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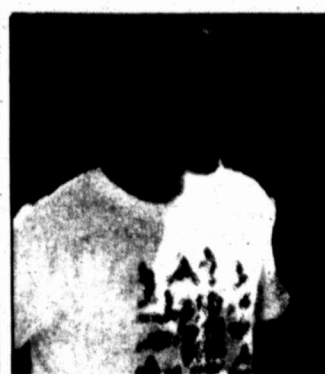
WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 71°-75°
TOMORROW 96°-99°

INSIDE TODAY



MARINE COMES HOME

For Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua Carpenter, two months in Iraq was an experience he will remember for a lifetime. "From what I could tell, the people didn't want to be under the control of Saddam Hussein, so they welcomed us," said Carpenter, a Big Spring native who returned in mid July from a six-month deployment to the Gulf Region.

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BRIEFLY

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.

Stenholm to visit Gail

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, will be in Gail at the Borden County Courthouse on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The public is invited as he updates constituents on issues pending in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Police holding information in infant's death

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department officials declined to release any additional information Monday morning in Friday's death of a 4-month-old Big Spring infant.

Police said they would not make any more known until the department receives a final autopsy report.

The infant, Isaiah Lee Castillo, was found unresponsive early Friday evening in a vehicle located in the 2400 block of Alabama. The child was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

According to Big Spring Police Lt. Terri Chamness, department spokesperson, an autopsy was performed on the body of the

infant Saturday and police expect the final report to be issued later this week.

Police expect to present the case to the Howard County District Attorney's Office this week, Chamness said.

The child was under the care of his mother, 20-year-old Jamie Valdez.

Detective Jim Rider is currently investigating the case.

A vigil service has been scheduled for 7 tonight at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Hang gliding champions laud city

*Saying they
will be back
to fly again*

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

"These were the best racing conditions I've ever flown in."

When three-time flex-wing hang gliding champion Paris Williams says something like that about your town, you know you've got something special.

Williams, who hails from Groveland, Fla., won his third title here in Big Spring last week and used those words to describe the experience.

The town's airport played host to the 2003 U.S. Hang Gliding Association's National Championship and the event culminated with an awards ceremony Saturday night at the La Posada Restaurant.

Williams' counterpart in the rigid-wing hang gliding category, Bruce Barmakian of Alta Loma, Calif., also a three-peater, agreed.

"The flying in Big Spring was exceptional," Barmakian said enthusiastically. "Wonderful lifts, incredible cumulus clouds. I thought it was fantastic and I plan on coming back to fly again."

Williams said the competition never gets any easier.

"It's always real difficult," he said. "There are



Claire Vassort of Lookout Mountain, Ga., is awarded her prizes as Women's National Hang Gliding Champion by tournament organizer David Glover at La Posada Restaurant Saturday night as flex-wing hang glider National Champion Paris Williams, left, looks on.

always a lot of really good pilots out there. They're always chomping at the bit. It's never easy and that keeps it fun. It's really a challenge."

Barmakian said the flying's still the best part. "I haven't lost the excitement yet," he said. "I get up for it every year and it's just as thrilling every time I compete."

The two thanked Big Spring and the local Hang

Gliding Committee for their support of the event.

The man named national champion in the Swift-class glider category, Brian Porter of Brisbane, Calif., displayed a stunning feat of aerial gamesmanship to snatch victory from rival Mark Mulholland Saturday.

Porter flew his unpowered Swift glider directly below Mulholland's at speeds up to 75 miles per

hour for 15 miles.

Mulholland, unable to see Porter, was unprepared when the sneaky pilot suddenly snapped his craft into a dive, using gravity to gain a winning burst of speed just short of the finish line.

The maneuver won Porter the championship because the two were close to even in score throughout the week.

Claire Vassort of Lookout Mountain, Ga., was named women's national champion at the awards ceremony.

The final day of the event, Saturday, provided the best soaring conditions of the week, with several pilots breaking the 12,000-foot altitude mark — one pilot even reaching 12,800 feet.

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Railroad Plaza in downtown receives facelift

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Railroad Plaza in downtown Big Spring has taken on a newly refurbished look thanks to several local groups.

The Friends of Unity Church, Big Spring Main Street Inc. and several Master Gardeners have joined forces to bring the plaza to life, a task that seemed quite daunting at first.

"The plaza was pretty badly overgrown when we first began back in May," said Master Gardener Barbara Bronaugh. "We had to do a lot of pruning and cleaning up to get things ready for planting. Thankfully, we had help from the inmates."

Bronaugh said the next step was to bring in wood chips from the Big Spring Compost Facility and let the labor begin.

"We were really fortunate to have as much help as we did," she said. "Everyone brought out the tools we needed and pitched in."

In July, the Master Gardeners began planting different types of plants and flowers, including oleander, butterfly bush,

miniature crepe myrtles, honeysuckle vines and juniper shrubs.

"It's going to be quite a sight next season," said Bronaugh. "A few of the flowers are blooming right now, but not many. We're going to continue planting throughout the year, so we're far from finished. Some of us are even planning to bring in plants from our own gardens."

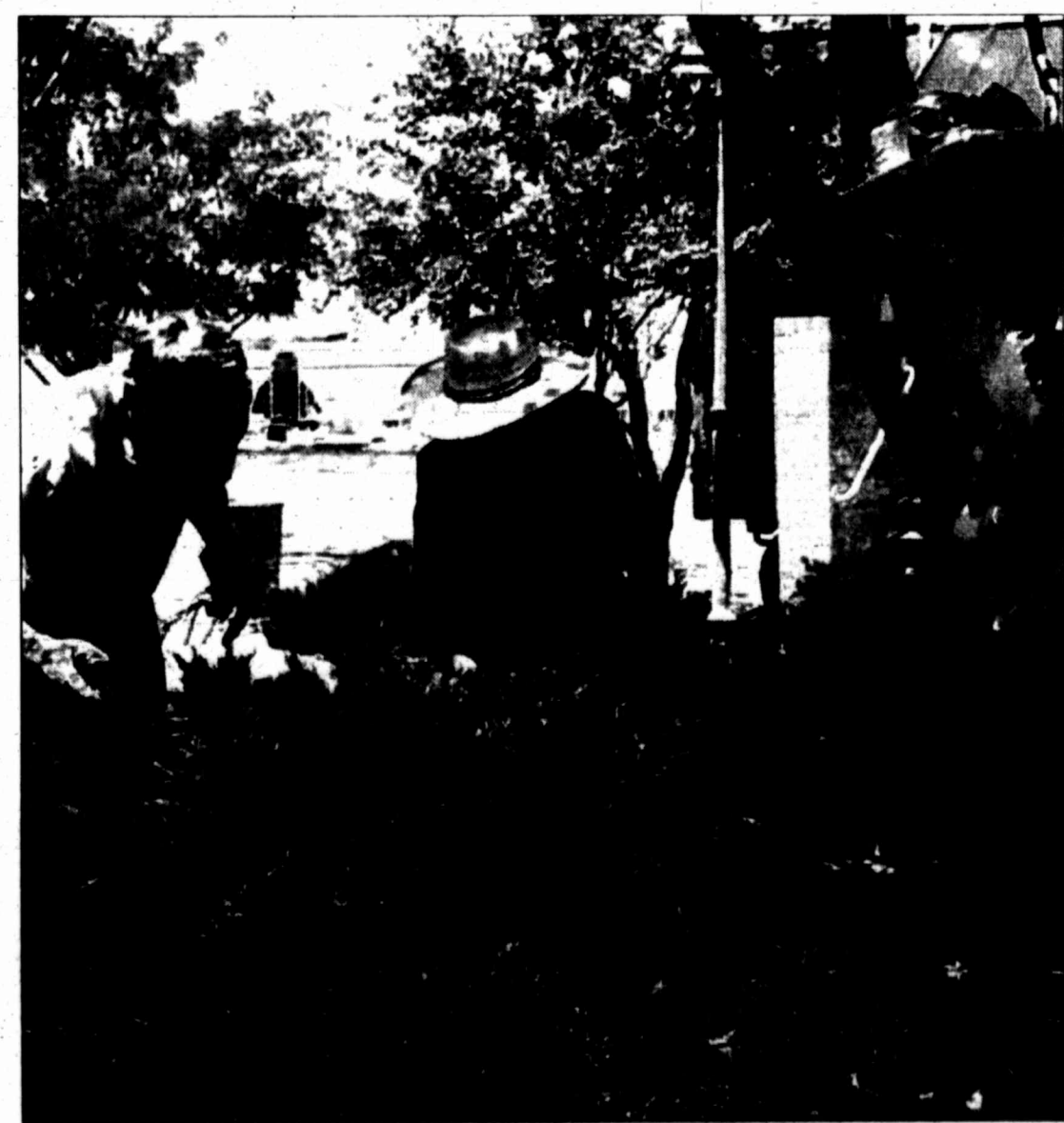
"It's such a beautiful thing to see," said Nancy Patrick, a member of the Friends of Unity.

