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Homeschoolers set workshop for Wednesday

Big Spring Homeschoolers are hosting a workshop on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room. A representative with the curriculum "Total Language Plus" will be on hand to discuss its use, and offer workbooks and books for sale. For information, call Suzanne Haney, 263-7147, or Marie Dunnam, 267-7663.

Big Spring Christian Homeschoolers meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Library annex, 500 Main, Community Room.

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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Big Spring ISD election assured as four toss hat in ring

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Three incumbents and a new challenger entered the Big Spring Independent School District board race on Monday, the first day to file in the May 5 elections.

Steve Fraser, Al Valdes and Mike Dawson, all incumbents on the BSISD board, were joined by Kent Sharp on filing their intent to run for one of three at-large positions.

Fraser, who is currently



DAWSON



FRASER



SHARP



VALDES

self-employed, has served on the board for approximately four-and-a-half years. He has a son who is a student at Big Spring High School.

Fraser said his interest in

the education of the community's children, along with helping resolve several big issues the board is current-

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Superintendent search continues

By **Herald Staff Report**

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are still considering how to proceed in their search for a new superintendent after meeting Monday.

"Today's meeting was on information about resignation we received and on how to recruit for a superintendent," said Irene Bustamante, board president. "This is an important

planning process."

William "Bill" McQuary, the current superintendent, announced on Feb. 8 his intention to retire after the end of the school year.

The board met in executive session to discuss McQuary's retirement announcement and the process to recruit and select a new superintendent for the district.

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Dignitaries dedicate 'labor of love'

Hundreds gather to witness veterans home ceremonies, recognize those who served

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Dignitaries spoke of a "labor of love" and a "small but significant 'thank you'" as hundreds of Crossroads area citizens gathered

Monday to dedicate the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

"America owes so much to brave veterans like David Lamun, Joe Lusk and Reynaldo Sanchez," said Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst. "They and their fellow veterans gave so much to America and asked for so little in return. We must always remember that the peace we enjoy today was made possible through the sacrifices of our loyal veterans."

The number of people who poured into the home was difficult to determine — Dewhurst's aides estimated 480, but gave up trying to sign in participants. What was clear was there were more than 100 people who were not able to witness the dedication, either live or on closed-circuit

television because both of those rooms were packed. Many listened to the ceremony from a hallway.

Participating in the historic services were members of the Lamun, Lusk and Sanchez families, State Rep. David Counts and U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm.

Dewhurst called Counts the "father of this facility" because of the congressman's 10-year effort to get it built.

Counts told the crowd of the first meetings held in an attempt to provide state homes for Texas veterans.

"We found that Texas was one of only nine states that didn't have veterans homes. I felt like it was almost a disgrace the message we were sending to our veterans," said Counts.

He said the first step was to have a study conducted to see if there was a need to have such a facility.

"The study came back and said not only do we need one home, we need 42 homes," Counts told the group.

He said that after legislation was passed that would establish four homes, Big Spring leaders worked diligently to make Howard County one of the sites.

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Above, the dedication ceremony of the new veterans home was capped by a long-delayed presentation of medals to the family of Joe Lusk by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, left, to Lusk's nephew, Dan and brother, Earl. At left, Jesse Hernandez, a high school classmate of David Lamun, speaks to Lamun's sister, Sara Hilgers, and nephew, John Hilgers, right.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Families recall 'ultimate sacrifice' of three Howard County veterans

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The ultimate sacrifice made by three Howard County men brought their families, friends and hundreds of others to honor them at the dedication of the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst speaks during the dedication ceremony for the new Texas state veterans home on Monday. Dewhurst called the home a "labor of love."

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Texas State Veterans Home Monday.

"Three Howard County men were cut down in their prime," said David Dewhurst, Texas Veterans Land Board chairman. "They sacrificed everything for us. We must not forget that freedom is not free."

Family members of David Vance Lamun, Joe M. True Lusk and Reynaldo A. Sanchez each gave emotional presentations at the dedication of the facility named after these men.

"David Vance Lamun was 19 years old when he enlisted in the Army in 1943," said his brother-in-law,

William B. Hilgers. "He landed in Utah Beach in Normandy, France, and was killed 30 days later on July 6, 1944."

Hilgers said he never knew Lamun, a private in the U.S. Army, except through the memories of Lamun's friends and family.

"He was an intelligent person who loved people and being a part of camaraderie," Hilgers said. "The honor we have today to have David's name on this home is not to be forgotten."

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Texas Rangers called in to investigate shooting

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Texas Rangers are investigating a shooting that took place this morning between a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper and an unidentified man on U.S. Highway 87 just south of Big Spring.

The suspect was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMC) around 10:30 a.m. this morning after he was wounded by DPS trooper Nell Stallings.

