



**OBITUARIES**

**Mollie Viola Ulmer**

Service for Mollie Viola Ulmer, 81, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. today at Gilbreath Funeral Home. Graveside service will be 5 p.m. in the Childress Cemetery.

**FIGHT**

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

**CITY**

The council is currently identifying inmates involved who may be charged with fighting. Possible disciplinary action directed at those responsible for the altercation could include loss of privileges, or transfer to a tighter security prison, he said.

said Fuqua. "If we give \$2,500 back to the league, then at some point we are going to have to come up with it."

The Parks and Recreation Board minutes also were questioned because the board voted to increase fees at Mt. Olive Cemetery at a time when the city is considering selling the property because it is a financial drain.

**THANKS**

The thanksgiving will begin with songs led by Jody Nix, accompanied by local musicians and members of the First Baptist Church Praise Team.

**Church fire that killed three is ruled arson**

FORT WORTH (AP) — A suspicious fire that killed three firefighters last month resulted from arson, investigators have ruled.

**WEEVILS**

The problem with this is that it's a mid-year request for something that's already budgeted.

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Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## HOG, police to join forces in benefit for Special Olympics

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

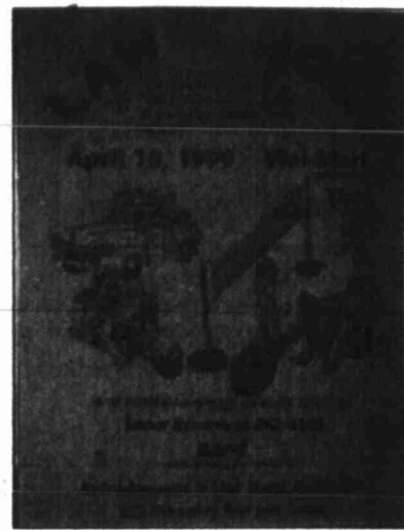
**It's the Law vs. the Hogs.**  
On April 10, Big Spring Police officers and members of the Harley Owners Group will meet on the volleyball court as part of a day-long tournament to benefit Special Olympics. Thirty teams will be allowed to join in the competition, with the showcase match being played between the officers and motorcycle riders. Teams are forming now, and already at least 10 have already signed up.

"If you want to have a team, sign up as soon as you can," said organizer Javier Becerra. For the event, the east parking lot at Wal-Mart will be divided into four volleyball courts and filled with sand. The game will be "jungle" volleyball, which Becerra said means almost no rules.



BECERRA

"You can hit it, kick it, any way you can get it over the net as long as it doesn't touch the ground," he said. A band will perform during the day, and refreshments will be available. Special Olympians will open the event, and T-shirts similar to the poster advertising the tournament will be sold for \$12 each. The tournament joins the Law Enforcement Torch Run in May, also a benefit for Special Olympics. Special Olympics is a program of sports for mentally retarded citizens. They com-



pete in track events and team sports, with help from volunteer coaches from the community. Call Becerra at 267-4560 for more information or to sign up a team.

## Forum will address needs for our future

The Texas Community Futures Forum is an ambitious undertaking of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Over the next few months in every county across Texas, citizens will be identifying, discussing and defining their community's current and future needs.

This process is not new to the Extension Service, as we have conducted long-range program planning with local citizen involvement since 1985, but the process takes on a whole new meaning when we consider that this long range plan will take us into a new century!

What does a healthy community look like? Does it have a strong diverse economy? Access to a wide variety of resources and services? A clean, safe environment for youth and adults.

In addressing the critical concerns of the citizens across Texas, in our communities we know that issues and situations are complex and intertwined.

Healthy cities, livable communities, decent wages, competitive economy, good health, adequate housing, clean water and air, skilled workers, profitable businesses, recreation, strong, competent families are things that don't just happen. We must all work together to achieve these things.

That is why the Texas Community Futures Forum process is so important, involving citizens form right here in Howard County is the first step to creating a positive future.

The Texas Community Futures Forum - Open Forum will be held in Howard County on March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

At the Open Forum we will identify the most critical needs and concerns in Howard County, we will prioritize the issues in terms of importance and the ability to make an impact. With the help of citizens right here in Howard County we will look at the complex issues facing all of us in the coming years.

If you would like to be involved in the Texas Community Futures Forum, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent - Home Economics.



DANA TARTER

## On the horizon, gene therapy is making old hearts young again

BOSTON (AP) — "Genes," ordered the surgeon. Then he injected a syringe of pure DNA and salt water into a man's beating yellow-red heart.