Maintenance of the plaza will now fall to Patrick and her group, which will be responsible for watering the plants and general upkeep.

"We've been so fortunate to have the backing to do this project," said Patrick. "Big Spring Main Street Inc. has been kind enough to fund the effort. I think the real payoff will be next year, when the place really begins to bloom."

The project's price tag is estimated at \$400, but according to Bronaugh, the real wealth is in the volunteers that labored to

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Master Gardeners (left to right) Carol Griffith, Kathy Lusk and Barbara Bronaugh do some touch-up work at the Railroad Plaza following recent clean-up efforts.

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Obituaries

Mark Davidson



Mark Davidson, 44, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, in Scurry County following a sudden illness. Funeral services will be 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Charlie Atkinson officiating.

He was born on Oct. 7, 1958, in El Paso. He came to Big Spring in 1977 from Arizona. He worked 15 years for the Howard County Road and Bridge Department. At the time of his death he was a heavy equipment operator for West Texas Energy.

He is survived by one brother, Bobby Davidson and his wife, Jan, of Lubbock; one sister, Vickie Davidson of Lubbock; three nieces, Shawna Shields, Dee Dee Davidson and Stephanie Smith, all of Lubbock; and one great nephew, Jeremy Davidson of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marcus Preston Davidson, on March 14, 1977, and his mother, Elnora Davidson, on Oct. 1, 1992.

Pallbearers will be Roger Burchell, Roy Lee Spivey, Felix Garcia, Jeff Minyard, Manuel Escamilla and Pete LaRochele.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Isiah Lee Castillo

Isaiah Lee Castillo, 4 months, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on April 4, 2003, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother, Jaime Valdez of Big Spring; his father, Tony Castillo of Big Spring; two brothers, Ivan Castillo and Tony Castillo Jr., both of Big Spring; one sister, Delanie Valdez of Big Spring; grandparents, Fred Castillo, Senayda Castillo, Juquin Valdez and Janie Valdez, all of Big Spring; a great-grandmother, Manuela Perez of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Juanita Gonzales



Juanita Gonzales, 59, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1943, in Laredo. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a professional cake decorator and had also been the cafeteria manager at K-Mart.

She is survived by two sons, Benjamin Deanda Jr and Marty Deanda, both of Big Spring; five daughters, Martha Neighbors and Patsy Correa, both of Carlsbad, N.M., Teresa Gonzales of Lubbock, and Roxanne Deanda and Denise Deanda, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Raymond Gonzales and Lupe Gonzales, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Paula Martinez and Dora Perches, both of Big Spring; and 18 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Maria Enriquez; and two brothers, Pantaleon Gonzales and Lalo Gonzales.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Robert Barlow

Robert E. Barlow, 72, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, in a local hospital. Memorial service with military rites will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1931, in Hay Springs, Neb. He attended schools in Hay Springs and high school at Valentine, Neb. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and trained at Lackland Air Force Base. He served during the Korean War in Germany. He was later stationed at McGee Tyson Air Force Base in Knoxville, Tenn., where he met his wife, Mickie Eurburn. They married on April 23, 1955.

The family transferred to Yokota Air Force Base in Japan where he served with the air maintenance squad. He served one year in Saudi Arabia and one year in Vietnam in 1963. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He worked for Dave's Welding after retiring from the military. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mickie Barlow; a daughter, Cheryl Brown; a son, Robert C. Barlow; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Fern Kutschara, and his step-father, Ben Kutschara.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Henry A. Thames

Henry A. Thames, 72, died in a local hospital on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003.

His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

George Lujan

George Lujan, 79, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **LYNDA LEE JAMES**, 41, of 1309 Lamar was arrested Sunday on city warrants for traffic.

• **PEGGY LOUISE MAY**, 36, of 1207 Settles was being held at the city jail for the Howard County Sheriff's Office on Sunday.

• **KHRISTY ANNE MCMAHAN**, 35, of 1300 College was being held at the city jail for the Howard County Sheriff's Office on Sunday.

• **MELVIN FORD**, 46, of 1309 Lamar was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LEWIS BRAXTON BLAIR**, 54, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft, less than \$50.

• **FRANK FIERRO JR.**, 55, address unknown, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ERNESTO ESCOVEDO**, 26, of 505 Young was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant for assault.

• **SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ**, 37, of 1316 Bluebird was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ALLAN DEAN DICKSON**, 51, of Crane was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ERICA ELAINE ORTEGA**, 20, of 2609 Wasson was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARK ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ**, 26, of Pecos was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **FREDDIE GARCIA**, 55, of 811 N. Goliad was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOSE NATIVIDAD MORLES**, 65, of Mexico was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DONALD PAUL MITCHELL**, 63, of 2999 Edgemier was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication and on a Nolan County warrant.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT with a DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1100 block of Aylesford. According to police, a woman was checking up on a relative when the relative told her to leave the property and then presented a dull, shiny object believe to may have been a knife.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4200 block of Calvin Street, in the 1700 block of East Third Street, in the 1500 block of Bluebird Street, in the 1400 block of North Highway 87, in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street, in the 1600 block of Sycamore Street, in the 1300 block of Mount Vernon Avenue, in the 300 block of North Aylesford Street, in the 1300 block of Lexington Avenue, in the 300 block of Northeast 10th Street and in the 1200 block of Wood Street.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 10,000 block of Moss Lake Road and in the 1300 block of East Fourth Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 600 block of State and in the 400 block of Armstrong.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE and ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 3200 block of West Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1400 block of Avian Street.

• **THEFT, less than \$50 was reported:**

- at a convenience store in the 700 block of West Interstate 20 where consumable goods worth \$23.45 was reported stolen and later recovered.

- at a gas station in the 2000 block of South Gregg where purses/wallets/handbags worth \$410 was reported stolen.

- at a convenience store in the 700 block of West Interstate 20 where audio/visual recordings worth \$9.99 was reportedly stolen.

• **THEFT, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported in the 1400 block of Park where \$270 in cash was reported stolen.

• **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 1400 block of South Nolan Street.

• **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported:

- in the 800 block of Willia where \$200 of damages was reportedly inflicted upon a structure and drugs/narcotics worth \$25 and jewelry/precious metals worth \$35 where reported stolen. Police later recovered \$35 of the stolen items.

- in the 500 block of East 17th Street were a front door, door knob and bedroom door were reported to receive \$285 worth of damage and firearms worth a total of \$800 and a knife worth \$150 were reported stolen.

- at a residence in the 2100 block of South Runnels where \$250 was reportedly inflicted upon the building.

• **BURGLARY of a VEHICLE** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue where reportedly a Chevrolet received \$200 in damages and had \$300 worth of unlisted items of stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80 where \$80 of damage was reportedly inflicted upon a Ford.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1600 block of Avian.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Drive.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 800 block of East 15th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **PROWLER** was reported in the 500 block of Driver Road, in the 2200 block of West Interstate 20 and the 4300 block of West FM 818.

• **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported near mile marker 184 on the south service road of I-20.

• **THEFT OF PROPERTY** was reported in the 2900 block of South Anderson Road.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the 188 mile marker overpass on I-20. Subject were throwing rocks off the bridge, according to the sheriff's report.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 6300 block of north service road and in the 400 block of South Fifth.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmosley@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 Aerie meeting, 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.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-22-30-35-39. Bonus Ball: 33.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$5 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-8-16-35.

Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$21,337.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 1-6-5

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 2-5-9

Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs near 101. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs near 102. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs near 100.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs near 100.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs near 101.

Sunday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs near 100.

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The best time was around 2-1/2 hours.

During Saturday's event, the airfield was a festival in itself. Live music, community-wide sale and food were on hand to day a fun outing for residents and alike.

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By LYNDEL MO

Staff Writer

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The best times were around 2-1/2 hours.

During Saturday's competition, the airport hosted a festival in support of the event. Live music, a community-wide garage sale and food vendors were on hand to make the day a fun outing for local residents and visitors alike.

