading into the fourth. Dean — who will join Webb and Hoskins on the Texas roster this weekend in the All Americas Bowl in Big Spring' — finished the contest as the game's top rusher, netting 186 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries.



WEBB

After the two teams had traded touchdown runs in the initial minutes of the fourth quarter, Hoskins came up with the game winner for the West, hauling in a 15-yard strike from Fort Elliott's Jason Hathaway with 18 seconds remaining.

The East had a final chance to steal the win but was unable to move the ball on its final three plays.

Derrick Cruse of Valley led the West offense. The bruising running back rolled up 147 (134 rushing and 13 receiving) of his team's 344 total yards. Chris Cruz added 98 yards rushing and one reception for 19.

Webb, the 2002 Defensive Player of the Year, powered a solid West defensive unit. He racked up seven tackles in the contest and helped the West limit the East to just 14 points in the final 20 minutes of the contest.

The West offense completed 9-of-10 passing attempts in the win.

Bagwell launches No. 400 in victory

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jeff Bagwell homered twice to become the 35th member of the 400-homer club, leading the Houston Astros to a 6-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Bagwell drove in Houston's first four runs as the Astros beat Cincinnati for the 10th straight time. The Reds have lost seven in a row at home, matching their longest skid since dropping nine straight in Cincinnati in 2001.

Bagwell connected in the fourth and sixth innings off Danny Graves (4-10) to reach 400 homers. Bagwell moved past Dale Murphy (398) and Al Kaline on the career list. Hall-of-Famer Duke Snider is next up in 34th place with 407.

Wade Miller (7-9) allowed three runs — two earned — and three hits in 5 1-3 innings to improve to 5-0 in 10 career appearances against the Reds. Miller struck out nine.

Jeff Kent also added a solo homer in the ninth for Houston, his 12th of the season and first since June 18.

The Astros manufactured a run in the first. Craig Biggio led off with a double, moved to third on Morgan Ensberg's groundout and scored on Bagwell's sacrifice fly.

Ensberg singled to lead off the fourth, and Bagwell followed with his 19th homer of the season.

Bagwell became the third Houston player in three games to hit two homers, following Richard Hidalgo on Friday and Lance Berkman on Saturday. Twelve players have recorded multihomer games against the Reds this season.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 31 opportunities.

Modano has rink named after him

WESTLAND, Mich. (AP) — The city has renamed its ice arena in honor of hometown hero and NHL All-Star Mike Modano.

The Dallas Stars center is a two-time member of the U.S. Olympic hockey team. He was the No. 1 pick overall in the 1988 NHL draft.

He honed his skills by playing in various hockey leagues at the arena, which was called the Westland Sports Arena.

Karl ousted as Milwaukee's head coach

MILWAUKEE (AP) — whether the coach was fired or resigned.

George Karl will not return next year as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks, who are in transition after a season in which they lost in the first round of the playoffs.

General manager Larry Harris said Sunday it was best for the team that Karl not come back, but he declined to say

Sunday.

Karl had one year left on his two-year contract and was expected to make an NBA-record \$7 million. Harris said the team will honor his contract.

"Personally and professionally, I have enjoyed five good years here," Karl said in a statement released by the Bucks. "I'm grateful for the

opportunity that (Bucks owner) Sen. Kohl gave me to come to Milwaukee."

In five seasons with the Bucks, Karl had a 205-173 record and led the Bucks to four playoff appearances. The only coaches to win more games with Milwaukee than Karl are current Dallas Mavericks' coach Don Nelson (540) and Larry Costello (410).

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

You might feel reflective today since it's the last full day of the sun's journey through emotional Cancer.