Dr. James Symes stared for a moment into his patient's chest. The incision began just below the left nipple, ran through the lumpy layers of fat and muscle, then between the ribs, finally exposing the heart. The surgeon moved the needle an inch. Again he slid it into the pulsing surface. And again. And again.

Ten minutes later, it was over. All that remained was for the patient to come out of anesthesia, heal up, return home to Monticello, Ark., and wait to see if his heart felt better. On this gray December morning, a 55-year-old logging contractor named Joe Griffith became Patient No. 20 in a groundbreaking medical experiment.

The goal: Give his heart some helpful new genetic material. If it worked as planned, these test-tube genes would prompt the growth of tiny blood vessels in just the right spots, shutting blood around places where the coronary arteries were painfully clogged. Griffith would quite literally grow his own bypass.

Griffith's surgeon at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center had injected his heart with several billion identical copies of the gene. Each carries the manufacturing instructions for a protein known as vascular endothelial growth factor. Ordinarily humans make this stuff only while in the womb, when it triggers the construction of their circulatory system.

On this day, no one could say with certainty what these genes would do for Griffith. Might they, as he hoped, ease his chest pain? Restore his stamina? Just driving into the woods to check on logging crews left Griffith exhausted. Even a little relief would be welcome.

The experience of the previous 19 patients at St. Elizabeth's encouraged him.

There was the very first one in the experiment, a 67-year-old man treated in February 1998. He needed eight nitroglycerin tablets a day for angina that came on with the slightest activity. All of his natural coronary arteries were plugged. So were three of the four new ones stitched in during earlier bypass surgery.

Three weeks after the gene injection, his angina began to ease. Two months after the operation, the pain was gone. He gave up nitroglycerin and took up swimming.

Then there was the second patient, a 69-year-old man who'd get angina after walking 10 yards. Three weeks after the operation, nothing had changed. Then his pain gradually let up. By two months, he was going to the gym and riding an exercise bike for a half hour at a stretch.

Animal tests suggest that the genes become lodged inside heart muscle cells, which then secrete growth hormone for a week or two. This prompts the growth of what doctors call collaterals, tiny blood vessels thicker than a hair but thinner than the skinniest strand of pasta.

"It has surprised a lot of people in the gene therapy field to see that it's possible to achieve these effects with something as simple and nontoxic as naked DNA," says Dr. Jeffrey Isner, who oversees the experiment at St. Elizabeth's.

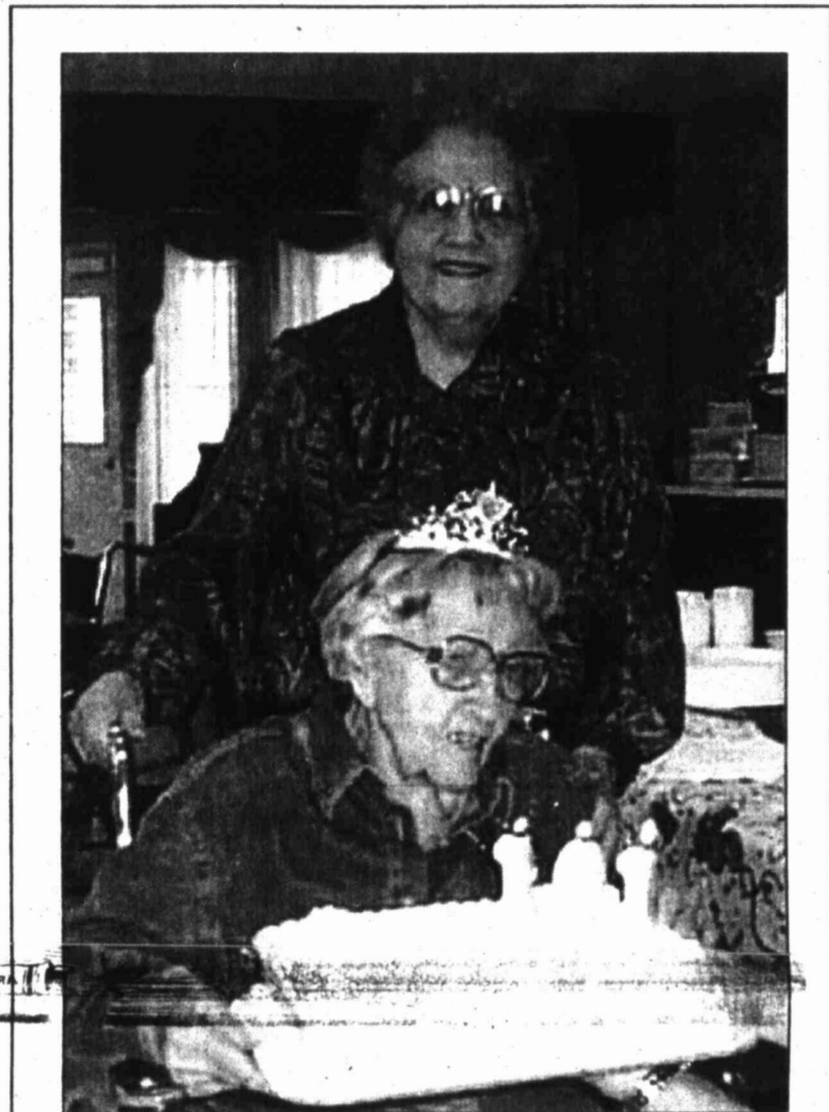
That's not all that surprises them. Perhaps most astonishing is the fact that the infant field of gene therapy has taken this turn at all, that it shows its first clear promise against heart disease, the biggest killer of mankind.