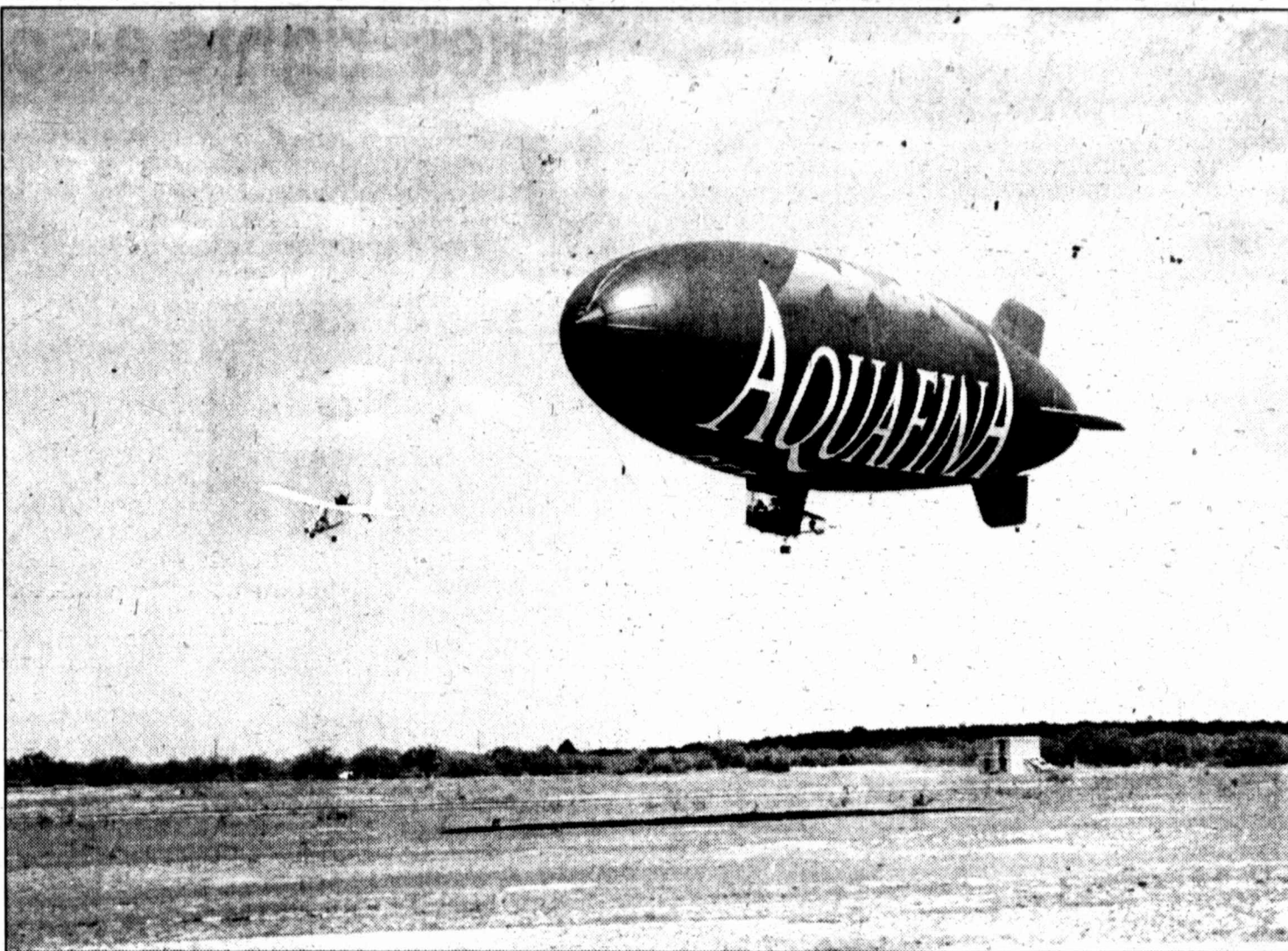
The Aquafina blimp,

scheduled to float into town Friday, was delayed by mechanical difficulties and instead arrived just before the hang glider pilots launched Saturday.

Several of the ultralight "tug" pilots who tow hang gliders up to starting altitude flew out to meet the blimp, buzzing around it like flies around a watermelon.

Members of the Aquafina ground crew passed out prizes to anyone they saw with an Aquafina bottle.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
An ultralight "tug" plane plays tag with the Aquafina blimp Saturday at Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airport. The blimp and the ultralights delighted the crowd with their sharp impromptu aerial maneuvering over the field before the blimp, tethered.

USHGA National Championships Winners Flex-wing

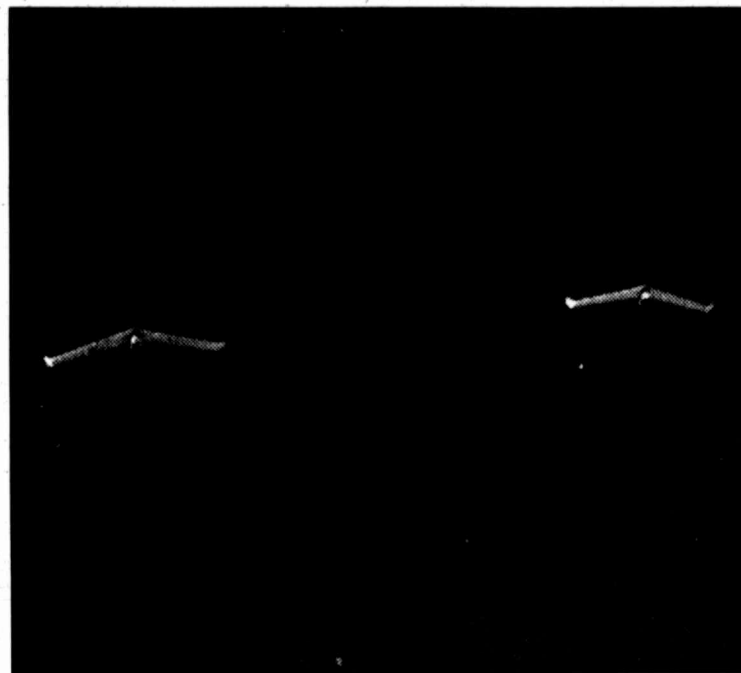
- 1st - Paris Williams, Groveland, Fla.
- 2nd - Curt Warren, Venice, Fla.
- 3rd - Kraig Coomber, Sydney, Australia

Rigid-wing

- 1st - Bruce Barmakian, Alta Loma, Calif.
- 2nd - Vince Endter, San Jose, Calif.
- 3rd - Dave Seaberg, Santee, Calif.

Swift-class

- 1st - Brian Porter of Brisbane, Calif.
- 2nd - Mark Mulholland of Pain, Calif.
- 3rd - Junko Nakamura of Brisbane, Calif.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
The race is on! Two Swift-class gliders approached the finish line neck and neck in Saturday's USHGA National Championships. The winner — Brian Porter, left — would be named National Swift-class champion. Porter flew out of sight directly beneath his competitor, Mark Mulholland, for 15 miles before power-diving to a narrow victory.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
David Glover, coordinator of the U.S. Hang Gliding Association's National Championship, right, names Paris Williams of Groveland, Fla., flex-wing national champion for the third year in a row. The championships took place at Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airport last week.

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Lubbock man hospitalized following Humvee rollover

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A pleasure drive in a Humvee in west Howard County Saturday left one Lubbock man with a brief stay in an Odessa hospital.

Joe Puckett of Lubbock was injured in a one-vehicle rollover when he lost control of his Humvee Saturday, according to Martin County Sheriff Randy Cozart. Puckett's passenger did not sustain any injuries, Cozart said.

According to Cozart, Puckett was attending a Humvee event held on private property near an area once called Pleasure Lake when the accident

occurred.

Puckett was airlifted to an Odessa hospital because ambulances could not reach the area. He was released from the hospital Sunday, Cozart said.

Along with the Martin County Sheriff's

Department, Big Spring and Martin County EMS responded to the accident.

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complete the project. "It really is a big improvement over the way it looked when we began," she said. "It took a lot of hard work, and we're very thankful for everyone that helped."

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OUR VIEWS

Hang Gliders' Championships were real blast

It was a tremendous week. A collection of the world's best hang glider pilots spent all of last week in Big Spring, taking part in the United States Hang Gliding Association's U.S. National Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

This was the second year in a row for hang gliding to stage one of the sport's premier competitions in Big Spring, and there's little question that as a community, we can't wait until the come back.

After hosting the USHGA's U.S. Open in 2002 and realizing that more than twice as many competitors countless more spectators would be on hand for the U.S. National Championships.

As a result, Big Spring's local hang gliding committee got a little help from the Downtown Revitalization Association and staged the first ever Hang Gliding Festival on Saturday with live music, food vendors, a community garage and craft sale and, of course, all that world-class hang gliding action.

Those who didn't get a chance to go out and see the pilots being towed into the sky or maneuvering their wings for a landing definitely missed out. And if you failed to take advantage of Saturday's festive atmosphere, that's an even greater shame.

