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March 17, 1999

Tonight:



TONIGHT 36°-39° THURSDAY 44°-47°

## BSISD trustees convene Thursday

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will convene at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Agenda items include vehicle and athletic equipment bids, amendments and textbook approval. The board will also discuss teacher contract extensions in executive session.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room  
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

□ Scenic Mountain Medical Center community blood drive, first floor classroom. Call 268-4960 for an appointment.

□ The Coahoma Community Blood Drive is from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Church of Christ fellowship building in Coahoma. Everyone is encouraged to "give the gift of life." You can schedule an appointment by calling 394-4277.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge NO. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

### SATURDAY

□ Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, from 1-5 p.m.

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## Business After Hours program resumes Thursday at a later hour

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Business After Hours get-together of the year from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios.

"Business After Hours is primarily a function to get business people together, share

ideas and get to know each other. And hopefully it will give the particular businesses involved a shot of enthusiasm," said Allan Johnson, chamber board member in charge of the program this year.

There is no charge, and the public is invited.

"Everyone is invited. It's not just open to business people,"

said Johnson, who owns Allan's Furniture. "We'd like to see as many people out as can be there."

Refreshments will be available and door prizes awarded.

"There will be lots of goodies, giveaways, drawings for door prizes. The business involved always provides snacks and drinks," Johnson said.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring business cards to exchange with others. The program is informal, and people can come and go as they wish.

Lanelle Witt, chamber vice president for business development, said that Business After Hours was held earlier last year, but has been moved to 5 to 7 p.m. to allow more business

people to attend.

"We had some who said they were having trouble getting there and so we've moved it just a little later to see if that works better," she said.

"If it helps, we'll leave it at that time."

Merle Norman is located at 1801 E. FM 700 in the Big Spring Mall.

## Tip leads to plants, paraphernalia, arrests

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Officers of the Howard County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety arrested seven men and seized 180 marijuana plants along with drug paraphernalia in connection with a Saturday night raid on a North Anderson Road house.

George Young, 57, of HC 61, Box 446, was arrested by four sheriff's deputies and two DPS troopers after Deputy Cliff McCartney received a tip about marijuana possibly being grown at the location.

Young posted bail, totaling \$25,500 in connection with charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession and manufacture of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The six illegal aliens, all Mexican nationals, were picked up by INS officials.

Young could face additional charges following the completion of lab tests on a white substance believed to be cocaine found on some of the drug paraphernalia.

"We got the initial tip about these two plants," McCartney said, holding up two small



Howard County Deputy Sheriff Cliff McCartney displays some of the 180 marijuana plants and drug paraphernalia he and three other sheriff's deputies, along with two DPS troopers, seized from a North Anderson Road resident on Saturday night.

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## Highway upgrade planned through Garden City

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

The entire project will take almost a decade to complete, but the first phase of upgrading all of State Highway 158 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane highway begins Monday evening with a public hearing in the Glasscock County Courthouse.

Citizens are invited to provide input, verbal or written, during a meeting planned for 7 p.m.

Specifically, a portion of the meeting will be dedicated to information related to the first phase of the project — a seven-tenths of a mile upgrade through the heart of Garden City. Planned improvements include two northbound travel lanes and two southbound lanes, parking lanes, storm drains and curb and gutter.

Maps, drawing and other information will be on display during the meeting. The information will show the location of the \$2 million project, as well as

preliminary design concepts. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) personnel and engineer consultants will discuss the project and answer questions.

"It's in conjunction with a larger effort to upgrade 53 miles of Highway 158 from the Glasscock County line to the interchange with U.S. 87," said John DeWitt, TxDOT director of transportation planning and development out of the San Angelo office. "That will be developed into a four-lane divid-

ed facility; that is, two lanes of traffic both directions, separated by a depressed median."

The entire project is estimated to cost \$70 million and take place over an eight- to 10-year period, DeWitt said. But the first part is the upgrade through Garden City, which will go to a general contractor in July of this year.

"Concurrently, we are developing a schematic of how the rest of that 50-something miles

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## Arc of Howard County to help MHMR relocate training center

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Clients of West Texas Centers for MHMR are getting a little help from their friends.

The Arc of Howard County, a group made up of relatives, friends, and others concerned about people with mental retardation, just made a long-term commitment to support education and training locally. The Arc, formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens, will donate \$550 a month of its bingo proceeds to West Texas Centers.

The money will be used to relocate the training center, now at 907 Johnson. There, about 25 local citizens with mental retardation are trained in job skills, social skills and self-help skills every day.

"We are so pleased with the commitment of the local Arc," said Shelley

Smith, CEO of West Texas Centers. "We have outgrown the current location of the training center and hope to find a building that will accommodate the needs of our consumers and our plans to expand the vocational program."

"This relocation has been in our plan for the better part of a year," explained Lisa Brooks, public information officer for West Texas Centers. "That building is too small and too old for our use. It was a matter of pouring more money into it to make it suitable, or looking for something to better suit our needs."

A committee is currently considering options for relocation of the training center.

Kay Wylie, president of Arc, said it's natural for the group to support the training center.

"It's a high priority because so many clients need a place like that; they learn

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Jo Chapman, left, a client of West Texas Centers for MHMR, practices her computer skills with help from training center manager Kathy Yarbrough recently. The training center plans to relocate, thanks in part to help from Howard County Arc, a group committed to making opportunities for those with mental retardation.

## Rain

Cold snap may carry in some needed moisture

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

If you've been comfortable in shirt sleeves recently, get ready for a change.

Forecasters predict a cold snap will hold cooler temperatures in the area for a couple of days, and could even bring some rain.

"A weather system early on Tuesday moved into Southern California, and has been slowly headed our way ever since," explained Ray Fagen, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service in Midland. "We're beginning to see the effects."

This morning's clouds should continue through tonight, when a 20 percent chance of rain is in the forecast. Our southwest winds will be shifting to the north, and holding steady at 15-25 miles per hour.

There is a 30 percent chance of showers Thursday, when the high temperature is predicted at only 45 degrees. North winds should blow at 20-30 miles per hour.

"Our normal high at this time is 72," Fagen noted. "So this is quite a bit below normal. But in March, we do get these cold air blasts."

The area's latest freeze, he noted, is often close to Easter, which will be the first Sunday in April this year.

Plants and pets may need to be protected Thursday night, when the low temperature dips to about 30 degrees.

"It's been so warm, people have probably forgotten about the chance of colder temperatures," Fagen said.

For the next few days, a chance of showers will be "hit and miss," he said. "The further east you are, the more the chance of showers increases."

Friday, a warming trend begins. Temperatures are predicted to reach 57 Friday afternoon, from a morning low of 32. Saturday's low is expected to be 38, reaching 65 for a high, while Sunday's low should be about 41 with a high of 68.

By early next week, afternoon temperatures will be in the 70s again, although another front is expected to make its way through the area.

"Monday, the next system should be heading this way,

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**OBITUARIES**

**Walter L. Reed**

Funeral service for Walter L. Reed, 92, of Levelland, were held Sunday, March 14, 1999, with burial Monday, March 15, in Capitol Memorial Park in Pflugerville.

Mr. Reed died Thursday, March 11 in Covenant Hospital in Levelland.

He was a teacher and administrator in Texas schools for 38 years, serving as principal of Big Spring High School from 1943 until 1951. He moved to Levelland from Big Spring in 1951 and served as principal of Levelland High School for 14 years.

Mr. Reed was a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. He was also a member of Levelland Lodge No. 1236 AF&AM and was the recipient of a 60-year Masonic Lodge pin.

The family suggests memorials to the Walter Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund, South Plains College, 1400 College Ave., Levelland, 79336. Arrangements under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

**Leroy Tyson, Sr.**

Service for Leroy Tyson, Sr., 88, Seagraves, will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 19, 1999, at Head Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. L.D. Henson officiating. Burial will be in the Seagraves Cemetery.

Mr. Tyson died Monday, March 15, at Brownfield Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1910, in Erath County. He married Nell Thomas in 1928, in DeQueen, Ark. She preceded him in death on Nov. 21, 1983.

He moved to the Seagraves-Loop area from Haskell in 1941. Mr. Tyson was a farmer.

Survivors include: three sons, Lee Roy "Tex" Tyson of Sterling City, William Glen Tyson of Lamesa, and V.E. "Cowboy" Tyson of Seagraves; three daughters, Ella Ruth Hutchins of Humble, Fran Kenney of Norman, Okla., and Wanda Bittle of Seagraves; one brother, Henry Othela Tyson of Alexander, La.; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home of Seagraves.

**Martha Jane Easterday**

Service for Martha Jane Easterday, 53, Austin, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, March 16, 1999, in Austin.

**BUST**

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withered plants. "When we got there, we found all of these, although it was evident that other plants had been removed."

McCartney said the illegal aliens were found in the upstairs of the residence, located in Oasis Addition north of FM 700 and between I-20 and

Texas Highway 350. The case will be referred to the 118th District Attorney for presentation to the grand jury.

**TxDOT**

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is going to look," he said. The second portion of Monday's meeting will be presentation of TxDOT's three-year transportation and improvement program. That covers all of the projects in a 15-county area over the next three years.

Citizens who attend the meeting will be able to provide verbal or written comments regarding the project. It is not necessary to attend the meeting to comment, however. Anyone wishing to make a written statement should mail it to Walter G. McCullough, District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, 4502 Kickerbocker Road, San Angelo, TX 76904.

**COLD SNAP**

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bringing our next chance of rain," Fagen said. At Midland International Airport, rainfall totals since Oct. 1 have been half of normal for the last six months, he added.

In March, the National Weather Service has recorded only a trace of rain, and only .33 inches for the year. Locally, our year-to-date rainfall is .28 inches, compared with the normal year-to-date of 1.54.

**MHMR**

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so many skills there," she said. "It's a place for them to go and learn how to live out in the world."

Clients at the training center practice "daily living skills" and learn about safety procedures. They also earn incomes doing assembly or sorting jobs, allowing them to become more independent.

"Our goal is to get them a job at some point in their lives," said Kathy Yarbrough, training center manager. "Everything we do is geared toward teaching them working skills they would need to get out in the community."

The HARC Bingo Hall, run by the Arc, is located at 806 E. Third Street. A portion of its proceeds also goes toward Special Olympics, a program of athletic competitions for those with mental retardation. Wylie also serves as head of the delegation for Special Olympics and has coached its programs for 28 years.

"It's my cause - doing all I can to improve the quality of life and opportunities for people with mental retardation," said Wylie. "I know first hand, as a parent, how important it is to support the efforts of our community MHMR Center, the Arc and Special Olympics. And the cooperation we have here is envied in many parts of the state."

**Man makes St. Patrick's toast to a former hotel**

HOUSTON (AP) — Like the dark stranger who visits Edgar Allen Poe's grave in Baltimore each year, Tom Horan has placed a funeral wreath in a Houston parking lot for the past 11 years.