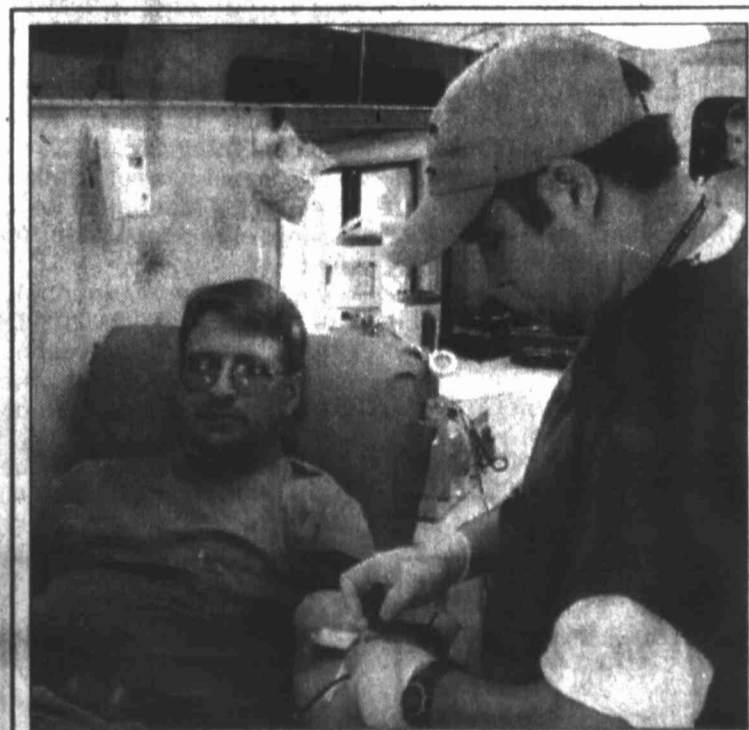
Hospital officials confirmed the victim was being

treated in the emergency room and that he was listed in satisfactory condition at 11 a.m.

Because a DPS trooper was involved, the scene was secured and investigation of the shooting turned over local Texas Rangers.

The incident occurred just outside the Big Spring city limits, across the highway from The Pet Connection.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker and Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith were unable to provide any information on the shooting, citing the Rangers' investigation.



Larry Bridges of Coahoma gives the gift of life Saturday at the United Blood Services blood drive at the Sonic Drive-In, located in the 600 block of E. FM 700. Chuck Taylor of UBS begins the procedure of drawing the blood. Blood drives are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and from noon until 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

FEBRUARY 20, 2001

OBITUARIES

Consuelo "Connie" Prado

Consuelo "Connie" Prado, 71, of Lomax Community, died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, at her residence following a long illness.



Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 28, 1929, in La Feria. She was the daughter of Juanita Cano Fernandez and Teodoro Fernandez. She married Manuel Prado in 1950 in La Feria. They lived in the Lomax Community for 35 years. She was a Catholic and a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel Prado of Lomax; four sons, Mario M. Prado Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Lomax, Mario O. Prado and his wife, Alicia, of Corpus Christi, Jorge Humberto Prado of Lomax and Carlos Prado and his wife, Dianna, of Odessa; one daughter, Martha Noyola and her husband, Mariano Gonzales Jr., of Snyder; five brothers, Alfredo Fernandez of La Feria, Samuel Fernandez of Houston, Santiago Fernandez of Harlingen, Roberto Fernandez of Austin, Rodolfo Fernandez of Solena Beach, Calif., six sisters, Carmen Lozano of Round Rock, Berta Alvarez of Austin, Beatrice Archibeque of Bryan, Celia Escobedo of Rock Port, Margarita Dominguez of Taylor and Josephina

Castillo of Copperas Cove; 12 grandchildren, Michael, David, Robert, Iliana, Christopher, James, Eric and Danielle Nicole Prado, Adrian, Joey and David Noyola, and Christopher Longoria; and four great-grandchildren, Taone Prado, Jamie Moore, Kye Noyola and Maykala Garza.

Pallbearers will be grandsons including: Michael Prado, Adrian Noyola, Joey Noyola, David Prado, Robert Prado, James Prado and Christopher Longoria.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Opal Teague Stuteville

Funeral service for Opal Teague Stuteville, 76, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will be at Lamesa Memorial Park.



She was born July 28, 1924, in Kaufman County. She married Robert Teague in December of 1941 and he preceded her in death in 1970. She then married Doug Stuteville in December of 1973 and he preceded her in death in 1994. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She had been employed as head of housekeeping at the Holiday Inn.