Gospel, Tejano and country musicians performed and vendors were offering all sorts of items ranging from food to arts and crafts, antiques to junk and everything between.

Unfortunately, the hang gliders' stay in Big Spring was spoiled to some extent by the act of thieves who burglarized or stole a handful of the competitors vehicles when they were parked at the Super 8 Motel last week.

National Championships coordinator David Glover said the crimes caught the pilots off guard.

"It's kind of a shock because everybody in Big Spring has been so great and so supportive," he said. "It's obviously just one bad apple, and we're really not letting it spoil our bunch. They're very happy with everybody in Big Spring and it's really just some bad luck."

Luckily, it doesn't look like those problems will keep the pilots from returning to Big Spring in the future.

"As long as we keep having the great weather that we've been having this week, and as long as we keep getting the great support that we've seen from the city and the people and the airport staff," Glover said, "then there's no reason why we wouldn't come back."

We hope he and his compatriots do come back every year for some type of event. They are always going to be most welcomed guests, because collectively, we all had a good time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, you are our only guarantee in life, for you will never leave us.

Amen

States' rights a solution to pot debate

U.S. drug czar John P. Walters likes to dismiss the medical-marijuana movement as a cynical effort by the pro-drug-use crowd to hide behind sick people in order to legalize all marijuana use and the use of other drugs.

But what Walters doesn't see is how his actions are helping the people he opposes.

By enforcing federal marijuana laws to the detriment of sick people, Walters has pushed some skittish pols to take a principled stand that they probably would have preferred to avoid. Last week, the Hinchey-Rohrabacher bill to bar the Department of Justice from challenging medical-marijuana laws in the states that have sanctioned medical-marijuana use (there are 10 states, including California) — lost. Still, the vote in the House was 273 to 152. That's progress from a 311-94 split in 1998.

Walters isn't losing support because he's right.

Yes, some medical-marijuana proponents are drug devotees. Witness Ed Rosenthal — the Bay Area activist who received a one-day sentence for growing medical marijuana, even as poor men growing the same plants elsewhere

often are sentenced to long, hard time. Rosenthal was a columnist for High Times and Cannabis Culture.

Walters is losing support because, apart from Rosenthal, federal raids confiscated the pot stocks of very sick people who consider marijuana to be a benign medicine.

Members of the raided Santa Cruz Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana have found marijuana helps them with epilepsy, post-polio syndrome and HIV. The group isn't a club for party animals; in the seven months after the September 2002 the raid, at least 12 members died.

Those who lived had less marijuana available to relieve their pain.

Federal law should be changed: It makes no sense for marijuana to be a Schedule I substance under the federal Controlled Substance Act, which keeps doctors from recommending what they believe to be the right drugs. (I realize many doctors never would prescribe marijuana, but even they must agree that professionals of good will can have a different perspective on many drugs.)

To counter the federal act, medical-marijuana proponents have concentrated on the states. The courts have been clear about the federal law's power to trump state law. Hinchey-Rohrabacher was a way to fiddle with federal law in those states that have passed their

own medical marijuana laws, rather than attempt to legalize it nationwide.

States' rights provide a good compromise. Let states decide what they want to do, then states on both sides of the issue can learn from the experience of others.

The Hinchey-Rohrabacher vote was instructive. Republicans — like author Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif. — are supposed to believe in states' rights. This time, however, most suddenly decided a centralized D.C.-based government knows best.

Democrats usually want Washington to tell locals how to live — as in, Alaskans shouldn't get to choose to drill for more oil where they live. But, suddenly, many Democrats were enamored of states' rights.

OK, so neither party gets points for principled consistency. At least the House is moving in the right direction.

But if Walters and the feds choose to prosecute sick, needy people, and to go after the licenses of doctors who care for them, there could be a backlash.

In fact, there should be.

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Artfully avoiding 'The Question'

A typical summer's day: Picnic tables and a barbecue grill, tubs of cold drinks and plates of sliced watermelon, children chasing butterflies and adults standing in the shade, and me avoiding everybody.

I avoid everybody because if I don't, I will get asked The Question.

The Question is usually asked by Democrats, but sometimes Republicans ask it, too, just with a slightly different choice of words. The Question goes like this:

Democrats: "Can anybody beat George Bush?"

Republicans: "Nobody can beat George Bush, right?"

The answer is not an easy one, I tell both Democrats and Republicans, when I get cornered. First, elections are not just about one person. They are almost always about at least two people and sometimes three or more.

So the question really is: "Can (fill in the blank) beat George Bush?"

And, of course, we do not yet know who "fill in the blank" is because the Democrats are still six months away from their first contest in Iowa and there is no real front-runner for their nomination. (We can predict Bush will have no serious opposition within his own party.)

A recent poll of Democratic voters in New Hampshire showed that the number of undecideds jumped from 19 percent in April to 30 percent in July, meaning the more voters learn about the candidates, the more difficulty they are having making one.

Which makes it really hard to predict in the summer of '03 who is going to win in the fall of '04. We don't even know who's running yet.

On the other hand, there are some obvious dynamics: Hardly

anybody is ever really unbeatable. George Bush's father looked unbeatable in 1991, yet he lost in 1992. Not only did the economy tank, which made people forget about America's victory in the Iraq war, but Bush came up against one of the best campaigners in modern history, Bill Clinton.

This time around, the economy will once again go, a long way in determining our current president's re-election chances. The economy may be booming by next fall, but if it isn't, will voters believe George W. Bush that the economic downturn is a result of Sept. 11 and the best cure is his tax cuts, or will they believe Democrats who say his tax cuts caused huge deficits that harmed the economy?

Then there is Iraq. So far, Iraq has been a plus for Bush, because Bush and his team have managed to link Saddam Hussein with Sept. 11 and Al Qaeda. Though critics say the hard evidence is scant, the administration argues that the Iraq war not only punished these terrorists, but will protect our shores in the future.

As the new head of the Republican Party, Ed Gillespie, put it a few days ago, we "want the front lines in the war against terror to be in Baghdad, not Boston, Kabul, not Kansas."

Some Democrats have responded, however, that invading Iraq has not made America stronger, but weaker. Instead of concentrating our forces on the job of destroying Al Qaeda in Afghanistan, they say, we divided our efforts by invading Iraq.

They also argue this has alienated our allies, squandered the good will we had worldwide after Sept. 11 and reduced our credibility. "George Bush has left us less safe and less secure than we were four years ago," Dick Gephardt said on July 22.

Howard Dean says in his speeches: "We're supposed to be inspecting cargo containers coming into the United States, (but) we're inspecting about 4 percent of all

the cargo containers that come into America. The president chose to cut taxes instead of putting funding into that program."

The administration paints the Democrats as weak and either unwilling or unable to protect America when the chips are down.

Dick Cheney says: "At a safe remove from the danger, some are now trying to cast doubt upon the decision to liberate Iraq. ... But those who do so have an obligation to answer this question: How could any responsible leader have ignored the Iraqi threat?"

"Liberating" the people of Iraq will be a major theme of the Bush re-election campaign. But this, too, is not a guaranteed winner. As I write this, 49 U.S. soldiers have been killed by the people we "liberated." Which begs the question: If we freed them from an evil dictator, why are some of them now trying to kill us?

There are other questions: How long are we staying in Iraq, how much is it going to cost, and what is our plan for getting out? To be a victor, you have to have a victory and not a quagmire.

Will Iraq be pacified by November 2004? Will the Dow Jones be at a new high or a record low? Where will unemployment be? And what would happen if, God forbid, there is another terrorist attack on the United States, with a major loss of life? Would voters rally around George W. Bush or blame him?

On the one hand, it is always easier to attack than defend. On the other hand, there are worse things to be going into an election with than an incumbent president who has won two wars.

See what I mean? It is easy to ask The Question, but it is much tougher to provide The Answer.

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An experience never to be forgotten

Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua Carpenter will always remember his time in Iraq

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

For Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua Carpenter, two months in Iraq was an experience he will remember for a lifetime.

"From what I could tell, the people didn't want to be under the control of Saddam Hussein, so they welcomed us," said Carpenter, a Big Spring native who returned in mid July from a six-month deployment to the Gulf Region. "Still, they had mixed emotions. Most couldn't read or write. I think most of them felt, though, that the United States being over there was a good thing."

Carpenter was one of more than 2,100 Marines and sailors of the 15th Marine Expeditionary



Joshua Carpenter visits with his great-grandmother Ruby Greenhill and mother Bobbie Harder.

Unit deployed to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom on Jan. 6. A

member of Echo Company 2-1, he spent two weeks in Kuwait

before crossing to border on April 21.