But today, 50 years after the Shamrock Hotel opened its doors and wove its spell on Houston, Horan is calling it quits.

"I think you need to know when to hold them and know when to fold them," Horan says. "I think it's time."

But not before a proper last party, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Shamrock's opening.

The Texas Medical Center will graciously help Horan host a party in the building that now stands where the Shamrock's Grand Ballroom once stood before oil bubbled out and the wrecking ball came for the hotel in 1987.

"There were so many memories," Horan says.

Oh my, were there.

Not familiar with the Shamrock? Then turn back the clock fifty years and listen. It's St. Patrick's Day, 1949. After spending \$21 million building his 1,100 room hotel, oil wildcatter Glenn McCarthy writes another \$1 million check for the Shamrock's star-studded debut.

Howard Hughes, legend has it, flew in most of Hollywood in for the night. Dorothy Lamour fumed and fussed after the rowdy crowd forced her radio show - which was supposed to broadcast live from the Shamrock's Emerald Room - off the air.

Champagne flowed and camera bulbs flashed beneath the Shamrock's dusty green tiled roof as Stan Laurel, Ginger Rogers, Maureen O'Hara, Lana Turner, Van Heflin and Gene Autry mingled with Texas politicians and oilmen like McCarthy, who later inspired the James Dean character in the movie "Giant," Jett Rink.

Although McCarthy sold the hotel to the Hilton hotel chain in 1955, the Shamrock's allure made it the choice hangout of the wheelers-dealers and Texas mythmakers in the days when you could tell a Sheraton from a Hyatt.

"This is when entrepreneurs were entrepreneurs and not corporate cookie cutters," Horan insists.

Frank Sinatra is said to have slugged a photographer there. Gov. John Connally, the story goes, was behind some pranksters who tried to check in a prize bull into one of the rooms.

Then there was the swimming pool. So big that a motorboat actually pulled water-skiers in it.

**Dog statue will comply with city's leash laws**

NEW YORK (AP) — It's only a bronze statue — a dog that can't run wild, chase cars or bite anyone — but that doesn't make it exempt from the city's leash laws.

In the wake of the city's crackdown on leash law violators, the creator of a life-sized park statue called "Man & His Dog" assured city officials on Tuesday that his work will include a leash.

"I've always intended to have a leash. Because a man wouldn't sit on a park bench with a dog without having a leash on it," artist Jack Dowd said. "The dog wouldn't stay there. He'd probably be off chasing birds."

The statue will be unveiled in Tompkins Square Park next month.

Parks Department officials last month began cracking down on those who let their dogs run free. They have proposed fining repeat violators as much as \$1,000.

**A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN**

Officials became nervous when they saw photographs of Dowd's 400-pound statue depicting a man sitting on a bench beside a leashless dog.

But Dowd said he had left the bronze leash off the statue because he feared vandals would damage it while the work was on display in front of galleries in Florida and Hawaii.

Dowd said he has made adjustments to prevent the leash from being bent or removed.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**WEDNESDAY**

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

**THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
- Alzheimer's support group, noon. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.
- Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.
- Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)
- Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles, 919 919

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

**BRIEFS**

- THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health**, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday Shot Clinic on March 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.
- THE TEXAS AGRICULTURE EXTENSION Service** will sponsor the Texas Community Futures Forum - Open Forum on March 23. This Forum will gather Howard County residents together to identify, discuss and define our community's current and future needs. What issues would you like to see addressed - what do you think your family and your community faces as we move into the year 2000? If you would like to be a part of the Texas Community Futures Forum, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.
- SACRED HEART CHURCH**, 508 N. Aylesford, will be having a Feast of the Annunciation on Thursday, March 25, starting with a 6:30 p.m. Rosary and

**TEXAS LOTTERY**

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

then a 7 p.m. Holy Mass with Father Jeremiah McCarthy. After the mass, there will be a talk and healing service with Alan Ames followed by refreshments.

For more information call Mary R. Paradez at 263-7544 or the parish secretary at 263-7884.

**PICK 3: 7,6,3**  
**CASH 5:16,17,24,29,38**

transported to SMMC. 12:54 p.m. — 1500 block Sycamore, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:07 p.m. — 1200 block E. 16th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:57 p.m. — 500 block W. 17th, medical call, service refused.

**POLICE**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- JUVENILE PROBLEMS** were reported in the 200 block of Northwest Fourth, 1500 block of West Second and 500 block of Birdwell.
- THEFT** was reported in the 3300 block of East 11th Place, 2600 block of Gregg and 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.
- ANDRA WHITEHEAD**, 38, was arrested for local warrants.
- LARA SHIPP**, 33, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
- FLEEING** was reported in the 600 block of Goliah.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of East 12th.
- ROBERT EDWARD BAKER JR.**, 25, was arrested for evading arrest and a Llano County warrant of bondsman up bond for a forgery charge.
- DAVID VILLAREAL**, 34, was arrested for local warrants.
- FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth.
- OVERDOSE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1000 block of North Gregg and the 1200 block of East Sixth.
- DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell.
- SIMPSON MURRELL**, 25, was arrested for no driver's license.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off**, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the community.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

**THE SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM** of Big Spring, makes available power wheelchairs, three wheel electric scooters to Senior Citizens (65 years and up) that need mobility assistance at usually no out of pocket cost for those who qualify.

To schedule a "mobility needs" visit in your home or for more information to see if you qualify, call 1-888-441-1148.

**A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio** is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses paid.

The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Laurie at 264-7446 for more information.

**REUNIONS**

**THE CLASS OF 1949** will be having its 50th class reunion on Oct. 14-16.

The following is a list of missing classmates: John Brinkaefer, Roy Burke, Beverly Campbell, Winona Fincher, Helen Eubanks Harris, Irvin Hurt, Myrl Lou McGuire, Rodman Roberts, Vonia "Scottie" Scott, Jean Seiler, Jo Ann Tanner, and Jean (Waldrop) Womac.

If you have any information of these classmates, please contact Katie Jones Cathey at 263-4611 or Jane Stripling Jones at 263-3078.

**MARKETS**

May cotton 61.70 cents, up 53 points; April crude 14.88, up 42 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 24 cents even; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 65 even; April lean hog futures 40.87, down 5 points; April live cattle futures 66.92, up 17 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

**FIRE/EMS**

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

**TUESDAY**  
8:46 a.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.  
3:07 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient

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**Three**

SPRING, Texas (AP) truck slammed in other cars on Tuesday, killing and injuring three north of Houston.

The fiery accident 9:39 a.m. on Inters eight miles north of the truck, loader fuel and gasoline the northbound flipped over a rolled over at least the southbound two people instantly person died up Hermann Hospital. The victims were Dennis Wayne I Conroe and two

**Senat**

AUSTIN (AP) — watchdog groups against an electric bill they say large industries nothing for average. "No residential Briesemesiter, analyst for Consu said of the measur up by the Senate to "No residential will receive any this bill any great they will get unde law. In fact, the less."

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**Train**

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**Lyons res group, sa**

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Two weeks ago, victed in state cou \$4 million from coming to do business vention. Prosecu used the money to ish lifestyle of homes, jewelry a cars.

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**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
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**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
Martha Jane Easterday, 53, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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# Three dead after tanker truck hits cars

SPRING, Texas (AP) — A fuel truck slammed into at least six other cars and exploded Tuesday, killing three people and injuring three others just north of Houston.

The fiery accident occurred at 9:39 a.m. on Interstate 45, about eight miles north of Houston. The truck, loaded with diesel fuel and gasoline, veered into the northbound guardrail, flipped over a median and rolled over at least two cars in the southbound lane, killing two people instantly. A third person died upon arrival at Hermann Hospital.

The victims were identified as Dennis Wayne Duke, 47, of Conroe and two 17-year-old

Woodlands High School students, Amy Friederichs and Abigail Dewees.

"It just rolled right on top of them," said Ron Hickman, assistant chief deputy in the Precinct 4 Harris County Constable's Office.

The 25-foot truck, leaking gasoline and a small amount of diesel, ignited, and the driver escaped seconds before the front portion of the rig exploded. Three other motorists were transported to Houston Northwest Medical Center. An adult male was in fair condition. Two female juveniles were treated for lacerations and released.

Another witness, Dava Willis

of Conroe, told the Conroe Courier the accident happened just in front of her car.

"There were three vehicles ahead of me that were all involved," Ms. Willis said. "All I saw was big flames and lots of black smoke. I didn't realize what had happened."

The tanker driver was identified as New Caney resident Mark Zweifel, 30, who was who was transporting fuel for U.S. Fleet Services of Horsham, Pa. Authorities said he could be charged.

The 2,500-gallon capacity truck was carrying fuel in four compartments. Two compartments closest to the cab contained gasoline and exploded

along with the cab. The two back compartments, carrying diesel fuel, were relatively undamaged, Hickman said.

The accident site is just north of a stretch of highway undergoing renovations.

"It has been a traditional slowdown area, and that may have been one of the contributing factors," Hickman said.

The north and southbound lanes of the highway remained closed for most of the day.

Michael Brown, executive vice president of Fleet Services, said company officials were at the scene.

"Our thoughts are with the victims and the families," he said.

# DaimlerChrysler unveils car powered by fuel cells

WASHINGTON (AP) — DaimlerChrysler has built a compact car powered by fuel cells that seats five people, goes 280 miles before refueling and travels as fast as 90 mph.

The concept car, called NECAR 4, is the latest demonstration of progress on fuel cell cars as the world's automakers continue their race to bring such cars to market by 2004. Fuel cells convert hydrogen and oxygen into electricity to power a vehicle.

The car was to be formally unveiled today by DaimlerChrysler chairman Robert Eaton and Juergen Schrempf at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center.

"Fuel cells have the potential to be the most attractive alternative propulsion system for the long term," said Schrempf.

But the demise of gas-powered cars is not imminent. NECAR 4 is powered by liquid hydrogen, an impractical fuel for mass marketing since it must be kept at extremely cold temperatures.

DaimlerChrysler officials said the concept car would be replaced with NECAR X, which would run on methanol. Methanol contains hydrogen and is the auto industry's favored fuel to power fuel cells.

Nationwide use of methanol-

powered fuel cells would require a network of methanol pumping stations.

DaimlerChrysler's Ferdinand Panik said NECAR 4 was a major breakthrough because the fuel cell technology was small enough to fit in a compact car. The fuel cells were stacked underneath the car's floorboard and the liquid hydrogen tank took up some space in its small trunk.

But DaimlerChrysler engineers say there is still a lot of work to be done before next year, when they aim to develop a fleet of demonstration cars based on the NECAR X.

For example, the car is 1,100 pounds heavier than an equivalent gas-powered car because of the fuel-cell technology. Engineers say it must be 660 pounds lighter.