Survivors include: four daughters, Jean Baker of Mount Pleasant, Joyce Covert and Linda Covert of Big Spring and Judy Parker of Abilene; one brother, Herman Osborn of Lamesa; three sisters, Edith Breeding and Estelle Brown of Lamesa, and Thelma Hanson of Mineral Wells; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. The family suggest memorials to Community Care Hospice, 1510 South Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Kenneth "Dick" Taylor

Kenneth "Dick" Taylor, 84, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral service will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ben Neel, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on March 31, 1916, in Edgewood.

Dick worked as a wench truck driver and a crane operator for Cosden for 36 years.

He was a Baptist. He served in the United States Army with the 8th Cavalry and the 1st Infantry Division and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include: three daughters, Rita Ann Nichols and husband, Jerry, of Seminole, Linda Kay Taylor and husband, Don Wiedemann, of Asheville, N.C., and Barbara Dee Taylor and husband, David, of Big Spring; two brothers, Edison Taylor of Waco and Billy Ed Taylor of California; two sisters, Wanda Brock of Marble Falls and Ella Mae Leibrum of Dallas; four grandchildren, Teri Johnson and husband, Otis Lee, and their children, Jenna and Kaley Johnson, all of Seminole, Paul Nichols of Dallas, David N. Taylor of Odessa, and Alyssa Baker

and husband, Michael, of Mission Viejo, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Taylor and Farrell Taylor; and by two sisters, Lillian Bowen and Gladys Kinman.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Erma W. Steward

Erma W. Steward, 81, of Lubbock, died on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2001, in a Lubbock nursing center. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1920, in Clyde and married Leslie H. "Frenchie" Steward on Sept. 18, 1944, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1992.



Erma was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She volunteered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring State Hospital. She was a member of the Western Drifters Travel Club and a past state president of the Texas Federation of Square Dancing. She had taught journalism class for over 30 years at Big Spring High School.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Vicki Steward of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Zack Steward, Morgan Doyle-Steward and Cameron Steward, all of Lubbock, and Michelle Steward of Big Spring; and five nephews, Gerald Wooten of Big Spring, Ron Wooten of Waller, Terry Wooten and Bob Wooten, both of Midland, and Dennis Wooten of Chicago.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers.

The family suggests memorials to American Diabetes Association, Inc., Texas Affiliate, Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock 79424; or the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Tommy Buntyn

Funeral service for Tommy Buntyn, 78, of Big Spring is tentatively set for 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Mr. Buntyn died Monday, Feb. 19, in a local hospital.

SEARCH

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Bustamante said the recruiting and selection process for a new superintendent is an important responsibility for the board that must be taken with care and integrity.

The board has set another meeting for Monday at noon to continue discussion on the process.

Trustees approved application for a \$200,000 TIF grant application recommended by Paula Cole, the district's director of technology.

If approved, Cole said the grant would provide \$50,000 each for four elementary

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

school campuses to replace outdated computer systems, as well as install equipment in areas which do not have computers.

Cole explained that the district would have to provide \$20,000 in matching funds which would have to be budgeted for the 2001-2002 school year.

Another \$25,188 will be budgeted for anti-virus software, Internet filtering and connectivity to the Region 18 Education Service Center, Cole noted.

The board also approved resignations from Sally Beckworth, a kindergarten teacher at Anderson Kindergarten Center, and Lori Morgan, a first-grade teacher at Bauer Elementary School, as well as the retirement of Julie Shirey, music teacher at Moss Elementary School.

TRUSTEES

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ly working with, is the reason he has decided to seek another three-year term.

"I believe there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved," said Fraser. "I am interested in education in Big Spring."

Also filing on Monday was Valdes, a 25-year veteran of the board.

Valdes said he decided to run again because of the situation to select a new superintendent. Valdes has been involved with the process to select the last four superintendents. He said he also feels strongly about serving the educational needs of the boys and girls in the community.

Valdes has two children who went through the BSISD educational system, a son, Al Valdes Jr., who is now a resident of Big Spring and works at Edward D. Jones and a daughter, Cathy Cole, who is a teacher in Houston.

Valdes is past member of the YMCA, the Lions Club and Cosden Credit Union. His wife, Lillian, was a teacher for the BSISD for almost 37 years.

Also seeking re-election is Mike Dawson, a senior trooper of the Texas Department of Safety in the License and Weight Service. Dawson a 22-year law enforcement officer, moved to Big Spring in 1976 and graduated from Howard College in 1978.

"The BSISD board of trustees' primary responsibility is to ensure that all public school children are given the opportunity to reach their full potential through quality education," he said. "The board faces major decisions in the ultimate resolution of the junior high foundation dilemma and the selection of a new Superintendent with the retirement of W.A. McQueary."

Dawson has served on the Big Spring City Council's Ambulance Advisory Board, YMCA program committee and Howard College Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

Dawson is married to Evelyn, a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center and they have one son attending school in the system.