"On our first day, we

captured about 400 Iraqi soldiers," said Carpenter. "We rolled up on one of their artillery units near Umm Qasr. They had their artillery pointed away from us, so there was really very little they could do. We caught a little bit of fire, but nothing too major."

From there the company set up a blocking position near the port facilities of Umm Qasr and Az Aubayer.

"We expected resistance there, but we didn't get any. We were told by civilians that they (Iraqi forces) had left the same day we crossed the border," said Carpenter.

"We ran patrols through the city and did some humanitarian aid. We weren't really equipped to

do that — that's more the Army's thing — but we helped," he added.

Carpenter recalls one moving moment.

"One day, near a gasoline station, I believe it was, there was flour there that was meant for the Iraqi troops and we got it and we passed it out to the civilians," he said.

"People invited us into their homes and offered us tea and all. Most of them were friendly."

The company continued to run patrols until being called to return home. They arrived July 13.

On his way back to Camp Pendleton, Calif., Carpenter stopped to visit relatives in Big Spring, including his great grand-

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Web site helps parents manage joint custody

By JENNIFER FREY

The Washington Post
Meet the Volkners of Andover, Minn., and their blended, extended family:

There's Paul, who is divorced from Sandy. Together, they have three kids — Katrina, 16, Chelsea, 15, and Sean, 13 — and a joint custody situation that switches the children from household to household weekly.

Then there's Dara Wegener Volker, Paul's second wife, who has a daughter, Emilee, 9. Dara shares custody with her ex-husband, David Velander, who has standard visitation rights: one night a week, every other weekend, some holidays. He lives 52 minutes away (on a good traffic day) with his second wife and the child they have together.

Emilee, meanwhile, came to Dara and David in an open adoption, so they're all still in contact with her birth mother, who lives in Chicago.

And then there's Emilee's biological grandmother, who, being only a half-hour away, likes to drop in on Emilee's dance recitals. And her biological grandfather, who built her a playhouse.

And don't forget Dara's parents, Jerry and LuAnn Wegener, who live part time in Minnesota and part time in Florida.

All together, they are the modern American family — with all its messy complications, missed appointments, misunderstandings and residual tensions that spring from not one divorce but two. The logistics can cause nightmares.

One Christmas a couple of years ago, the three kids arrived to celebrate the holidays with Paul and Dara — four days earlier than expected. Sandy had one schedule. Paul

had another. Both swore they were right. The upshot: Carefully orchestrated holiday plans with various extended relatives collapsed like dominoes and everyone had a cranky New Year.

After that, Paul sat down at his computer and tried to find an on-line calendar that could keep track of the chaos in their lives.

He couldn't. But he invented one with the help of his wife, his sister, Kathleen Kissoon (a family attorney); and Kissoon's son, Jai — fresh out of college with a

business degree plus computer savvy. The resulting product, Ourfamilywizard.com, has morphed from a simple schedule to keep the Volkners' complicated lives in order into a means for judges, lawyers, mediators and miserable parents to navigate post-divorce hysteria. Without all the attendant screaming.

"Family law is just filled with raw nerves," says Judge Ellen Maas of Minnesota's 10th Judicial District. "Things get acrimonious ... and all of a sudden we find ourselves in court with six inches of affidavits saying how horrible everyone is."

The Web site is far more than just a calendar. There is a private message board where parents can make requests and leave information for each other. A data bank for recording important documentation regarding the children — everything from Social Security number, blood type and insurance coverage to shoe size. A log for recording expenses that are supposed to be shared equally by both parents. A journal to record important events.

"Our first Web designer was a child of divorce; our graphic designer was

"It gives people a practical tool that they can use that reduces the conflict because it takes away some of the immediacy of the telephone conversations... The Web site gives you time to edit what you say."



Playing musical kids with his wife, ex-wife and their combined kids inspired Paul Volker to create an online calendar called Ourfamilywizard.com, which has proved useful not only at home but in court, for legal purposes. Volker is shown at home in Andover, Minn., checking the family schedule with, from left, wife Dara Wegener Volker; Sean Volker, 13; Chelsea Volker, 15; and Katrina Volker, 16. Not shown is Dara's daughter, Emilee, 9.

a single father," Dara says. "Everybody had ideas, and everybody brought in a personal story."

The Web site costs \$99 per year per parent, with free access for kids to limited areas. It's also \$99 per year for professionals, such as mediators or lawyers. Grandparents and other interested third parties who just want to be able to view information, not add to it, can register for \$25 per year. All information is kept private. Even site monitors are able to view only usage, not individual accounts.

Launched in April 2001 and substantially updated last March, Ourfamilywizard.com

boasts 486 accounts in 24 states. And although the Volkners may have invented it for families like their own — where chaos, rather than animosity, creates the misunderstandings, which creates hard feelings — those involved in family law immediately recognized it for its value in the truly nasty cases — the ones where the parents can't get on the phone without the conversation devolving into a screaming match, overheard by the children, who are traumatized.

"It's like a Jekyll and Hyde thing," Paul says. "You have good intentions when you make that

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Democratic senator criticizes Perry's divisiveness

By NATALIE GOTT

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Unlike George W. Bush, who united people when he was Texas governor, his successor, Gov. Rick Perry, is dividing Texans, the leader of the walkout by 11 Democratic senators said Sunday.

"The difference was Bush was the great uniter. Perry and (U.S. House Majority Tom) DeLay are the great dividers," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Van de Putte also said the current special legislative session, which Perry called last week, is dead. She said a redistricting bill could get approved during another legislative session but listed a group of conditions that would have to be met for it to get out of the Legislature.

For instance, both the House and Senate would have to get quorums and

Republicans in both chambers would have to agree on a map, she said. "There's a lot of ifs there," she said.

Her comments came on the sixth day of the Democratic boycott of the Texas Senate in protest over congressional redistricting. The Texas congressional delegation is ruled 17-15 by the Democrats but Republicans, led by DeLay, are pushing for a new map that likely would give the GOP the majority.

Van de Putte said as governor, Bush made a great effort to bring minorities into the Republican Party. She said Perry, on the other hand, was threatening to lock up in the Senate chamber the Hispanic and black senators so they would be forced to vote on a redistricting map that she said would disenfranchise minorities.

"What kind of image is that?" Van de Putte said. "I think the real danger

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Sen. Leticia Van de Putte
Chairwoman, Senate Democratic Caucus

here is not to Governor Perry. I think the real danger here is to the White House and the Republican efforts that would want to be so inclusive."

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said Van de Putte's allegations are ludicrous and that Perry does not have the authority to lock senators in the chamber. Only the lieutenant governor can lock the senators into the chamber.

"Her accusations are intended to obscure the fact that they ran away from their job and their responsibility," Walt said. "They can't begin to represent their constituents while they are in New

Mexico." Walt said Perry drew 35 percent of the Hispanic vote in 2002 and his policies on education, economic development and other issues have brought more Hispanics to the Republican Party.

Van de Putte acknowledged that she believed that presidential adviser Karl Rove has been involved in the redistricting effort.

"I don't know whose puppet strings are controlling which puppet at this point in the Republican Party," she said.

She also took a personal swipe at Perry. He's "not the brightest porch light on the block,"

Van de Putte said. But, "he really looks good in jeans."

Walt said Van de Putte is stooping to personal attacks to try to turn the issue away from the fact that "they ran away from their responsibilities."

DeLay spokesman Jonathan Grella said Democrats will say and do anything to avoid their constitutional responsibility, including name calling and fleeing out of state. "We'll let them call names and run wherever they see fit but the people of Texas disagree with their tactics and want to see them fulfill their responsibilities," Grella said.

Attempts to approve a redistricting bill failed during the regular legislative session and the first special session. Perry last week called lawmakers back for a second special session to try again.

The Democrats, however, fled to Albuquerque before he called the session. Their absence has blocked a quorum in the

Senate, preventing the lawmakers who stayed in Austin from taking up business in the chamber.

The Democrats have pledged to stay out of Austin until the second 30-day special session is over at the end of the month.

Perry has declined to say how long he might continue to call 30-day special legislative sessions if redistricting fails in this one.

Van de Putte said she did not know if a decision has been made about whether the Senate Democrats who are in Albuquerque now would leave again if Perry calls another session.

She said that if the Senate and House members decide to stay in Austin, if the Republicans can reach a consensus on a map, and if Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst decides to do away with a Senate tradition to make it easier to pass a redistricting bill "then I would imagine if all those things happen, we could see a map."