The fuel cells are also 10 times too expensive, engineers say. For example, a mass produced fuel cell car would now cost about \$30,000 for the fuel cell hardware alone. Today's engines only cost about \$3,000.

"Now we are looking to make the technology affordable to every consumer," Eaton said.

Other companies — including Ford Motor, General Motors and Honda — also said they hope to market fuel cell vehicles by 2004.

# Senate set to vote on electric deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer watchdog groups are rallying against an electricity deregulation bill they say would benefit large industries while doing nothing for average Texans.

"No residential customers are demanding the bill," Janee Briesemesiter, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said of the measure to be taken up by the Senate today.

"No residential customers will receive any savings from this bill any greater than what they will get under the current law. In fact, they could get less."

If passed by the Senate and

House and signed by the governor, the bill would allow Texans to pick their electricity provider much like they already pick from among long-distance telephone companies.

Bill sponsor Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, called the measure "a fair, far-reaching plan that will benefit all Texans."

"We've been studying this issue for more than five years and have developed a fair plan that is unlike those adopted by other states," he said.

Sibley's measure would create a complicated system for introducing competition into the marketplace while trying to

ensure lower prices and reliable service for customers.

The rates of such investor-owned utilities as Dallas-based TU Electric would be frozen for three years, then lowered by 5 percent starting Jan. 1, 2002.

Senators have submitted more than 50 amendments, ranging from clarifications in language to setting goals for developing alternative energy sources.

Tom Smith, executive director of the consumer group Public Citizen, said lawmakers might be rushing into deregulation without enough information.

"We see no reasons why Texas should dive into unchar-

tered waters at the expense of consumers when we will have better information two or four years down the line," he said.

The investor-owned utilities also have expressed concern about key provisions in the bill that would limit their ability to compete for customers in their former geographic monopolies for up to five years.

"We have some concerns about the bill," said Christopher Schein, spokesman for TU Electric. "We are not ready to fully support it. We'd like our areas of concern addressed and that's what the legislative process is for."

# Train crash investigators focus on why truck was in crossing

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) — It is a railroad crossing that is supposed to be as safe as any in the country, one with modern crossing gates and flashing lights and three decades of relative peace.

Authorities insist those gates were down and the signal lights were flashing red when an Amtrak train slammed into a semitrailer loaded with steel Monday night in the nation's deadliest railroad accident since 1993.

At least 13 people were killed and more than 100 injured.

Federal investigators were hoping the engineer and the truck driver will be able to explain why the truck was straddling the tracks.

*"We will pursue this with vigor to determine if this is a signal problem or if in fact we have a driver problem."*

—John Goglia, National Transportation Safety Board

"There have been reports that possibly this truck went around the gates and we are trying to determine if that's what happened," John Goglia of the National Transportation Safety Board said late Tuesday. He told the "Today" show this morning that investigators were checking tire tracks that went around the gates to see if they matched the truck.

"We will pursue this with

vigor to determine if this is a signal problem or if in fact we have a driver problem," Goglia said.

There were 217 people on board the City of New Orleans when it crashed Monday night at a rural crossing 50 miles south of Chicago. At least three people were still missing and feared dead in the scorched and twisted wreckage.

Truck driver John Stokes, 58,

told investigators that he didn't see the train approach and that the warning lights started flashing after he started across the tracks near a Birmingham Steel Co. mill.

Stokes was driving on a probationary license after receiving three speeding tickets in a year, authorities said.

Amtrak's chairman, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, said Stokes was trying to dodge the crossing gates, thinking the oncoming train was a slow-moving freight train instead of a faster passenger train.

"The engineer said he saw the lights flashing, he saw the barriers down and then he saw the truck stop and try to get around it," Thompson said. "There was

no way to avoid it."

Both Stokes and the engineer were questioned Tuesday, but investigators said the engineer was taking medication as a result of the crash and had trouble answering questions.

Goglia said that a breath test of the truck driver showed no sign of alcohol, but that investigators were still waiting on blood and urine tests.

The two-locomotive train pulling 14 cars smashed into the truck and then into two rail cars on a siding. The cars jackknifed and piled up behind the locomotives, over a quarter-mile, with leaking diesel fuel erupting in flames.

Those killed were in a double-decker sleeping car. Authorities

said a locomotive ripped into the car, crushing some passengers and setting the car ablaze.

Goglia, who is in charge of the NTSB investigation, said the black box in the lead locomotive showed the train was moving at 79 mph — the legal maximum — just before the crash. He also said the engineer was blowing his whistle and trying to stop the train.

Near the Bourbonnais crash site, two gates block the narrow two-lane road, which provides access to the nearby mill. The gates and lights at the crossing appear to have been functioning at the time of the crash, said David Farrell, a spokesman for the Illinois Commerce Commission.

# Lyons resigns as head of Baptist group, saying 'I'm just so sorry'

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — In four years, the Rev. Henry Lyons has gone from the pinnacle of one of the nation's largest black denominations to the disgrace of a convicted felon.

Now, in the aftermath of his tearful resignation as president of the influential National Baptist Convention USA, Lyons heads into federal court to answer yet more charges.

Two weeks ago, he was convicted in state court of bilking \$4 million from companies seeking to do business with the convention. Prosecutors said he used the money to support a lavish lifestyle of high-styled homes, jewelry and expensive cars.

Lyons, 57, faces three to seven years in prison under state guidelines for his racketeering and grand theft convictions. He is due to be sentenced March 31.

He next must answer 54 federal counts of money laundering, fraud and tax evasion. Lyons was expected to plead guilty to some charges today in exchange for the dismissal of other counts.

Lyons, who was elected president of the National Baptist Convention in 1994, resigned Tuesday during an emergency session of the convention board at his Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church in St. Petersburg.

"I felt I had to resign. I should

resign. I did resign," Lyons told reporters outside the church after the three-hour meeting.

He tearfully apologized, saying, "I'm just so sorry about all of this. I'm truly repentant about it. I hate that I hurt so many people."

It marked the first time in the convention's 100-plus year history that a president resigned. "We're not embarrassed," the Rev. E.V. Hill of Los Angeles said, comforting Lyons. "We forgave any error you made."

Lyons, his wife Deborah at his side, vowed prison would not end his mission to preach. "I'll be back. I'll come back strong," he said.

When Lyons stepped down Tuesday he was surrounded by supportive ministers who gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence and twice tried to talk him out of quitting.

The Rev. S.C. Cureton of Mauldin, S.C., the convention's vice president at-large, assumed the post of president and urged all convention members nationwide to "join hearts and hands and press forward."

Lyons' troubles began in July 1997 when his wife set fire to a \$700,000 waterfront home he owned with another woman, Bernice Edwards of Milwaukee. She was a co-defendant at Lyons' trial and was acquitted of racketeering charges. She still faces federal trial.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### 'After Hours' an opportunity for merchants to mix

As businessmen and businesswomen, we sometimes get so caught up in running our own operations that we don't take time to see what others are doing. We don't always take time to exchange ideas or techniques. It's a rapidly changing world out there and sometimes we are so busy trying to keep up with the most recent technology, the latest lines of merchandise or just balancing revenues against expenses, that we forget the most vital ingredient in a successful business that there is — communication.

From communication, we learn what other businesses are doing and what customers really want. All of the surveys and studies in the world won't do us a bit of good if we don't have what shoppers in West Texas need.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has a program designed to do just that — allow merchants to get to know each other, to share ideas about products, customers, techniques. It's a chance to exchange thoughts on the real pulse of the community.

The program is called Business After Hours and the first one for 1999 will be held at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring Mall.

It's an informal, social time — a "get to know each other" time — because after all, we're all catering to the same public. It's important for each of us to know one another, to know each other's business, if you will. To stay informed on the products and merchandise available in our community. Working together in that common goal — Shop Big Spring. It benefits us all.

Business After Hours is open to the public. The businesses involved would love potential customers to come in and see what they offer, have some refreshments and earn a chance at a door prize.

We invite you to take advantage of this unique and valuable chamber of commerce program, whether you are in business yourself, or just interested in finding out more about Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios. We hope to see you there.

## OTHER VIEWS

When rules are created to limit campaign contributions and attempts to buy political influence, contributors find a way around them.

A recent report by the Los Angeles Times detailed the latest disgusting technique to get around contribution limits in federal campaigns.

The newspaper found that children as young as 18 months have contributed to congressional candidates.

One 7-year-old gave \$1,000 to a candidate, and the newspaper discovered a 9-year-old who gave \$1,000 contributions to three candidates.

The nation's youths are not giving up their Nintendo games and cartoons to devote their attention to politics.

Instead, their parents are contributing in the children's names to get around the \$1,000-contribution limits imposed on federal races.

limit for political contributors, but contributors should be in control of their own money. Parents are banned from funneling money to their children for political contributions.

The Times found four instances in which the Federal Election Commission has made cases involving contributions by minors.

But the gimmick, known as family bundling, is apparently happening with alarming frequency because "student" contributions are increasing.

The FEC should devote more resources to examining contributions from "students."

And despite the never-ending search for loopholes and methods to circumvent the rules, campaign-finance laws serve a purpose by slowing the flood of money directed at candidates by people seeking to influence federal law for their personal gain.

Federal law doesn't set an age limit for political contributors, but contributors should be in control of their own money. Parents are banned from funneling money to their children for political contributions.

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## Proposed banking regulation reeks of Big Brother

Remember reading George Orwell's "Animal Farm" and "1984" and thinking that something like that could never happen in the United States?

Well, get ready, because the Federal Reserve and FDIC have proposed a "Know Your Customer" regulation which will require banks to create a dossier, or "profile" of both their new and existing customers.

Now, we all know that for years we have been asked for proper identification when we've gone into a financial institution to open an account. There's nothing strange about that and, in fact, it protects us all when our banks, savings and loans (if any are left) and credit unions make sure we're

who we say we are.

And while many banks already have written policies in regards to knowing their customers, the new requirement would take the majority of them far beyond what most of us would consider normal and customary — especially in the area of profiling and monitoring all customer transactions and looking for those that are suspicious.

The required profile system is intended to determine each customer's "normal and expected" transactions, including the types of instruments routinely used and the usual amounts of money deposited or withdrawn.

In addition, each bank will be required to conduct a risk assessment of both its new and existing individual and business customers by categorizing and further classifying them according to risk criteria.

The criteria are to be established by a bank in accordance with its determination of which categories and classes of customers it deems will pose the most likely threat to conduct a "suspicious transaction" — or, in other words, one that may violate a federal law or

regulation.

Then, after using the "profile" data, each bank must create a system to monitor customer's transactions in order to detect ones that either do not fit a particular customer's "profile" or are not consistent with other individuals or businesses in similar categories and classes.