For the last decade, it seems, gene therapy has been perpetually on the horizon, tantalizingly close but never drawing nearer.

Those who championed the approach long predicted it would be used first to cure rare inherited diseases, such as cystic fibrosis. They occur because the body lacks a single critical protein, the result of garbled genes that fail to lay out proper manufacturing instructions.

The idea of gene therapy is to make good copies of the bad genes and insert them into the body. There they will oversee construction of the missing protein, curing the disease. Or so scientists hoped.

They were heartened at first to find they actually could put the new genes into cells and get them to work. But the benefits didn't last. The genes petered out after a few weeks, ending production of the protein that the body needs in steady supply for a lifetime to reverse inherited illnesses.



Vera Jane Lee blows out the candles on her birthday cake at Comanche Trail Nursing Center while her daughter, Marilyn Taylor, looks on. Lee turned 101 on Tuesday. She came to Big Spring 79 years ago from Sterling City, where she was born in 1898.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

## Three-year-old helps save younger sister's life

SEMMES, Ala. (AP) — Three-year-old McKenzie Mooror knows her colors and that's how she knew something was wrong with her 2-year-old sister.

While her father, Frank, smoozed Tuesday night, and her mother, Amanda, was washing the dishes, McKenzie and Taylor were playing in another room.

Then McKenzie arrived on the run and told her mom: "Taylor's not red anymore like my crayon."

"I told her of course she's not red, she's not supposed to be," Mrs. Mooror said. "And then she came back in with her blue one and said she is the color of my blue crayon."

The mother realized something was seriously wrong, ran to Taylor and found that she had stopped breathing. Using CPR she learned in a maternity class, Mrs. Mooror revived the child, who began gasping for air and crying.

Taylor was in good spirits Wednesday at Springhill Memorial Hospital, and gave McKenzie a big hug when she awoke from a nap. Mrs. Mooror said. Doctors planned to conduct tests to determine what caused the problem.

McKenzie's teacher at Moffett Road Baptist Child Development Center crafted her a medal Wednesday that read "McKenzie Mooror, Hero."

## Microdermabrasion: the new acid peel brings a user varied results

DALLAS (AP) — Microdermabrasion is described as more effective than acid peels, yet less traumatic and with a shorter recovery time. Armed with a faceful of dead skin cells (we've all got em, honey) and a fair share of crows feet, yours truly made three separate microdermabrasion dates with varying results.

Renee Rouleau Skin Spa — Ms. Rouleau specializes in skin and body care. She began doing microdermabrasion in January, and she uses a machine called Ultra Peel that's fairly new to the market. The appointment is on a Thursday afternoon. "You can take off your shoes," she suggests.

Back, back I go on the table, where she tucks away my hair and washes my face. "Does this

### Facts and figures of microdermabrasion

PRICE: \$150 to \$200 per treatment, though most clinics offer package deals (purchase five sessions, get one free, for example). Some offer discounts on first-time visits.

GOOD FOR: Pockmarks, shallow indentations, hyperpigmentation, sun damage, aging, overall smoothing.

NOT GOOD FOR: "Icepick scars" or other deep indents, severe wrinkles around the mouth.

PRELIMINARIES: Curtail use of Retin-A a couple days before and after the procedure.