MARINE

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mother, Ruby Greenhill, aunt and uncle Karla and Manuel Chavarria, and aunt Cathay Perez. He was born in Big Spring, but grew up in Duncanville. His parents are Bobbie and Roger Carpenter of Duncanville and Joe Carpenter of Odessa.



CARPENTER

Carpenter joined the Marines in October of 2001, and on May 29, 2002, married Jatziri (Jackie), who met him when he arrived back in the states after deployment.

"I'm just so happy he came back. I'm so happy," she said, clinging to her husband.

Carpenter said that while his time in the



Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua Carpenter, lower right corner, with Echo Company in Iraq.

Marines has been hard, there have been positives.

"There are lots of benefits, good insurance — they also cover my wife, so I don't have to worry about that — and a steady paycheck. I'd like to go home more often, of

course. Being stationed in Camp Pendleton, it's difficult to see family in Texas. That's the worst thing," he said. "Overall, it's a good experience. I've gotten to meet a lot of people through the Marine Corps."

Texas News Briefs

Alert credited with locating sisters

HOUSTON (AP) — An Amber Alert is credited with the capture of a Houston man as he arrived with his two young daughters on a bus in California.

Authorities said Luis Gonzalez, 21, is believed to have snatched his children from his ex-wife and killed her after she picked them up from a Houston day care center Thursday afternoon.

Maria Villatoro picked up her children from day care, but never made it home. Her bullet-riddled body was discovered Friday morning in the front seat of her car at a construction site.

The children — Michelle Villatoro, 3, and Ashley Villatoro, 18 months, were missing. The girls' disappearance prompted a statewide Amber Alert.

Gonzalez was arrested about 10:30 p.m. Saturday at a bus station in Santa Barbara, Calif., after someone who heard the alert tipped the FBI that someone matching his description got on a bus in Dallas on Friday night.

Good Time Charlie re-emerges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas columnist Molly Ivins once wrote that history just might give former congressman

Charlie Wilson credit for arming Afghan rebels in the war that was "the bale of straw that broke the Soviet Union's back."

Now, history is.

Former "60 Minutes" producer George Crile recounts the congressman's story in "Charlie Wilson's War," a New York Times best seller for seven weeks.

"Charlie is emerging as a kind of folk figure, somebody we thought used to exist in the American experience, the frontier, the guy in the cowboy hat," said Crile. "In the sense that he lives, there's a delight in it."

Enron books aim to alter record

HOUSTON (AP) — Not even the star power of Sherron Watkins, the woman Congress anointed a heroine for trying to warn former Enron Corp. chief executive Kenneth Lay of the company's impending doom, spelled success for her high-profile book about it.

Yet publishers undaunted by lukewarm interest in the first wave of books chronicling Enron's failure are heavily promoting two more destined for bookstores — one on Tuesday, the other in October.

Literary agents say they face the challenge of captivating readers despite exhaustive news coverage of Enron.

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phone call, but before you know it, it's deteriorated." Then, instead of talking to each other, each parent talks to his or her lawyer.

"I probably shouldn't say this, being in family law," Kissoon says, "but it also cuts down on all the legal bills."

With 20 years of experience in the family law arena, Kissoon, CEO of Ourfamilywizd.com, has been the key to introducing the product into the legal community. Judges, lawyers and mediators in the Minneapolis area now use it; through marketing at national conferences, word has spread, even into Canada.

Family mediator Caryn Lennon of the Divorce Resource Network in suburban Washington frequently recommends it to her clients.

"It gives people a practical tool that they can use that reduces the conflict because it takes away some of the immediacy of the telephone conversations — you know, when you're on the phone and you're talking and the words just come out before you have time to think," Lennon says. "The Web site gives you time to edit what you say."

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It provides a permanent record of how the parents are communicating with each other — a large part

of the appeal to judges. Instead of having parents dash into court with contempt orders, screaming and pointing fingers, lawyers and mediators can see exactly what took place on Ourfamilywizd.com. It's hard to argue with computer records.

"When someone is coming into court on a contempt citation for reason X, they tend to throw in the kitchen sink — they find everything possible to throw in there, which of course ratchets up the tension, and then there's quid pro quo," says Judge James Swenson of Minnesota's 4th Judicial District. "It kind of becomes a venue for everybody to say everything they want to say, get it all off their chests, about the other side. It makes for highly conflicted hearings, and the parties disrespect each other, so they end up coming back again."

Swenson not only recommends the site to parents squabbling in his courtroom, he orders its use. He's running a pilot program designed to introduce the software into the Hennepin County family court system. "On no file that I've ordered Ourfamilywizd.com have I had it return to the courtroom," the judge says.

His experience is not unique. Maas gives this example:

Two parents, two little boys and a custody battle so horrific, she says, "it was clear that the lawyers

were having client-control issues." Abuse allegations were made, which meant the kids were automatically assigned a guardian ad litem, someone to represent their individual interests. There were monthly conference calls, multiple hearings, a stack of court filings and affidavits 16 inches thick.

"We finally got the parents divorced, and we had an interim temporary custody agreement," Maas says. Except that's often when the second round of fighting starts. Round and round they went, back into court regularly. And when the father started to meet his court-ordered requirements (psychological counseling, anger management courses) and appeared poised to have less restrictive visitation

requirements, the mother freaked out about losing her control, and things escalated again.

"The acrimony was ready to explode," Maas says. So three or four months ago, she ordered the couple to use Ourfamilywizd.com. And she waited to see when they would show up in her courtroom again, anger, paperwork and lawyers in tow.

They haven't been heard from since. In the Volker household, the account is well used. Dara gets on, Paul gets on. Velander uses it to check Emilee's schedule. Sandy uses it on and off. All the grandparents have viewing rights.

And sometimes, the most unexpected things happen. Like the time Sandy logged on and saw that Paul and Dara had a

Tuesday night business meeting on a week when they had the kids. So she messaged over asking if she could take them that night for an outing to a pumpkin patch. Paul responded positively — with one problem. They also had Emilee that

night, and the older kids were expected to be babysitting. So Sandy messaged back and offered to take them all.

"To me," Paul says, "that was the perfect world. That's what you want in a blended family."



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IN BRIEF

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can renew their tickets from Aug. 4-15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 16.

Tickets to individual games can be purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-ups end today

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League ends today at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for football is being held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about the league, call 268-9634.

BSCC to hold 2-day, 2-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-day, two-person gold scramble on Aug. 9-10.

Teams competing in tournament will consist of one male and one female member. Entry fee is set at \$135, excluding the cost of the cart.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Football boosters to hold meeting Monday

The Big Spring High School football boosters will hold a meeting tonight in the ATC. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Randy Phillips at 264-6600.

Peloteros touney, HR bash scheduled

The Texas Peloteros Softball Tournament and Home Run Derby will be held Aug. 8-9.

Entry into the event is set at \$115 per team. Class D and E squads finishing first through third in the overall team standings will receive trophies and t-shirts.

For more information, contact Manuel Gonzales Jr. at (432) 816-6465 or Pete Carrillo at (432) 263-8219.

Lady Steers boosters to meeting tonight

Parents of all Big Spring High School girls participating in volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading this season are invited to attend an organizational meeting of the Lady Steers Booster Club today.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the BSHS library.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule			
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Rangers vs. Yankees	5:30 p.m.	1490	Aug. 6
Astros vs. Mets	6:40 p.m.	1490	Aug. 7
Astros vs. Mets	6:40 p.m.	1490	Aug. 8
Rangers vs. Toronto	5:30 p.m.	1490	Aug. 9
Astros vs. Montreal	5:40 p.m.	1490	Aug. 9
Texans vs. Broncos	7:15 p.m.	1490	

2003 Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships

It's Ashlie, Again

Simmons breezes to 2nd straight golf crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Ashlie Simmons is to golf what water is to a thirsty man in the Sahara, what Marilyn Monroe is to Hollywood, what Tom Landry is to Dallas.

If she gets better, as many feel she will, people might built her an altar and worship her Annika Sorenstam shoes.

Exaggeration? Maybe a little ... but not much.

The former NJCAA national champion etched her name into Big Spring golfing history — for only the upteenth time — Saturday afternoon by nailing down her second straight Big Spring Herald City Golf Championship. The win moves the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi senior in line to become the first-ever three-time winner of the event, which began in 1948.

"This was a lot of fun," said Simmons, who fired a 66 over the final 18 holes to finish the two-day event with a sparkling 12-



FOWLER



Big Spring Herald General Manager Suzanne Reed (right) presents Ashlie Simmons with the first-place trophy following her impressive outing at the 2003 Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Simmons, who has won the event in each of the last two years, shot a 12-under-par 130 to collect the hardware.

under-par 130. "My goal was to just play better than I did last year and I did. It was nice to defend and meet my goal of shooting a 130."