Joyce Jillson

When you think about all you've been through recently, you may feel a bit teary-eyed and then elated. The roller coaster wasn't all fun, but none of it was boring. By tonight, the energy shifts as the Taurus moon stabilizes the environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you want to be well served, you must first learn to serve others well. The afternoon features a big choice for someone close to you - help where you can. Acknowledge others for their remarkable character. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The reward for getting the job done is that it's done. Social situations call for you to be on top of your game. Life only asks you to do your best, not the impossible. Being around a Libra keeps spirits high.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Learn from a pro so you can avoid the potholes and get to your destination more quickly. Aspects warn against spending on credit. Try new methods (perhaps in a book) to kick your love life into high gear.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll come to a fork in the road. Give yourself a beat to think things over before jumping to conclusions in emotional matters. But once you decide, don't hesitate. If you can

Horoscope

justify your actions to yourself, don't bother to explain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get your chance to make a deal independently, but for today, be one of the team. It's a Scorpio or Capricorn who will lead you down the yellow brick road. Loved ones are in a playful mood if you're game.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 21). You've got your priorities in line this year, making it easier for you to realize your goals. Bright financial horizons include a financial venture that's fast growing - you're going to need to be on top of it every step of the way, though. Incendiary romance is featured in September, and another wave of passion in November could lead to a holiday wedding. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 55, 27, 12 and 4.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who don't particularly know you will get a good vibe from you nonetheless. You can make connections easily without even trying. A warning, though: You'll be tempted to over-sell yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A truth-seeking mission is featured - you won't rest until you solve the puzzle. Forget the facts. Pay attention to what lies beneath the surface. Intuition (and a conversation with a Pisces) will lead you to the gold.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Travel is favored - you'll connect with someone who shares your interests. At work, face the music. Determine once and for all if a situation has a future. It's better to know now and cut your losses if need be.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This will be a lucky day if ever there was one! The work atmosphere is exceptionally busy, and it all seems to revolve around you. A career-changing call won't come twice - take some time to formulate winning answers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't downplay synchronistic events as merely coincidental. Romance takes over this evening. Focus on intimacy and communication. You don't need a large number of people for an upcoming party to be a success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What seems difficult now only gets worse with a negative attitude. Don't let a surprise visit upset your entire life. Stick with routine, and stress will be reduced. You gain new leverage and scope with business matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a terrific day to sit back and accept the good things that happen without feeling you must always pay people right back. In love, the stakes are raised. You are most articulate when your temper is controlled.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born April 25, 1957, and all I've been doing lately is talking about where I want to go with my singing career. Can you give me any insight into my singing career?"

You might know that Taurus rules the throat, and you've got a natural ease and richness to your voice. The Pisces moon gives you a special talent that you can bank on this year: You know how to sing a song from someone else's point of view entirely, almost like

an acting exercise. This allows you to open up your repertoire to include a wide variety of works. But I'll advise you to stick with the more emotional songs, like lonely ballads and jazzy, wistful melodies. As far as making money with your art goes, this is strongly linked to your image this year. Knowing where you fit into the marketplace will help you get the going rate for your performances. I'm sure you're well aware that in many cases, that rate is, well, free, but as long as there's a crowd, you've got the potential to sell CDs. Your best months for recording on a budget and still getting a professional sound are August and October. February brings a career breakthrough.

CELEBRITY PROFILE: Josh Hartnett is a rising Cancer star poised for a "household name"-type breakthrough. His chart reveals him to be not only a compelling actor, but he's also got musical ability. He could be asked to play an Eminem sort of character this year and will discover in the process that his talent for conveying emotion through song will be one way to go down in big-screen history.