When a bank detects a transaction that is unusual in relation to a particular customer's profile, category or class, the bank must engage procedures that are required under a separate banking regulation, which deals with the requirement for reporting "suspicious transactions."

The proposed regulation requires the bank to conduct due diligence investigations of customers' unusual transactions and possibly report them as "suspicious transactions" to the federal government.

This, in turn, may cause the customers to become subject to federal criminal investigations for having violated, innocently or intentionally, federal laws or regulations.

Reeking with a "Big Brother" stench, this is one of "it could

never happen here" regulations that overzealous and all-powerful federal agencies try to push through to extend their reach and power.

In addition to being an infringement by the government upon the private lives of every American citizen, this regulation would be an invasion of the inherent right of American citizens to privacy, including those regarding their financial matters.

It is also a civil liberties issue that should be debated and decided by Congress — with plenty of input from we citizen taxpayers — and not by a few holier-than-thou bureaucrats in the banking regulatory agencies.

Yes, there is a need in this country to prevent money laundering or other illegal activities by those who would profit from ill-gotten gains ... but not at the expense of our basic liberties that have been fought for and defended so many times over the years.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. For more information on this subject, visit [www.banksecurity.com](http://www.banksecurity.com))

JOHN H. WALKER



## Cooper's man about town

Miller's Pharmacy in Cooper, Texas is a landmark. The store is famous for its malted milk shakes. Everything is made from scratch, including the ice cream.

The store is like the community center in Cooper. Everybody in town goes there to see and be seen and catch up on the latest news. The sidewalk by the side of the drug store is Cooper's walk of fame. There are names of Cooper's characters carved in concrete. It is a select group. Manton Miller, who ran Miller Pharmacy for years, and his son Marion were the instigators of the walk.

"We had just got back from California and saw that walk out there with all the Hollywood stars' names in it," says Manton. They chose only town characters who had animal nicknames. Hoss Chestnut,

Bull Bettis. Goat Smith. Rabbit Foster. Foxy Roan. Wolf Lowery. Mule Clark. Bear Raney. Hoot Owl Hatcher. Duck Stevens. Pig Choate. Moose Horchem.

Manton has turned the pharmacy over to his son and is having a ball in retirement. He owns a 1963 Mercury Comet convertible that leads every parade in Cooper. Usually the queen of the event is sitting on the back of Manton's convertible.

Manton has always liked wheels. When he was about three years old he was asking his father for a tricycle. "You don't need a tricycle. Go out there and get on that horse," his father told him.

Manton had a bicycle when he was a boy, then graduated to a motorcycle. "In 1926 there were four of us that had motorcycles in town," he says. "We formed sort of a club and at night we'd head out for Paris or Commerce."

Manton used to ride his motorcycle standing up. "They had big saddle seats back then. And the throttle, when you gave it the gas and took your hand off of it, it stayed the same and kept the speed up. I'd put my feet on that seat and

come right on up. I could throw my weight to the right or left and the motorcycle would go in the direction I leaned. I used to weave back and forth going down the highway at 30 miles an hour. Or I could keep it straight. I rode a motorcycle many a mile standing up."

He and another motorcycle rider used to ride side by side while one of their friends stood on their shoulders to form a pyramid.

Manton couldn't afford whitewall tires for his motorcycle, so he painted four big dots on the wheels to look like he had whitewalls when his motorcycle was in motion.

"One time we had a church bench about ten feet long and we balanced it on the back of my motorcycle. Four guys sat on that bench and I drove around the square with that bench and those guys sitting on it. People all stood around and laughed when they saw that."

They used to block off the intersections around Cooper's main street and roar through downtown going as fast as the motorcycle would go.

"Why did we do all that stuff? Just to be doing it, I reckon."

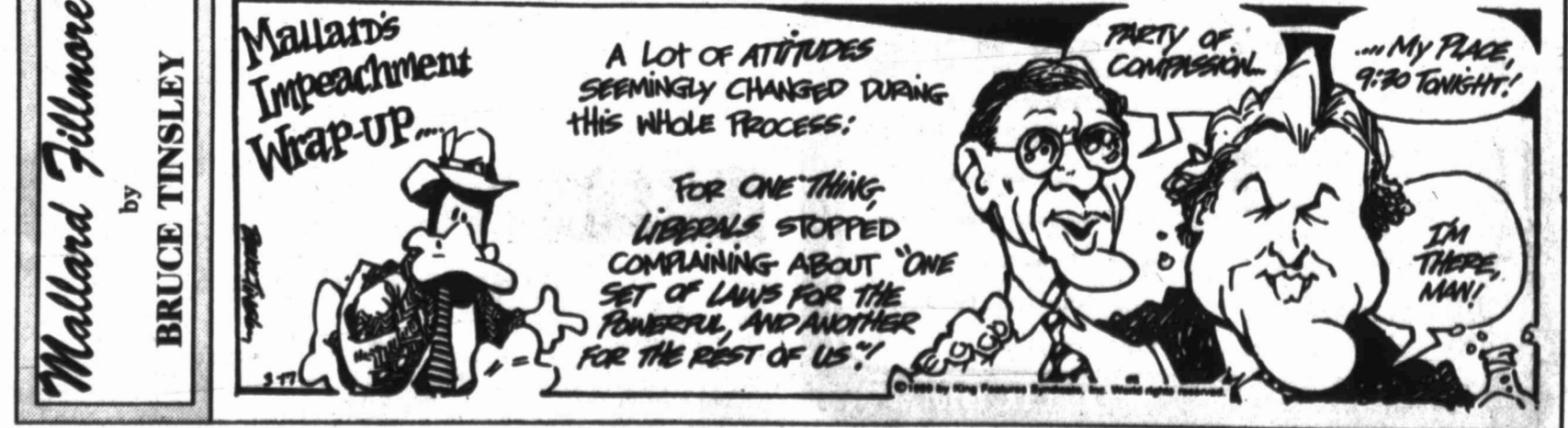


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## From cosmetics executive to civic volunteer

By GINA GARZA  
Features Assistant

Kim Howell has no trouble keeping herself busy. "I used to work about 80 hours a week as an account executive for Estee Lauder, so I'm used to being busy. I need to keep busy so I don't get bored," she said.

Howell is from Fort Worth and met her husband, Gary Howell, there. "He (Gary) finally asked me to marry him, so we moved to Big Spring. I had to move to be with my sweetie. I've been living here for about two years," she said.

"Being an account executive, it caused me to move around a lot. I used to drive back and forth between Abilene and Midland and Odessa, so I drove through Big Spring. I only saw Big Spring from the Interstate view," said Howell.

Howell said Big Spring is a great town for many reasons.

"The people are great here; they (people) really care about each other and do what they can to help others in any way possible. That's the difference between a community and a place to live," said Howell.

"I also enjoy being here because of Gary's family. I grew up in Denver just me and my mom, so I love having an extended family," she said.

Because of this, she moved her mother here from California.

Howell joined Leadership Big Spring when she first moved here, as a way to meet people.

She soon became involved in the Hangar 25 restoration project by accident.

"I used to stop by the Karat Patch on occasion and talk to the Phinneys," she explained. "One day, I was asking them what I could do around town to be involved and Gloria McDonald walked in. The Phinneys told them what I was looking for so Gloria asked me if I wanted to help with the bake sale in the mall that Saturday to help raise money for Hangar 25. Ever since then, I've been hooked."



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
**Kim Howell, a recent transplant from Fort Worth, has become a busy volunteer with several local groups and organizations. Here she is shown announcing for the senior citizens line dancing competition.**

According to Howell, believing in something almost always makes it a worthwhile project.

"Seeing people born and raised in Big Spring really involved in this project (the Hangar), was very inspiring to me," she said. "What this group has done is not for anyone's personal glory, but to honor those who served our country and to benefit Big Spring."

Howell is also involved in other activities in the community.

"I volunteered myself and my mom to help with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program by distributing gifts to people. I then was volunteered by my mom to help in the Salvation Doll auction as a judge," she said.

She is also on the United Way board for the next three years and part of Relay for Life.

"My husband and I got to talking about the Relay, and seeing the first one ever in my life, just blew me away with the community involvement, we decided to do something to help. We organized a golf tournament to raise money because we knew it would get others involved who normally wouldn't get involved," she said.

There is one thing Howell does that is most inspiring — working with Young Life.

"I volunteer with Young Life because we work one on one with young people. We go to the high school during lunch, we meet them after school and try to be involved in their lives," she said.

She also said kids have so many negative things that they need someone to be involved.

"It's great to see how God's changed them and working for God is a humbling and awesome experience."

Howell doesn't just get involved with the youth, she also gets involved in with the senior citizens.

"I was volunteered by Frank Long, my neighbor, to emcee for the Senior Citizens Line Dancing event. I really enjoyed it," she said.

The future for Howell looks very bright as well. She plans to have a family some day and to continue being involved in the community.

"I believe God has a plan for me and I will wait and see what He brings my way," she said.

## 'Today' will return

Company to bring  
contraceptive sponge  
back onto market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Today Sponge, the most popular over-the-counter contraceptive for women before it was pulled off the market in 1995, is headed back to U.S. drugstores.

A newly founded New Jersey company, Allendale Pharmaceuticals Inc., told The Associated Press on Wednesday it has bought the Today Sponge from its previous manufacturer and hopes to begin selling it again by fall.

"There's still a great need for the sponge," said Allendale chief executive Gene Detroyer.

He plans to formally announce the Today Sponge's return at a contraceptive meeting in San Francisco this weekend.

It was good news for family planning groups.

"We're pleased and excited that it's coming back," said Susan Tew of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, which says there aren't enough contraceptive choices for American women.

"Women need different methods at different points in life. ... Certainly it's not for everyone," Tew cautioned. "But those contraceptive sponge users loved that method" before Today disappeared in 1995.

The Food and Drug Administration said there was never any problem with the Today Sponge's safety, a position the agency reiterated on Wednesday.

Instead, then-manufacturer Whitehall-Robins Healthcare decided it would cost too much to upgrade the old manufacturing plant where it made the sponge to meet stringent government safety rules. FDA inspectors were concerned about high bacteria rates they discovered in air and water at the factory.

Despite outcry by women's groups, the company quit making the sponge rather than upgrade the factory to solve the bacteria problem.

No contraceptive sponge has been sold in the United States since. Women in France, Canada and a few other countries can buy competing sponges made abroad.

Because the FDA never revoked the Today Sponge's approval, getting it back on the market should be a quick process, said Allendale co-founder Robert Staab.

American Home Products, parent company of Whitehall-Robins, confirmed Wednesday that it is notifying the FDA of the change in ownership.

Allendale then must have its own sponge factory, outside Philadelphia, inspected for safety in order for the FDA to allow sales to resume. Staab said the factory already manufactures medicines for large U.S. drug companies in compliance with FDA rules, so he expects no problems with approval.