Simmons, who entered Sunday's final round with a nine-stroke lead over former two-time champion Susie Hernandez, blis-tered the course from the start. She shot a 33 over the front nine and then continued her torrid pace down the stretch.

Her final score may

have been even better except for a bit of trouble on No. 18. She double-bogeyed the final hole.

"It (making 130) didn't happen the way I had planned, but it worked

out," she said. "I just enjoyed playing with this group of women. They kept me on my toes."

Simmons, wearing a bright pair of Sorenstam golf shoes, did run into at least one unfamiliar obstacle in the event: A huge gallery following her every move.

"It was kind of odd," she said. "They're usually following the guys, but it was great to see them come out."

Simmons all but nailed

down the women's title on Saturday, shooting a 64 over the first 18 holes.

Hernandez, who finished second for the second consecutive year, stood at 73 following the first round.

She shot a 72 in the final round and finished at 145.

Deborah Light won the women's senior division with a 159.

Connie Fowler won the first flight gross honors with a 171. Patsy Sharpnack was the women's net winner with a 133.

Ward, Nichols walk away with men's honors

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coahoma High School coach Kim Nichols and Big Spring High School coach Steve Ward can both talk a pretty good game of golf. And, believe it or not, they can actually play.

They have the hardware to prove it now.

Nichols and Ward both emerged big winners Sunday afternoon by winning their respective divisions at the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships. Nichols used a solid second round to claim the President's Flight honors, while Ward netted his first-ever championship flight crown.

Nichols, who struggled to a tie for seventh place in the overall standings on Saturday, hammered out a flight-best 70 on Sunday and rallied to post a 147 and win his division by one stroke over Comanche Trail Golf

Course superintendent Jack Birdwell.

Carlos Dimidjian was third at 148.

"I did better today than I did yesterday," said Nichols, who coaches the Coahoma boys' golf squad.

Nichols began the tournament by shooting a 77 over the first 18 holes.

Randy Crockett and Blake Nichols, who shared the division's lead after the first round, both finished fifth with final tallies of 149. Jace Williams, who also posted a 149, took fourth via a scorecard play-off.

Ward, who won the President's division last year, collected his first championship flight

title in grand style. He shot a 68 over the final 18 holes Sunday and cruised to a three-stroke win over Jerrod Simmons.

Ward, the Steers' high school golf coach, led the tournament throughout



Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Moseley presents Kim Nichols (left) and Steve Ward (right) with their trophies following their wins Sunday in the city golf championships. Nichols won the President's Flight, while Ward captured the Championship Flight honors.

both days of play. He notched a division-best 65 on Saturday and took a slim 1-stroke lead into the final round.

Simmons, who finished second to Ward last year in the President's Flight race, went into the final round trailing Ward by one.

He wasn't able to keep pace down the stretch,

however. Simmons shot a 2-under-par 70 over the final 18 holes and slipped to 136 overall.

Charlie Garcia, who posted a final round of 68, climbed to third in the final standings. The defending city champion, Garcia hammered out rounds of 70 and 68 and finished at 138 overall.

Mike Weaver collected

the win in the men's Senior Division, shooting a 141.

Big Spring's Buddy Everett highlighted the final round of play by notching his first-hole-in-one.

He aced the par 3, 145-yard No. 15 hole. Witnessing the shot were Ariel Luna, Jason Brock and Rondell Brock.

Knuckleballer wins debut, helps Astros extend lead in NL Central

MIAMI (AP) — Knuckleballer Jared Fernandez made a successful debut for the Houston Astros, combining with three relievers on a five-hitter to beat Florida 3-1 Sunday.

Fernandez, recalled Friday from Triple-A New

Orleans, allowed one run and three hits in 5 1-3 innings. Orlando Merced hit his second home run of the season for Houston.

The NL Central-leading Astros head home after playing 14 of 17 games on the road since the All-Star break. They went 10-7

during the stretch.

The Marlins went 7-2 on a homestand that has propelled them into the wildcard race, but they lost two of three to Houston.

Pitching again saved the Astros, who scored three or fewer runs for the 11th time in 13 games.

Fernandez (1-0) was filling in for right-hander Roy Oswalt, who went on the disabled list Wednesday with a groin injury. The knuckleballer retired 11 in a row during one stretch with pitches that registered as slow as 56 mph on the speed gun.

It was his first appearance in the majors since last September with Cincinnati.

Brad Lidge pitched 12-3 perfect innings, Octavio Dotel followed with a 1-2-3 eighth, and Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his 33rd save in 36 chances.

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Mercury (communication) and Saturn (lessons) keep life on the cautious side, mostly because we're afraid of the repercussions of being thoughtless. Reading the directions, taking the tutorial, and calling Mom to make sure no subtle etiquette has been breached are all appropriate reactions to these stars. Potential hazards will be averted!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love questions rule the day. Allow yourself to feel affection without definite answers. You may have to get out your superhero costume and save the day for a friend in a pinch. Your altruism snaps your buddy back onto the path.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Trust the intuition that comes from the periphery of your mind. Some degree of turbulence rocks the workplace. Tonight, you can truly be yourself — by a special someone's side.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a dreamlike quality to your day. When you act on your fantasies, the stars line up to help you make them real. If you don't know the answer at work, just make it up. A teenager will challenge your authority.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Live in the moment!

You have great luck with your projects when you connect with the resources that are right in front of you. A Capricorn associate has the answers to your lingering questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You were made to be the leader. Take time to notice all of the little victories. Tonight, a loved one shows interest in you by paying attention to the details. The small picture is just as fascinating as the big one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you mix up your routine today, an amazing thing happens: You realize how much you like what you already have. Blur the work and pleasure lines for a memorable evening. Animals need extra care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A home environment you love will be key to your happiness. Invite over a friend who hasn't seen your place before, and try to notice your surroundings from this person's point of view. You'll quickly see what should be fixed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Have no fear! When you change yourself, circumstances change with you. You'll get a whiff of things to come in the workplace. Heed early warning signs. Aries and Sagittarius are lucky friends to have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Warm up, and go through the motions of a big event in your head before you get there. Your



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Horoscope

pantomime ensures that your presentation is perfect. Love tip: Break the ice with a shy sweetie with a well-given compliment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is the day to get those professional secrets you've wanted to know. Co-workers easily divulge their tricks! The more you learn about how others do their jobs, the more you like your own way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Optimism is catching. Share your glow with those who could use a little brightening up, and your good mood gets even better. Money tip: Insurance companies only sell policies they expect to make money on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Indulge yourself in intellectual curiosity. When you spend time with books, you gain cerebral satisfaction. Extra money will be earned from working extra hard, even if now it looks like you won't be compensated.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I feel lost in my life and am hoping that you can provide some direction. I'm a Scorpio, born Nov. 11, 1982. Right now, I'm in a confusing state with a Pisces whom I adore, but I'm not sure he wants the same level of attachment that I do. Do the stars say anything about my life becoming less confusing soon?"

You just went through a personal growth spurt, so your feelings of disorien-

are normal. Remember when you were 15 and realized your body had changed? For a while, you weren't sure how to act around some of the people you'd known for most of your life. You're sort of going through that again, only this time it's your spirit and mind that "got taller." The first thing to do when you realize you're in a state of confusion is to take an inventory of where you are in your life, what matters to you now, what you like about yourself and others, and what you don't like. This could take several weeks. Work on it every day, listing, reflecting and projecting yourself into the future, and you'll make a very interesting discovery right around the first week of September. As for your Pisces, don't worry so much. You're too young for the kind of commitment you think you want.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: For the last seven months, I have been seeing a physician for a back injury. During the last two visits, the doctor was extremely friendly. The extra attention was apparent, and the sexual chemistry was electric. Even his staff noticed. I did nothing to stop what was going on, partly because the doctor is attractive, and also because I needed his help with my medical care.

After my last appointment, "Dr. Sexy" asked me to go with him for a drive, and we ended up at his house. He made dinner and insisted I spend the night. I went right along with everything. It was a wonderful evening, and the next morning, he drove me home. I admit the sex was great, but now I feel guilty. Have I somehow violated him? It seems I should have said no because he is my doc-



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

tor.

I need to keep seeing him for my back problems, and I am embarrassed. I know that this should not have happened, but I'm afraid the attraction will continue when I see him in his office. I can't change doctors because my work claim allows only two changes, and I have already used them. What

do I do? — Hurting in Oregon

Dear Oregon: That doctor used his position of authority to take advantage of you, not the other way around. He should not be driving patients back to his house for dinner and sex, for heaven's sake.