FOLLOW-UP CARE: Avoid contact with the sun as well as toners that contain alcohol. Wear sunscreen and use a water-based cleanser or nondrying gel cleanser.

start with a facial?" I muse hopefully. But no, she goes straight to the machine. She grabs a wand with two hoses: one to spew crystals onto the

skin, the other to suck them back up. She sets it to "2" no biggie, I think, since the highest setting is "8". Starting at the forehead, she

presses the wand back and forth against my skin. Id been told it would feel "like a cat's tongue," but this feels more like a fire-breathing lion. The nose area is tolerable, but when she hits the sensitive skin beneath my eyes, it takes my breath away and makes tears flow. "People like you and me are more sensitive, but some people like the way this feels," she says.

When it's over, she slathers on a cool liquid mask meant to soothe. That night, my skin feels hot and gritty, as if Id spent the day at the beach. I feel drained, and though my eyelids were not abraded, they're mildly swollen.

By Saturday, my skin peels and flakes. Per instructions, I see PEEL, Page 6A

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

Aaron Coleman, formerly of Big Spring, was recently featured in "Boston" Magazine, published by the makers of the Boston Piano. The young pianist began playing at age 5, and by age 6, was playing at Big Spring Care Center, Mountain View Lodge and Comanche Trail Nursing Center. Sometimes he played at all three in one day, his family recalls. He has also played at several local churches, including First Assembly of God, Midway Baptist and College Park Church of God.

Now living in Oklahoma, Aaron still has relatives in the area. His mother Gayla was born in Big Spring and her husband, Reggie, was once the manager of Rip Griffins.

Aaron has been invited to play next week for the governor of Oklahoma. "I always try to play from the heart," says Aaron in the article. "When you play music from the heart, you are giving your performance 100 percent."



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course** will be given Monday and Tuesday, March 15-16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Both sessions must be attended. There are no tests or written exams. One need not be a member of the AARP to take the course.

Upon completion of the eight-hour course, attendees will receive a certificate which will entitle them to a 10 percent discount in automobile insurance premiums, good for three years. One must be 50 years of age or older to attend.

This is a review course designed to sharpen and enhance the driving skills of older drivers. Tuition is \$8 and includes a valuable workbook to keep.

To enroll, call the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628.

### THE LAST WORD

The golden age was never the present age.

*English proverb*

A leader is a dealer in hope.

*Napoleon I*

'Listen,' I told him, 'Don't be so tough so early in the morning. I'm sure you've cut plenty people's throats. I haven't had my coffee yet.'

*Ernest Hemingway, "To Have and Have Not"*

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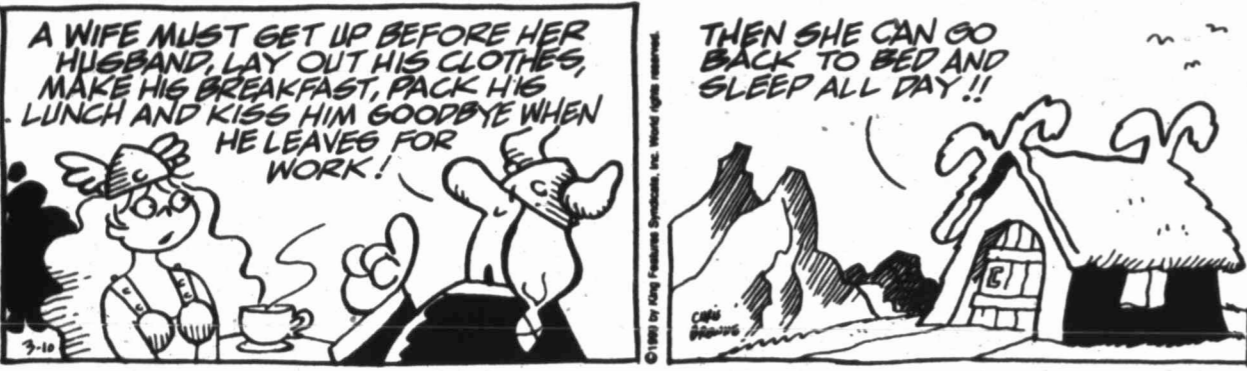