Some 116,000 American women were using Today in 1995. Today did not require a doctor's visit. The only other woman-controlled nonprescription choices are spermicidal foams or suppositories and the female condom.

## Parent/youth retreat Learning to spend time together

Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Howard County Family Health and Wellness Committee will sponsor a one-day parent/youth retreat Saturday, April 10.

It will focus on one parent and one child together, and children attending should be 9-11 years old.

The workshop will be held in the community room of the Howard County Library located at 500 Main Street, beginning at 10 a.m. The cost is \$12 per parent-child team and that will cover supplies and lunch.

Several workshop sessions will be conducted throughout the day and will focus on learning to communicate and doing things together. Workshops will include: "Communicating - It's important" with games and activities to enhance communication skills; Sonya Metcalf with West Texas Centers for

MHMR will present "Getting Back to the Basics" focusing on teaching family values and understanding different personalities; Junior Moreno with Permian Basin Project Headstart will lead a workshop on developing a "Family Coat of Arms;" and Karen McIntyre, Children's Librarian at the Howard County Library will present "Reading Together."

She will introduce participants to books that families can read together and discuss the importance of families reading together.



DANA TARTER

At the close of the workshop parent/child teams will discuss and set goals that they would like to accomplish over the next few months.

If you would like to find out more about the Parent/Youth Retreat to be held on April 10, contact the County Extension office at 264-2236. Preregistration information is available at the County Extension office.

You may also register by mail: send your name, address and phone number along with the \$12 registration fee to the Howard County Extension office; P.O. Box 790; Big Spring; 79721. Checks should be made payable to EPC Program Development Fund. Registration deadline is April 7.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent - Home Economics.

## Mother with AIDS reaches out to educate others

ORANGE (AP) — Traci Chance doesn't appear sick at first glance.

The 35-year-old mother of four from Jasper boldly steps out of her car and rights herself, using pointed concentration to ignore the jolts of pain that shoot through her body. Her movements are slow, yet calculated and graceful.

The effects of HIV are not revealed until closer examination, particularly of her face. The flesh sags, revealing sharp cheekbones. Years of battling the disease and steady consumption of a variety of anti-viral drugs show in her tired expressions.

Mrs. Chance's eyes probably tell the truest story. Though bright blue, wide and lively, they also express the devastating blow dealt by HIV. When asked to describe her daily routine, Mrs. Chance rolls her eyes upward and closes the lids. She sighs in a moment of contemplation before slowly opening them back up.

"Some mornings are real hard," she says. "I only manage a few hours of sleep, and the arthritis is very sore. I'm so tolerant to drugs now that painkillers barely faze me."

Mrs. Chance has been taking a variety of drugs since being diagnosed as HIV positive in 1995, including AZT, 3TC and DDI. The psych drugs, which doctors prescribed to help her fight depression, caused a thyroid tumor, and she has had ongoing bouts with kidney stones and gall stones. She shudders at the mention of medication, even though it represents one of her strongest links to life.

Faced with a disease which could ultimately claim her life, Mrs. Chance acknowledges the most difficult ordeal

was breaking the news to her four children, Rusty, Oliver, Dustin and Daniel.

"I've always been real honest with my kids," she said. "I couldn't keep it from them. It was hard on them, and they still have trouble with it at times. When I get sick they get pretty bad."

Mrs. Chance found out she had been exposed sometime between 1990 and 1993 after receiving a phone call in July 1995 from her ex-boyfriend's son. The boy told her that his father had AIDS, and that she should get tested as soon as possible. Mrs. Chance, who was remarried and living a happy life in Jasper, said she felt crushed.

"I was scared to tell my husband (Dan). I thought we were both going to die and leave my kids all alone. I also thought he might leave me," she recalls.

Mrs. Chance told her husband anyway, and the two of them got tested right away. The results came in two weeks later; she was positive, he was negative.

Her worst fears of being left alone to deal with the disease were never realized. Four years after that horrible day, he remains at her side.

"I don't know how Dan avoided contraction. The Lord works in many different ways. He (Dan) is as solid as they come," she said.

Despite the unfortunate twist in fate, Mrs. Chance continues to lead an active life. She performs limited duties around the family farm, although a fragile immune system keeps her from hands-on gardening, which used to be a favorite hobby.

Her main purpose in life is

## No link between dietary fat and breast cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — In a surprising shift from popular medical theory, researchers reported today that they found no evidence that a high-fat diet promotes breast cancer — or that low-fat foods protect against the disease.

Researchers and other experts quickly noted that a low-fat diet is still good for the heart, and heart disease kills far more Americans — women and men — than any cancer.

"We should just accept that good scientists can't tell you yet what to eat to minimize your breast-cancer risk," said Dr. John Glaspy of the University of California at Los Angeles, who was not involved

in the research.

Doctors have theorized that eating lots of fat increases breast-cancer risk. They have based their thinking on animal studies, international comparisons and studies of women who developed breast cancer and women who didn't.

Some experts have suggested that the key is the type of fat consumed, not the amount; that fish oil offers some protection from breast cancer; or that contaminants stored in fat trigger breast cancer.

The new study, published in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, tracked 88,795 women in the continuing Nurses' Health

Study. The women, ages 30 to 55, completed detailed questionnaires about their eating habits every four years from 1980 to 1994.

Researchers compared the diets of the women without breast cancer and the 2,956 women whose breast cancer was discovered during the study.

Breast cancer was found to be no more common among women who ate lots of fat, or among those who ate a large proportion of animal fat, polyunsaturated fat (vegetable fat) or trans-unsaturated fat (partially hydrogenated oils).

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students who have either graduated from high school in an area county or maintained a residence for the last five years in one of the area counties covered by the scholarships. They include Howard, Glasscock, Borden, Martin and Mitchell.

Scholarship awards, generally between \$250-1,500 per semester, are available to students in any academic pursuit. Recipients must attend one of the following colleges and universities: Angelo State University, Howard College, Midland College, Odessa College, Sul Ross University, Texas Tech University, University of Texas of the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

Applicants may request an application or more information from any of the above colleges or universities. Return the application by May 12. Call (915) 682-4704 for more information.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**THE BIG SPRING EVENING** Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group will offer the eyeglasses the third Saturday of March and April. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

### THE LAST WORD

He who is being carried does not realize how far the town is.  
**Nigerian proverb**

It is sweet to let the mind bend on occasion.  
**Horace**

A good reputation is more valuable than money.  
**Publius Syrus**

## Late bloomer

### Professor overcame 'cultural retardation'

MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — Robert Allen reads Homer's "Iliad" for fun before flipping on a rerun of "The Beverly Hillbillies" and tackling a stack of freshman English papers.

Twenty years ago, he lived in a shack in rural West Tennessee and upholstered couches and chairs for a living. His front teeth were missing, and his clothes were tattered. Townsfolk assumed he was retarded.

Today, at 50, he has a Ph.D. and teaches English literature at the University of Tennessee-Martin. He is a published author and an aspiring playwright. "It has been an interesting journey," he muses.

Though Allen prefers an unassuming life, he is an unmistakable presence on campus, with unkempt red hair, lilting voice, affinity for bad puns and passion for classical literature.

Phillip Miller, who heads the English department, calls him a "free-spirited teacher who came from a background of cultural retardation."

"He's kind of a strange, weird guy, but I say that in a positive way."

Raised by elderly relatives who kept him out of school, Allen had only books for playmates. He devoured most every volume at the library in nearby Huntingdon.

In his late 20s, Allen had

never ridden a bike or gone to a movie. His only social interaction came at yard sales, where he rifled through boxes of still more books.

At 30, his upholstery business hit by recession, Allen took a high school equivalency test with aspirations of a steadier job. He scored so well that he decided to "give education a fling." He aced the entrance exam at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn., and skipped freshman year.

Convinced that his classmates were smarter, Allen was surprised when many dropped out with bad grades. He recalls launching a conversation on the theology of John Milton, author of "Paradise Lost." "Milton who?" the other sophomore responded.

"I just assumed everyone else had read the book, too," Allen recalls.

Professors called Allen a genius. When he graduated summa cum laude, the faculty bought him his first suit and paid to replace his front teeth.

Allen pursued graduate work at Vanderbilt. His first question upon arriving on the Nashville campus: "Where's the library?"

Eight years after earning his doctorate, Allen is still reading — magazines, comics, anything he can get his hands on. But mostly the classics.

A floor-to-ceiling bookshelf in his cramped university office

is lined with the works of Homer, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Joyce, Yeats, Sophocles and other literary heroes.

In the shadow of their titanic writings, Allen yanks at his suspenders and fields questions.

Your ambitions? "At the moment, lunch."

After that? "Supper."

Friends and colleagues typically mention this humor first. "A very playful mind," says Neil Graves, a professor with an office nearby.

Allen calls himself "a bit of a wiseacre" and is quick to turn into Groucho Marx, complete with imaginary cigar, to tell a favorite joke. Though he's told it hundreds of times, he still laughs.

Allen landed a job teaching freshman English at Bethel in 1989 and quickly moved on to an adjunct position at Murray State University in Kentucky. He took his current post in 1996.

He's steadier, and entertaining, now. "I'm still Robert Allen, the shy introvert who sits around and reads books all the time. But before I go into the classroom, I turn on the act."

He fascinated sophomore Cameshia Lofton. "When he read a speech from a book we were studying, he made you feel like you were there," she says. "I like him."

## How to end TV's rerun madness

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Check the television listings and there it is, branding program after program: (R).

That means Rerun. Repeat. Really annoying.

And it's standard in the post-February "sweeps" slump, when network shows are recovering from the ordeal of airing a month of new episodes to inflate ratings.

We feasted, so now comes the famine. But here is a modest proposal: Maybe it doesn't have to be this way. Maybe there are other, more viewer-friendly options than subjecting us to a barren TV spring.

Economic restraint is the answer, suggests industry veteran Fred Silverman, former network executive and now producer ("Diagnosis Murder"). And, we might add, a touch of imagination.

First, the numbers. The 39-episode series, extending throughout the official September-to-May TV season and allowing for a tolerable 13 weeks of summer reruns, is a thing of the past.

Network greed prompted the initial decisions to cut episode orders back a bit, said Silverman. But the paring continued as network costs for an hourlong show rose to the current level of about \$1.2 million per episode.

Series now average about 22 episodes, with more than half of those concentrated in the three key sweeps months. That's akin to an Ally McBeal-sized miniskirt that offers bare-

ly enough fabric to provide decent coverage.

In the increasingly competitive TV environment this does not represent the kind of customer service that encourages viewers to choose broadcast over cable.

Is it feasible to produce more episodes per season? Silverman thinks so.

"Ultimately, what everybody has got to do is find a way to do shows less expensively and to do more of them. That is the solution to the problem," he said.