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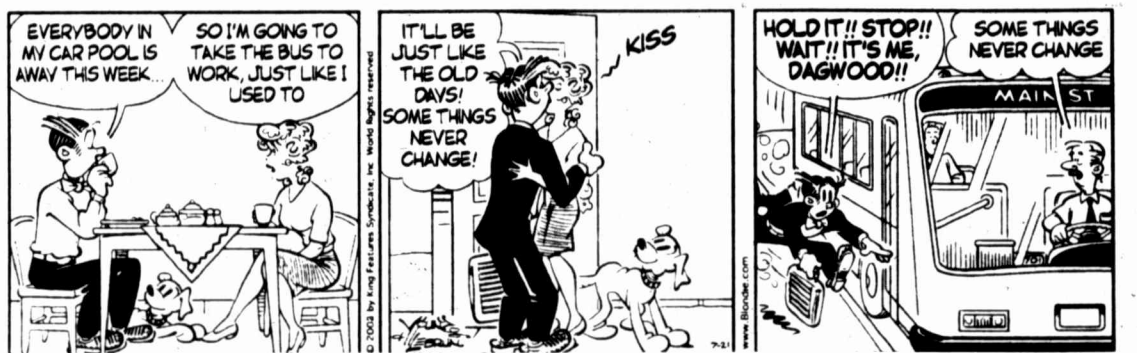


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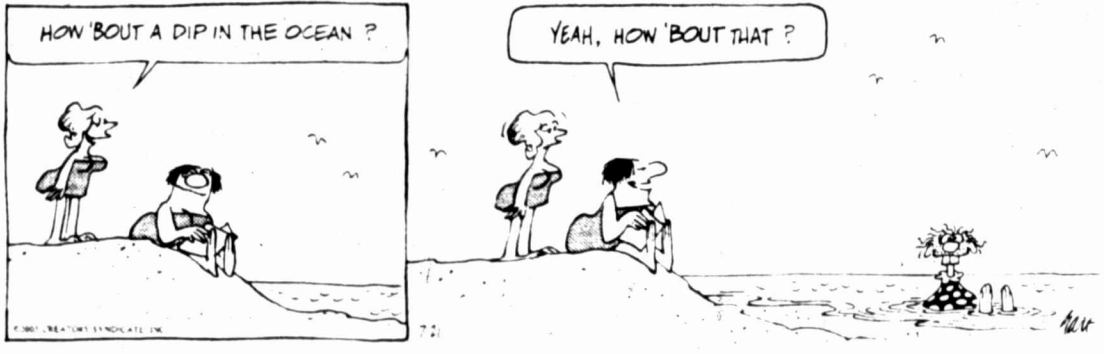
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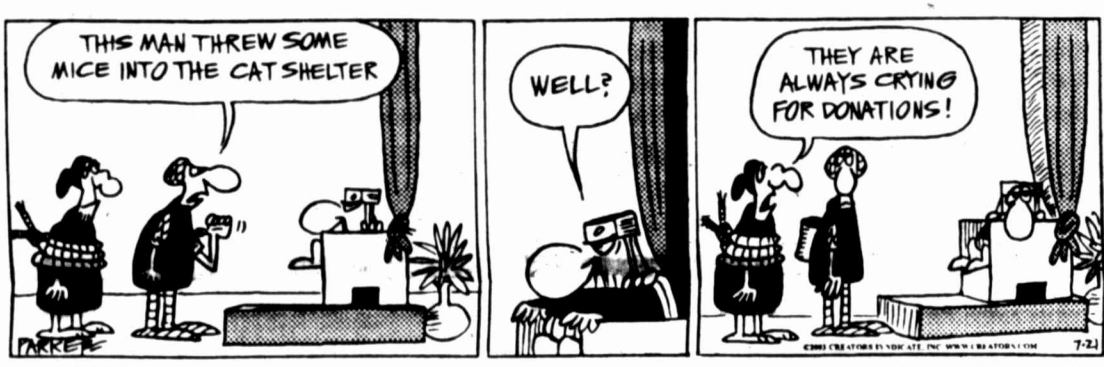
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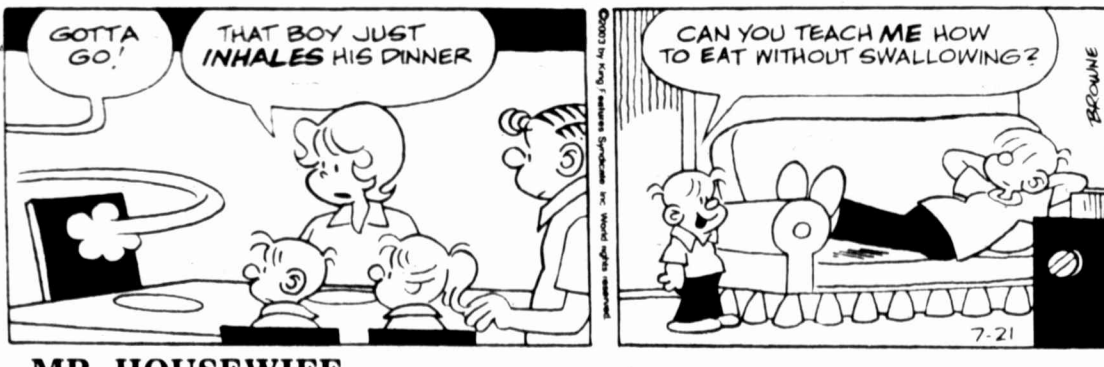
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2003. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called Monkey Trial ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. The conviction was later overturned.