You have grounds to report this doctor to the state medical board. However, if you want to continue seeing him (for treatment or anything else), that's entirely your decision. It might be less uncomfortable if you keep things strictly professional until you are completely healed and no longer require his medical care.

Dear Annie: I graduated from college last May. As a graduation gift, my grandmother gave me an expensive piece of jewelry. Tears poured down her smiling face as she explained that she had chosen something that would "last after she had gone" and how she hoped I would enjoy it. I accepted it, thanked her and mailed my thank-you note a few days later.

The problem is, I find this piece of jewelry to be perfectly hideous. I cannot bring myself to wear it, nor is it something I will learn to love. My mother has told me that Grandma has the receipt and has offered it "in case I feel I like something better."

I'm torn. I know Grandma put a lot of thought into this gift, but I feel guilty keeping it in the bottom of a drawer, making it a waste of her kindness and money. Any advice? — Boston

Dear Boston: If you are certain you will never wear it, by all means get the receipt. If you must explain why, tell Grandma the piece is beautiful, but you will never get enough wear out of it. It would be nice

to take Grandma along on the shopping excursion when you exchange it. Not only will this provide some special time for the two of you, it will alleviate any hurt feelings that may exist.

Dear Annie: My husband's brother and his wife live 20 minutes away. When they visit, they stay and stay. My husband must be up quite early for work, and we go to bed by 9 p.m. They know this, but still won't leave, and hinting never works.

My husband is perfectly fine with me kicking them out, but he won't do it. Do you have any other suggestions? — Tired of Being the Bouncer

Dear Bouncer: They are family. Stand up and say, "We're sorry you have to leave, but it's past our bedtime." Escort them to the door, open it, and say goodnight.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "I Want the Real Thing in Arizona," whose sister-in-law was having a mock wedding because the divorce wasn't final. She wanted to know what gift was appropriate. Tell her to give the couple cash, because they are going to need it for bail money and a good lawyer.

Laughing in Alabama

Dear Alabama: If that couple exchanges vows, or has a ceremony performed by an authorized official, the result could be bigamy — and plenty of trouble.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6762)

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7 PM	NFL Preseason	Anything Love	Antiques Roadshow	Movie: Hot Shots!	Yes, Dear Still Standing	NFL Preseason	Fear Factor (CC)	Movie: Mrs. Winterbourne	Rebecca	Blind Date	Movie: Scary	Movie: Scary	Medical Detect	Jim McKay: My Words	Joseph Good	Amer. Justice	Stolen Every	Law & Order	Sister, Sister
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"How do you expect me to win? Stop hitting so many pings, an let me hit more PONGS!"

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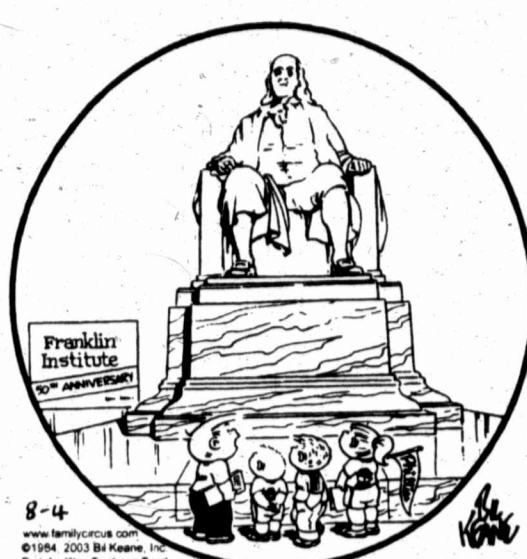
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"We studied about Benjamin Franklin in school. He discovered the kite."

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 4, the 216th day of 2003. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people - including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous account of the Holocaust. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen.

On this date:
In 1735, a jury acquitted John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal of seditious libel.

In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1792, romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was born in Field Place, England.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby

Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, Andrew Borden's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

In 1914, Britain declared war on Germany while the United States proclaimed its neutrality.

In 1916, the United States purchased the Danish Virgin Islands for \$25 million.

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1977, President Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy.

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted to rescind the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

Ten years ago: A federal judge sentenced Los Angeles police officers

Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell to 2 1/2 years in prison for violating Rodney King's civil rights. The Senate approved a \$5.8 billion disaster bill for Midwestern flood victims.

One year ago: A Palestinian suicide bomber blew up a bus in northern Israel during rush hour, killing himself and nine passengers.

Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada won the presidency of Bolivia for a second time.

Birthdays:

Journalist Helen Thomas is 83. Singer Frankie Ford is 63. Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 59. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 48. Track star Mary Decker Slaney is 45.

Answer to previous puzzle

BONANZA	INASPOT
APOGEES	VOLCANO
RETREAT	ANDOVER
TREADLE	NEAREST
ORAL	
AFLOAT	PERTAINS
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RHORIATA	ABSENCE
ADMIRAL	CLAIROL
PEPTALK	KEYLESS

Newsday Crossword WHERE THERE'S SMOKE by L. Weaver

Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 "Be quiet!"

6 Evil plan

12 Like some clear nights

14 Breath-helping apparatus

15 Brittle sweet

16 Cat's noise

17 Use flint, perhaps

19 Gives a hand to

20 Baseball-shoe attachment

21 Cry of discovery

24 Yellow Pages entries

25 Robert E.'s family

26 Pre-owned

27 Become very popular

30 Visitor from another planet

33 Kings of beasts

34 Lead the way

38 Assistant

39 "King of the road"

40 Denver hrs.

43 Society-page word

44 La (opera house)

46 Onrush

48 Bright reddish-orange

50 Boat's parking place

53 Not broadcast

54 Makes fizzy

55 Of sight, smell, etc.

DOWN

1 Flew like an eagle

2 Lodging places

3 Open, as a bottle

4 Bed supports

5 Trail walk

6 Go furtively

7 Routine task

8 Predatory bird

9 Inventor Whitney

10 A Few Good

11 Work unit

12 Coffee/chocolate mix

13 Dishes for pekoe

14 Mischievous

18 Risky business, for short

21 V "volume"

22 Towel word

23 Fruit drink

25 Actress Turner

26 X-Files craft

27-Average grade

28 Hodgepodge

29 Nothing

30 "I cannot tell"

31 Fill with cargo

32 Suffix with custom or final

34 Prohibit

35 London's river

36 Part in a play

37 Calculator with beads

40 Bone filler

41 Takes the helm

42 First President Roosevelt

44 List of candidates

45 Penned up

46 Point of view

47 Self-possession

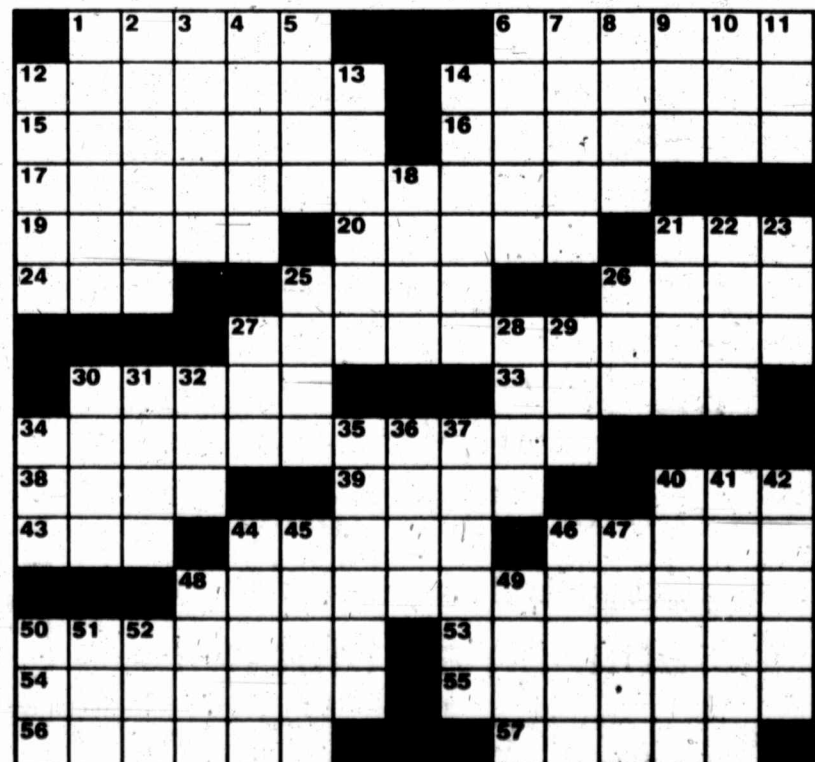
48 Unravel, as a rope

49 Wallet fillers

50 Road guide

51 Poetic preposition

52 Unrefined metal



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