Cutting back costs on half-hour comedies is one sensible place to start: Big, highly paid writing staffs eat up much of their budget, but "Does all that money really translate on the screen?" Silverman said.

Another drain, he says, is shooting sitcoms in front of an audience and keeping a five-day schedule with room for script revisions — too much

room, he contends.

What makes business sense, he said, is giving viewers something they can rely on for 35 to 40 weeks of the year.

It might be tough, however, to squeeze more episodes out of stars who already complain of 12-hour-plus workdays (leaving barely enough time for a feature film). And producers say keeping quality high means fewer episodes.

So what to do? How about something creative?

Maybe something like the three-in-one series wheel that worked 28 years ago. The "NBC Mystery Movie" rotated episodes of "Columbo," "McMillan and Wife" and "McCloud" and was popular enough to last from 1971-78.

The idea was a hit as well with Weaver, who played McCloud, a New Mexico lawyer transplanted to New York City.

## CANCER

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such as those used in margarine and to cook doughnuts

and french fries).  
Nor was breast cancer any less common in women who got

a high proportion of their fats from fish oil or who got less than 20 percent of their total calories from fat.

lower in traditional Asian cultures, where diets are generally low in fat.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Breast cancer claims lives

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women in Texas. It claimed the lives of 2,396 Texas women in 1996.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) recommends the following guidelines for breast cancer screening of women without symptoms:

1. Clinical Breast Exam by a health care professional every 3 years for women aged 20 to 39, and annually for women age 40 and over.
2. Breast Self-Exam monthly for all women age 20 or over.
3. A mammogram every year for all women age 40 or over (screening may begin earlier if clinically indicated).

For more information call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Cancer Reporting News, Texas 1996 Cancer Mortality Statistics, American Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute and National Breast Cancer Coalition.

## AIDS

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to spread the word about HIV and AIDS. She is a guest speaker every year at the Beaumont AIDS Convention, and she recently spoke at a Deweyville school district forum on teen pregnancy. She hopes to get a larger forum as a speaker. Unfortunately, Mrs. Chance says, many schools are hesitant to address the issue, especially in small towns.

"People like to think that bad things don't happen in small towns," she said. "Everyone knows AIDS is a problem in America, but nobody wants to admit it can happen in their little worlds. I am proof that it can happen anywhere to anyone."

Society's perception of AIDS is also a point of concern for Mrs. Chance. Basketball star Magic Johnson, the late tennis great Arthur Ashe and the late actor Rock Hudson may have shaken people, but Mrs. Chance feels that the disease is still widely misunderstood. Her concern lies within the idea

that character flaws, such as drug addiction or sexual promiscuity, are viewed as the only way that people contract AIDS.

"I've heard people talking outside of church about AIDS, how this person got it because he was a druggie, or this girl got it because she was sleeping around," she said. "It seems like people fail to understand that good people have it, too."

After the issues have been discussed, however, everything seems to resolve back to a harsh reality. It doesn't matter how many drugs the doctors pump into her body. Through it all, she has her husband, her children and an unconditional faith in God.

"Whatever happens now is in the hands of my maker."

"Our research indicates it's highly unlikely that women who consume a low-fat diet are protected against breast cancer," said the study's lead author, Dr. Michelle Holmes, an instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. "Equally, it appears a high-fat diet also poses no increased risk for the disease."

Most surprisingly, women who ate the least fat appeared to have a 15 percent higher rate of breast cancer, the researchers said.

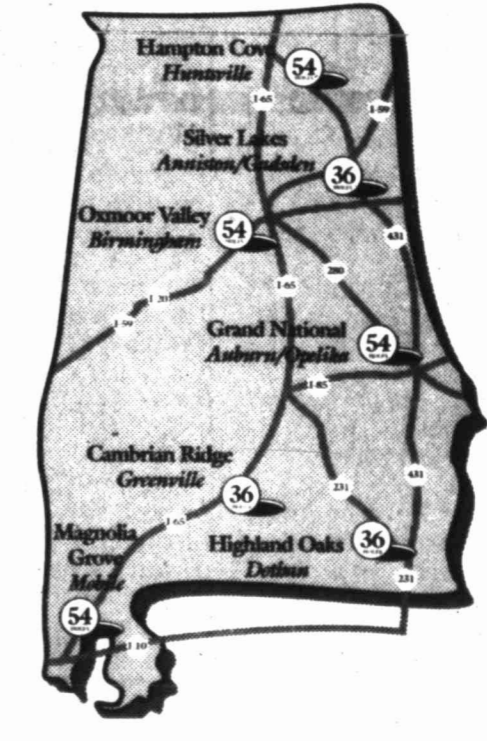
Holmes said she's not ready to conclude that a low-fat diet increases breast cancer risk because the finding was based on fewer than 1,000 women who ate less than 20 percent of calories as fat.

The theory that dietary fat is linked to breast cancer arose from the observation that breast-cancer rates are far

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## IN BRIEF

### Steers romp to 13-4 win over Midland Greenwood

Big Spring's Steers shrugged off a double and home run by Midland Greenwood's Monty Magee on Tuesday to post a 13-4 romp over the Rangers in non-district schoolboy baseball action.

Although Ricky Solis gave up the big shots to Magee, he managed to keep the Rangers at bay to record the victory.

Jerry Kuykendall and James Clements paced the Steers offensive attack — Clements leading the way with a 4-for-4 showing at the plate and driving in four runs.

Kuykendall finished 2-for-5 offensively with a pair of RBI, while J.J. Aguirre also drove in a pair of runs in his 1-for-4 showing. Jason Choate finished the day 2-for-4.

The Steers now have a break before traveling to Lamesa for a 4:30 p.m. game on March 23.

### Bulldogs open 3-2A play with 9-4 win over Plains

Coahoma's Bulldogs opened District 3-2A baseball action Tuesday with a 9-4 win over Plains' Cowboys.

The Dogs got four strong innings of pitching from Aaron Ovalle, setting the stage for Delvin White to come on and close the door after the Cowboys had trimmed a 5-0 lead to 5-3.

Brandon Hancock and Luke Bollin paced the Bulldogs' 11-hit offensive attack, each finishing the day with a pair of doubles.

The win improved Coahoma's record to 5-6 overall and 1-0 in district play going into Friday's 5 p.m. home date with Post's Antelopes.

### Lady Steers boosters slate Thursday meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Members will be making final preparations for the club's annual Lady Steers Sports Banquet.

### Local players fare well at Abilene ZAT tourney

A group of 21 youngsters from Big Spring took part in the Abilene Northwest Zone Advancement Tournament (ZAT), led by Jake Smiley in the Boys 14 singles division.

Smiley, who reached the finals in Boys 14s, qualified to play championship tournaments by accumulating 64 points in ZAT play.

In other Boys 14s action, Nathan Smith and Ryan Vela reached the round of 16, while Ralston Coates, Justin Ferrell, Cole Furqueron, Zach Watkins, Vishal Shroff and Jim Blacketer reached the consolation quarterfinals.

Jay Shroff paced the local contingent in Boys 16 singles, both reaching the semifinals, while Derek DeHoyps and Zach Smiley both reached the quarterfinals and Brian Wingert made it to the round of 16 before being eliminated.

Alex Edgemon reached the Boys 16s consolation semifinals, while Michael Roffers was a semifinalist and Michael Williamson made it to the round of 16.

In Boys' 18 singles, Brian Watt reached the consolation semifinals, the same level at which Leslie Patterson was eliminated in Girls' 18 singles.

Anette Richardson made it to the consolation round of 16 in Girls' 16 singles.

The top showing by a local girls' player came from Veronica Villarreal, who reached the round of 16 in her Girls' 14 singles division. Megan Roffers made it to the consolation finals in that group.

## ON THE AIR

**Television**  
COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
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6:30 p.m. — NIT, third round game, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8:30 p.m. — NIT, third round game, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
HOCKEY  
6 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Washington Capitals, FXS, Ch.

# Lady Chaps among big winners in first round at national tourney

SALINA, Kan. (AP) — Trinity Valley coach Kurt Budke worried heading into the women's NJCAA first-round game against Walters State, because his players could have been rusty after not playing in 10 days.

The top-ranked Cardinals from Texas gave him reason to relax, though, improving Tuesday to 33-0 with a 97-46 blowout over the Senators (27-6).

The Cardinals jumped out to a 13-0 lead in just over three minutes, expanding it to 61-24 at halftime. They also forced 31 Walters State turnovers and hit 57 percent of their first-half shots.

The Senators will play in the consolation bracket Thursday, while Trinity Valley will play Louisburg, N.C., (27-4) Wednesday in the semifinals.

The Hurricanes will try to knock off a second undefeated team in as many days after handing Middle Georgia (31-1) its first loss of the season Tuesday, 81-73 in

## Weatherford takes win in men's opener

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — The pursuit of a third straight national title for Indian Hills (Iowa) nearly came to halt after just one game.

The top-ranked Warriors needed all kinds of good fortune Tuesday to get past Trinity Valley (Texas) 66-61 at the NJCAA Division I Men's Tournament at the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

Unranked Trinity Valley had its two leading scorers foul out and suffered a technical foul for calling an extra timeout, and the Cardinals still nearly topped the overwhelming favorites.

In the other game of the day session, Arizona Western had two good opportunities at 3-point shots in the final seconds but could not convert, allowing Weatherford (Texas) to hang on to a 92-89 victory.

Arunas Drasutis led Weatherford (32-2) with 22 points.

Weatherford, which leads the country in scoring at 100.4 points a game, managed only 39 points in the first half and led by only two. Forrest and Singleton led the second-half explosion, scoring 14 and 13 points.

The other top contender, No. 2-ranked Barton County (Kan.), had an easier time reaching the quarterfinals, blowing past No. 16 Aquinas (Tenn.) 120-86.

Louisburg's Jovanca McCoullough nailed a wide-open 3-pointer from the right wing to give her team the lead for

good. On the next trip down the floor, she hit another 3-pointer from the opposite side of the court to make it 78-73.

In other tournament action Wednesday, Seward County, Kan., (32-2) jumped out to a 19-3 lead over No. 3 Connors State, Okla., and held on for an 80-68 win.

Seward County limited Connors State to 29 percent shooting from the field in the first half and led 42-26 at the break.

Seward County will take on Midland, Texas, (32-2) Thursday.

Midland used a 19-0 second half run to beat Iowa Western 92-59 Tuesday.

The Lady Chaparrals led only 39-32 at the break, then the Reivers came out with a 7-1 run and pulled within just a point.

The ensuing Midland run, led by six consecutive points from Fatime Ndaiye and a pair of 3-pointers from Natalie Goodall, put things out of reach.

# Lady Steers win in 11-0 romp

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers opened District 5-4A softball play in exactly the way head coach Dan Arista wanted Tuesday, pounding Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs 11-0 in five innings.