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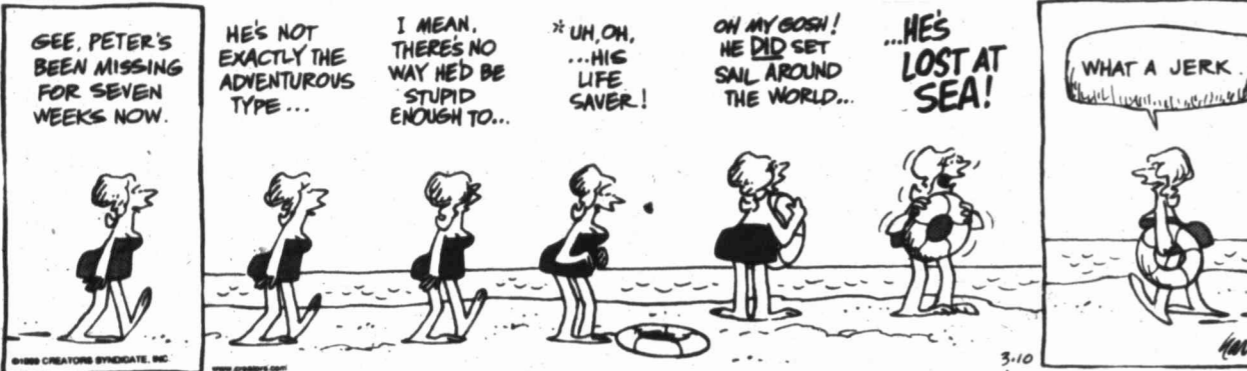
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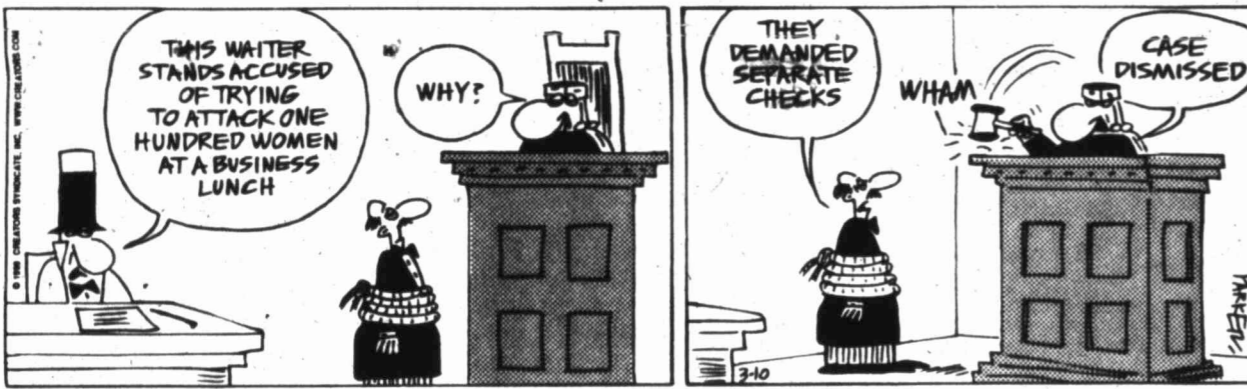
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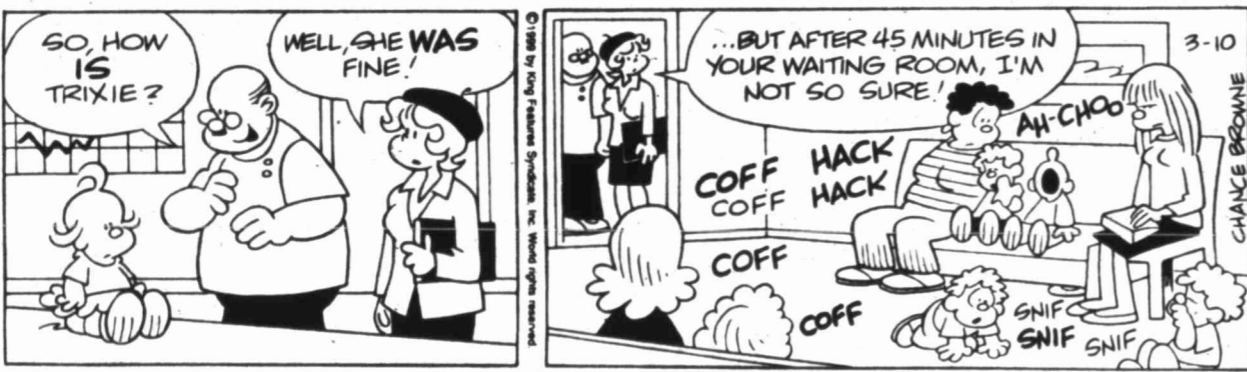
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, March 10, the 69th day of 1999. There

are 296 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 10, 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. She served 12 years in prison.

On this date: In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin. In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico. In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War. In 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved grid with the completed crossword puzzle.

Down clues for the crossword puzzle.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

Vertical sidebar of advertisements including 'FIN', 'PRO', 'AFFORDABLE APPLIANCE', 'BANKRUPT PETITION', 'CARPET', 'CONCRETE', 'BEST PRICE', 'NEED IT DO', 'Do you have a service to place your ad?'.