On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed king.

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va.; the rebels won.

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during

World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1954, France surrendered North Vietnam to the communists.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a suborbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

In 1999, Navy divers found the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette, in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard.

Ten years ago: More rain set back cleanup and recovery efforts in parts of the Midwest; Transportation Secretary Federico Pena examined flood damage

along the Mississippi in Keokuk, Iowa.

Five years ago: President Clinton announced a crack-down on nursing homes that were lax about quality and on states that were doing a poor job of regulating them. The Pentagon said it found no evidence to support allegations in a CNN report that U.S. troops had used nerve gas during a 1970 operation in Laos designed to hunt down American defectors. Astronaut Alan Shepard died in Monterey, Calif., at age 74. Actor Robert Young died in Westlake Village, Calif., at age 91.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 6 '40s presidential monogram
 - 9 Separated
 - 14 ___ and the Wolf
 - 15 Wide shoe
 - 16 Break in hostilities
 - 17 Sports palace
 - 18 Chicken ___ king
 - 19 Felt poorly
 - 20 Bing Crosby tune of '28
 - 23 Ride the bench
 - 24 Metallic rock
 - 25 London tourist attraction
 - 29 Shoot forth
 - 31 Sofa part
 - 34 Sandwich cookie
 - 35 Arthur of tennis
 - 37 Sound part of a broadcast
 - 39 Ray Charles tune of '60
 - 42 Beneath
 - 43 Nevada city
 - 44 Prepare for a photo
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 - 46 Historical periods
 - 48 Battleship or yacht
 - 50 Door opener
 - 51 Made oneself scarce
 - 52 Patti Page tune of '50
 - 60 Apartment sign
 - 61 Not at all strict
 - 62 Maui farewell
 - 63 Fast on one's feet
 - 64 Grand ___ Opry
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 - 2 Actress Hatcher
 - 3 Siouxan Indians
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 - 6 Banquet
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 - 8 Use a harvester
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 - 10 Beef rating
 - 11 Doozie
 - 12 On the rocks
 - 13 Actor Danson
 - 21 Peak in Exodus
 - 22 "Annabel Lee" writer
 - 25 Counterfeit
 - 26 Actress Dunne
 - 27 Hollow
 - 28 Tiresome one
 - 29 Sneakers and sandals
 - 30 Ivy League school, for short
 - 31 Monterey farewell
 - 32 Dishwasher cycle
 - 33 Cover girl
 - 36 Poet Teasdale
 - 38 Baseball officials
 - 40 Chinese beverage
 - 41 Adaptation or Arthur
 - 47 Sandwich bread
 - 49 Senator Kennedy
 - 50 Prepared to propose
 - 51 Placed a spell on
 - 52 Outfit for Caesar
 - 53 Yale students
 - 54 Snail-like
 - 55 Retail transaction
 - 56 Oriole or Twin, in headlines
 - 57 Word on a valentine
 - 58 Hoodlum
 - 59 Cooks in a microwave
 - 60 Touch on the shoulder

STATE SONGS by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

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