But the Lady Steers' run riling of Sweetwater was more than just a matter of offense, it was a combination of dominant pitching and air tight defense — factors that pleased Arista even more than Big Spring's 11-hit attack.

"It was time to step up and play at a different level ... that's what I'd told our kids and that's the way they played today," Arista said after watching his team take less than 11/2 hours to send the Lady Mustangs packing.

"We not only hit the ball extremely well, but we played great defense today," he added. "And Kaci (Acric) did a great job pitching, too. She's not going to overpower people, but she didn't give them much to hit, and when they put the ball in play, we played everything in the field perfectly."

Acric allowed Sweetwater just three hits and only one found herself in trouble — in the top of the fourth inning when the Lady Mustangs tried to mount a rally when left fielder Martha Castillo, who'd managed a two-out double in the first inning, singled with one out.

After Acric got Lady Mustangs catcher Eva Marie Masiel to pop up for the inning's second out, third baseman Ashley Rivera doubled to left.

Lady Steers left fielder Tisha Fulgham played a key role in preserving the shutout by running down Rivera's shot to the fence and made a strong throw that forced Castillo to stop at third.

Acric then ended the threat by getting Sweetwater's Robin Mera to ground out to second.

Those three hits by the Lady Mustangs represented the only three batters Acric faced above the minimum, as she retired Sweetwater's lineup in order in both the second, third and fifth innings. She struck out two batters and did not allow a walk.

Big Spring, on the other hand, created a nightmare for Sweetwater's Amanda Boyd from the very outset — scoring five runs in the bottom of the first.

Misty Padilla opened the Lady Steers' first by drawing a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by shortstop Amy Jackson.

Center fielder Jessica Canales then provided what would be the game-winning hit by ripping a single down the left field line to plate Padilla.

Canales, who'd advanced to second on the Lady Mustangs' ill-advised bid to throw out Padilla at the plate, scored moments later when first baseman Juanita Valdez tripled to left.

Designated hitter Cecily Paradez chalked up her first of three RBI on the day with a single up the middle, giving the Lady Steers a 3-0 lead.

Catcher Lindsey Marino drew a walk and right fielder Renee Sheen singled to right to drive in a run and put runners at the corners, setting up the strangest play of



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro  
Big Spring first baseman Juanita Valdez turns on the ball and powers a shot out of the park to left during the bottom of the second inning during Tuesday's District 5-4A softball opener against Sweetwater. Valdez, who finished 2-for-2 with a triple and the home run, led the Lady Steers to a seemingly easy 11-1 win over the Lady Mustangs.

the day.

Acric stepped to the plate and appeared to have hit into a game-winning double play when she lined back to Boyd in the pitcher's circle on a hit and run play.

But in trying to double up Sheen at first, Boyd threw wildly, allowing the Lady Steers right fielder to get back to first and Marino to score from third.

After having sent 10 batters to the plate in the first inning, the Lady Steers added a sixth run in the second inning when Valdez hit a home run — her second of the season and only the third ever in Big Spring's new park.

The Lady Steers added another five-run rally in the third, pounding out six hits.

This time Marino got things started with a single, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on a single to left by Sheen. Third baseman Leticia Hernandez ripped a one-out RBI single to left before Boyd was able to get a second out by getting Padilla to pop up to second baseman Haley Clemens.

But Jackson and Canales hit back-to-back singles, and after Boyd walked Valdez, Paradez capped the rally with a two-run single to center capping the rally.

Boyd would finally escape the inning by getting Marino to fly out to center, but would be replaced in the bottom of the fourth, swapping positions with Clemens.

And while Clemens retired the Lady Steers in order, Marino did the same in the Lady Mustangs' fifth to end the game early.

The Lady Steers, now 18-6 on the season and 1-0 in league play, will continue District 5-4A action at 5 p.m. Friday when they go on the road to face Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

That varsity game will be followed by junior varsity action, scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start.

The loss left Sweetwater with an 8-8 mark overall and 0-1 in district play.

## Ballapalooza more than tournaments

Anyone who hasn't had reason to visit the Roy Anderson Complex recently might not know a number of improvements have been made to the facility in the past few months.

That's understandable. After all, the deplorable state to which the complex had been allowed to deteriorate in recent years created only frustration on the part of those who used the facility — local adult softball leagues, the Junior League baseball program and Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association teams.

But things have changed and are continuing to change, thanks to the volunteer efforts of local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Big Spring.

As a result, officials have scheduled "Ballapalooza 1999" for April 3.

The Ballapalooza has been scheduled to not only raise funds for youth sports programs and more improvements to the complex, but to give the public a chance to experience first-hand the changes that have been made to the facility.

By the time play begins in both tournaments on April 3, scoreboards on the playing fields should be operational, bleachers have been refurbished and covered, 44 panels of chain link fencing have been replaced and the concession stand and restrooms building have been repaired.

Seven new light fixtures have been installed on standards and every light bulb replaced, as well.

A Community Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for 10 a.m., kicking off a full day of activities. While teams are playing games, carnival booths will offer a number of games, face painting and the like. Concessions will serve food throughout the day and a stage will be erected, providing a venue for a number of local acts to perform.



**JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
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# Hawks, Lady Hawks back from busy spring break trips

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER

Batter up!  
The Howard baseball and softball teams played a combined 17 games last week as the Hawks participated in the Cactus Classic in Pima, Ariz., and the Lady Hawks made a good showing at the Phoenix (Ariz.) College Tournament.

The Hawks opened the first round with a 5-0 loss to Eastern Arizona. They would bounce back with wins over Cochise (Ariz.), 13-6, Pima Junior College 8-6, and South Mountain (Ariz.) 6-5.

On Friday the Hawks suffered their second loss of the tournament, a 7-5 setback to Western Arizona. That loss set up another rematch with the same squad for the tournament's consolation cham-

onship, which Western took with a 4-3 win over the Hawks.

The Hawks are 26-4 for the season and 9-0 in conference going into this weekend's three-game series with Odessa. They will return home on Tuesday and play host to McMurry University in a 1 p.m. doubleheader at Jack Barber Field.

Coach Andy Mace's Lady Hawks seemed to play around

the clock in the Phoenix College Tournament, finishing with 11 games, and taking a third-place finish.

Mace was well pleased with the overall performance of the Lady Hawks. "We're hitting the ball a lot better," he said. "We played some great teams in Arizona."

There were 25 teams in the tournament with 10 of them being preseason ranked and six

of them participated in last year's NJCAA national tournament, including eight-time defending national champion Central Arizona.

In pool play, the Lady Hawks posted victories over Highland (Kan.) 4-0, Pima Junior College 7-3, Northern Idaho 5-2 and Mesa (Ariz.) 8-4. They suffered losses to Ricks Idaho 3-0, Utah Valley 8-0 and Phoenix College 9-6. The Lady Hawks opened tournament play on Sunday with wins over South Puget Sound (Wash.) 5-2, South Mountain Arizona 7-3, and Utah Valley 3-2. They advanced to the semifinal game and were beaten by Central Arizona 10-1.

The Lady Hawk season record now stands at 22-10 and 1-2 in conference.

The Lady Hawks will host Midland College for their first home stand of the season Friday and Saturday. Doubleheaders will begin daily at 1 p.m. on the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

"We really need to play in front of a home crowd," Mace added. "We are looking forward to playing at the high school's new softball field."

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The college's rodeo team will begin the second half of its season this weekend as they travel the New Mexico Junior College rodeo in Lovington, N.M.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 18:**

You might have ambivalent feelings or frustration about advanced technology, long-distance communication and office gossip. Become more independent and less reliant on others. What seemed like a cobweb opens up for you. Be persistent and work through confusion. Your kind manner draws friends and opportunities. Expect financial gain, though you might also go overboard with spending. If you are single, you'll have throngs of admirers. Summer is unusually spicy, no matter what your status. If attached, work on a long-term desire. Share more of your feelings. Worry less about your in-laws. Aries helps you make money.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\*Though you energetically deal with a backfire today, it could upset you in the near future. Mull over a decision carefully, especially if it involves further financial commitment. Make calls, do research and seek out more information. Tonight: Join friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*You thought you understood where a partner was coming from, but new information takes you aback. You haven't seen eye to eye with this person lately. Say little right now. Remember what you want in the long run. Use sugar, not vinegar. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*Keep your eye on your goals. Even though you could experience an energy sag and/or problem at work, you'll regroup. Others assist you and help you make a difference. A call surprises you, bringing stunning news. You get what you want because you are upbeat. Tonight: Do only what you want.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*Allow others to see what is going on with you. What you thought was a done deal emotionally, now resurfaces, or will in the near future. Listen carefully to news from a distance. Accept an invitation; take a leap of faith. A friend responds to you in a special way. Tonight: Count on working overtime.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*Take an overview. You might not be able to sit on a hot situation any longer. Your perspective changes with new information. A boss or someone you would like to impress shows his approval. Discussions confirm what is already obvious. Tonight: Seek sanctuary.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*One-to-one relating opens many doors, yet you could feel cut off by another. A misunderstanding pops up out of the blue. You'll work through an old problem over the next few months. News from a relative is important. Use care with any

purchases right now. Tonight: Let your hair and relax.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*You could and should be concerned about a money dealing. You aren't getting the whole picture. A partner provides insights, but you might not want to hear them! Catalog your day-to-day life and see where you can tighten your budget and time usage. Tonight: Let others give you feedback.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*You might be more out of sorts than you realize. Do your best when dealing with others and current pressure. Others are only too happy to express their opinions and ideas. Under the circumstances, why not let them? Plug into work; build security. Tonight: The unexpected reigns once more!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
HHHH Allow greater creativity and opportunity into your life. One way will be to not sit on anger and frustrations. Over the next few months, give your feelings more reign. Work provides relaxation and an outlet for your ingenuity. You are lucky; another clearly cares about you. Tonight: Let your naughtiness out.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*Remain anchored and steady. A longtime friend might disappoint you and cause you to change a major decision. Give yourself some time; you might be overreacting. A child or loved one dotes on you; be sensitive. Allow more open and comprehensive discussions. Tonight: Happy at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*Keep talks flowing if you can, though a work situation may become difficult. Over the next few months, you will have a lot of time to think through what you need. Purchase an item for your home to make you more comfortable. Be sure of yourself. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*Sometimes you don't get the whole story; right now, information seems to dry up. Explore and do more of your own thinking. Your mind is active; perhaps it is time for a chat. Use your traditionally light, easy style. A positive overture comes back in multiples. Tonight: Willingly work late.

**BORN TODAY**

Olympic speed skater Bonnie Blair (1964), singer Irene Cara (1959), singer Vanessa Williams (1963)  
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**GARAGE SALES**  
Estate Sale #3 WILLIAM B. ALLENWORTH, M.D. 906 Mountain Park Dr. Big Spring, Texas  
March 18, 19, 20 & 21 10:00AM until 5:00PM  
Enter Sale from back entrance on Cedar Street, only.  
Gigantic Sale; Inside, Outside & all around. All remaining merchandise and property is now for sale: Furniture, Antique & Modern; Couches, Tables, Peer Mirror, Hall Tree, Love Seats, Bedroom Suites, Chairs, Appliances, Library Table, Carved Desk from Courthouse, Antique Floor Lamps. All kinds of new Kitchen gadgets & Electrical Appliances, Iron Cookware, Microwave, Water Fountain, Computer Printer, TV's, Stereos, Speakers, Radios, Cameras, Stamp Collection, Pocket Watch Collection, Figurative Napkin Rings, Cut Glass, Crystal, R.S. Prussia, Linens, Antique Penny Cash Register, 350 plus Tools, hand & electrical Saws, Craftsman Tool Sets, Drills & Drill Presses, Lawn Mowers, Clippers, Edgers & Miscellaneous yard tools, Extension Ladder, Lawn Furniture, yard lights, & rugs.  
PAINTINGS: 2 Robert Woods; Herzog, Frank McCarthy, Enright & A.D. Green.  
BOOKS: Thousands of just unpacked books, 2 lots no unpacked.  
Large Breakfast with Cut Glass doors, Several Stained Glass Panels, Seven Cut Glass Chandeliers.  
DELORA SAYS: This sale has a large variety priced from 25 Cents up to \$10,000. Office & basement has been cleaned out and the warehouse emptied. Surely, you can find something here that you can use.  
HOUSE for Sale: 5 Bedroom, 4 Baths; Large landscaped lot w/sprinkler system. Very good price.  
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**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Champion portable air compressor with 11HP elec. start Honda engine.  
1" Blueprint (Snap-ON) impact wrench, nearly new.  
1972 Chev. 1/2 ton pickup - Cheyenne pkg.;  
Drafting Table 48" x36" with tool and chair.  
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**BUILDINGS FOR RENT**  
FOR LEASE: building on Snyder Highway. Approx. 1800 square feet with office on 1 acre. \$300 per month 100 deposit. Call Westex Auto Parts 263-5000.

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Two retail stores for sale. 1998 sales \$250,000. Will sell \$300,000 OBO. Call 915-697-8506.

**HOUSES FOR SALE**  
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**OPEN HOUSE**  
Just completed 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, total electric. 3213 Fern. Open Saturday & Sunday 11:00-5:00pm. 915-520-9848.

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS**  
Lost Gold Diamond Cluster Pendant, on 3/9/99 possibly at HEB. Great sentimental value. REWARD. 399-4369 or 270-4458 leave message.  
**MISCELLANEOUS**  
Now Selling Pecan Pies. To place an order call 264-7820.  
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**HOUSES FOR SALE**  
\$400 down, \$257/Mo. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, central heat, utility room, newly decorated. 1509 Oriole. Must have excellent credit. 806-794-5964.  
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**Woman's 'Mr. Wonderful' was really full of spleen**

DEAR ABBY: As an animal lover, I'd like to share my story so that others may learn from my mistake.  
I have had the best companion of my life, my dog Chelsey, for about seven years. Two years ago, I met "Mr. Wonderful," we fell in love, moved in together, and then the honeymoon started to deteriorate. I learned that Mr. Wonderful had a mean streak in him that I was unwilling to live with. As we arranged our breakup (settling bank accounts, dividing up furniture, etc.), Mr. W. made a very big issue out of how close he'd grown to Chelsey, and he insisted that he keep her. Against my better judgment, I let him have her.  
Big mistake! To make a long story short, Mr. W. took Chelsey out to a rural area and dumped her. Mr. W. didn't want her — he just wanted to get in one last dig at me.  
So there I was, blindly thinking that the two of them were living happily ever after.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Meanwhile, some kindly country folks found Chelsey and took her to the city animal shelter, where she was chosen "Pet of the Week." For this honor, she made a short appearance on one of the local TV stations' news broadcasts. I almost had a cardiac arrest when I saw my Chelsey on TV described as a "stray" found eating out of trash cans.  
Abby, let this be a lesson. When you're breaking up with someone, don't let him have your beloved pet! — PAT IN FIRECREST, WASH.

DEAR PAT: You and Chelsey are both very lucky — first to have been reunited against great odds, and second, to have the pathological "Mr. Wonderful" out of your lives before he caused more damage.  
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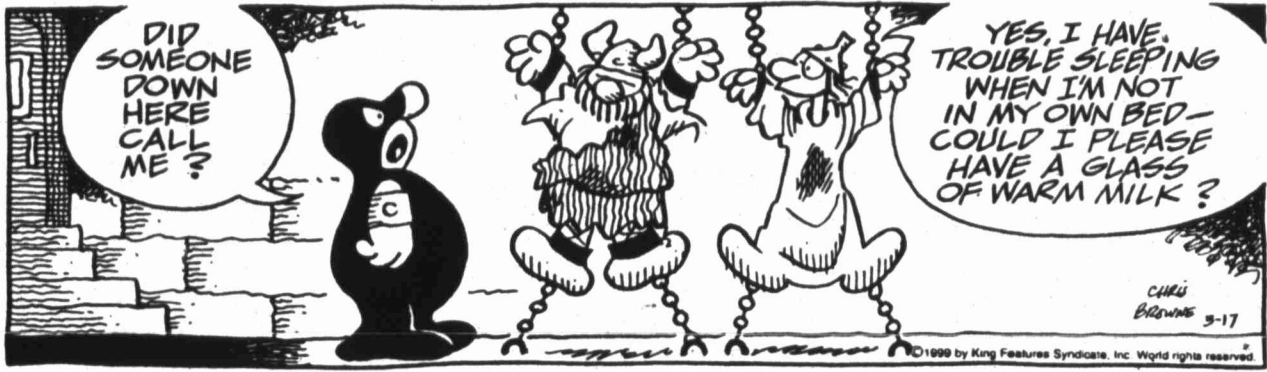
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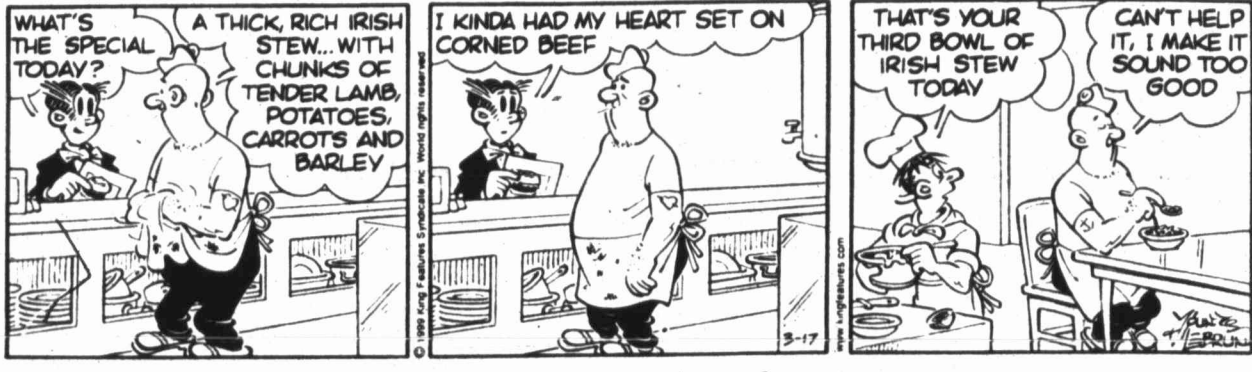
MAR. 17

Table with 33 columns representing different TV stations and their respective programming schedules for Wednesday, March 17, 1999.

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"St. Patrick's Day ought to be in April. The world will be greener then."

"SINCE WHEN HAVE I NEEDED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?"

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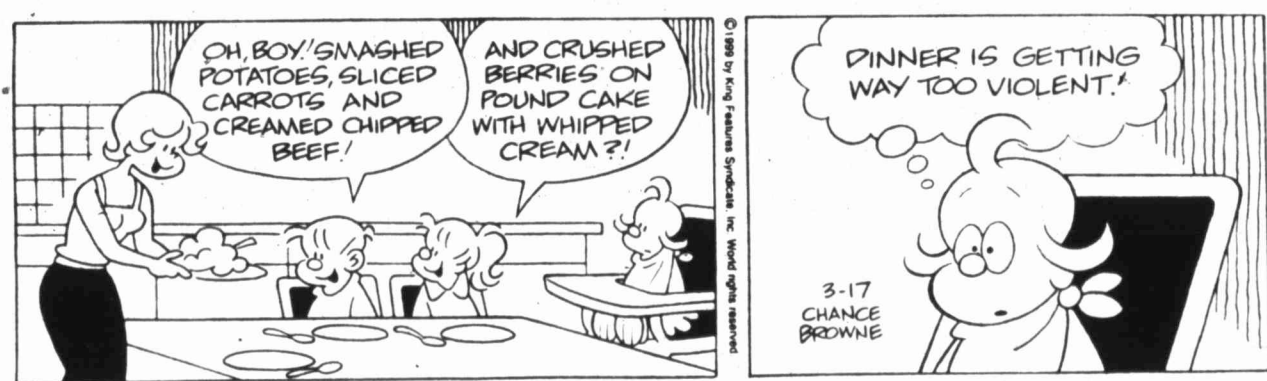
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, March 17, the 76th day of 1999. There are 289 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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Big Spring Herald advertisement including contact information and office hours.

ated Boston during the Revolutionary War. In 1870, the Massachusetts legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York. In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II. In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, which they named "californium." In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb that had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain. In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel. In 1993, Helen Hayes, the "First Lady of the American Theater," died in Nyack, N.Y., at age 92. Ten years ago: The Senate unanimously confirmed Wyoming Congressman Dick Cheney to be secretary of defense, following the failed nomination of former Sen. John Tower. Five years ago: Secretary of State Warren Christopher, just back from China, told a House subcommittee that reports the trip was a failure were "rather misleading," and said Beijing had made "solid improvements" in areas of prison labor and immigration. Today's Birthdays: Actress Mercedes McCambridge is 81. Myrlie Evers-Williams, former NAACP chairwoman, is 66. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 58. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 56. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 55. Rock musician Harold Brown (War) is 53. Actor Patrick Duffy is 50. Actor Kurt Russell is 48. Country singer Susie Allanson is 47. Actress Lesley-Ann Down is 45. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 44. Actor Gary Sinise is 44. Actor Rob Lowe is 35. Thought for Today: "May the enemies of Ireland never eat bread nor drink whisky, but be tormented with itching without benefit of scratching." — Traditional St. Patrick's Day toast.

Vertical sidebar of advertisements for various services including auto repair, appliance repair, and carpeting.

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