Sharp is the executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring. "My wife and I have always been active in the academic lives of our children and will continue to be, not only for my kids but for any kids in the school system," Sharp said.

Sharp said his interest in the economic development of the city is another reason he decided to run, explaining that education is one of the biggest challenges faced in business and industry. He is an active member of

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 2,1,6

Cash 5: 22,27,36,38,39

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

the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, a board member of the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board, is on the Energas Consumer Advisory Board and an active member of the Rural Advisory Committee for Texas Economic Development Council.

Sharp said he was encouraged about the positive steps the board has continuously made for the improvement of educational programs in the district and would like to be apart of the planning.

Candidate filing in the election continues through March 21 at the BSISD administration building.

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"I think one of the things they had to look at when deciding sites was the volunteer hours this community does at the Big Spring State Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the VA Medical Center — we knew immediately the volunteers would move right over here, too," Counts said.

Counts also said he was introducing legislation to have six more veterans homes built in Texas, as well as seven veterans cemeteries.

"I don't care where they put six of those (cemeteries), as long as they put one in Big Spring," he said.

Stenholm, who was the key figure in providing federal support for the home, called it a pact between the state of Texas and the United States of America.

"For those who have defended this country and will defend this county, we pay a small but significant 'thank you,'" he said.

Stenholm (D-Abilene) said it is important that the U.S. continue to provide its servicemen and women "the best tools, the best information, the best of everything, so they can perform their duties as well as those who have been called on in the past."

Dewhurst called the home a "labor of love" and added, "Our Texas veterans are finally going to get skilled, first-rate quality care in a home custom-made for them; the facilities are going to boost the economies in the communities where they are built, and Texas taxpayers are going to save more of their hard-earned money."

Following the dedication, those attending were encouraged to take tours of the facility and partake in refreshments.

The 160-bed facility includes a central dining area, library, barber/beauty shop, gift shop, a meditation room and recreational areas. Within the 76,000-square-foot home is a 32-bed Alzheimer's unit with a secure courtyard.

The facility will provide physical, speech and occupational therapy, on-going health care assessments, hospice care, respite care, social services, therapeutic activities and wound care.

It is expected to employ 150 people and have an annual payroll of some \$3

FAMILIES

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One of the 350 people who survived the sinking of the USS Houston, Marine Sgt. Joe True Lusk was taken as a Japanese prisoner of war and forced to help construct the 265-mile "Death Railway" through the jungles of Burma and Thailand. Lusk succumbed on March 22, 1943, to malaria at 80 kilometers from base camp.

Several of Joe Lusk's friends and colleges came from across the state to honor him for this dedication, including Bob Charles, one of the last seven surviving Marines serving on the USS Houston when the ship sank.

During the ceremony, Joe's nephew Dan Lusk read a letter from Joe's mother, Mildred, written two weeks before the sinking of the Houston that spoke about life on the farm and with the family.

The letter ended with, "Son, most every breath is a prayer for your safety. Here is hoping we hear from you, some way, some how, soon. How we love you. Be a man and pray God's blessing on all you dear boys."

After hearing about the sinking of the Houston and of Joe's survival, his mother continued to write to him. They learned the news of Joe's death after the end of the war.

"For all the veterans past, present and future, we thank you for your service to our county and God bless you," Dan Lusk said.

Gina Sanchez Torres shared memories of her father, Reynaldo Sanchez, a private in the U.S. Army who was killed in Vietnam on April 22, 1968.

Before leaving for Vietnam, Sanchez spoke to his children about why he would be absent.

"He told us he had to go to work far away," said Torres, who was 4 at the time.

"Our dad was at work defending our country," when he spotted enemy movement and, disregarding his own safety, fired upon the well-entrenched enemy until he was mortally wounded, she said.

The only memories of her father now come from stories and pictures relayed through Torres' mother.

"It is an honor beyond words to have this home named after my father," Torres said.

Hilgers said because of the level of sacrifice from the World War II generation, the country learned it was capable of anything.

"We are here today enjoying the freedom that sacrifice brought," he said. "The cross in France that has David's name on it is a symbol of sacrifice. Someone said there is no greater sacrifice for a man than to give up his life for his friends."

The ceremony was capped by a long-delayed presentation of medals to the family of Joe Lusk. U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene) presented the medals to his brother Earl Lusk; the family had never been issued the medals.

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Inmate genetic testing bill gets Senate's nod

AUSTIN (AP) — Convicts would have greater access to DNA testing that could ultimately free them from prison if a bill passed Monday by the Texas Senate becomes law.



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Though one senator worried that defendants might use the law as an "endless avenue of appeal" and another said he had questions about the integrity of a state crime lab that does DNA testing, the Senate approved the measure 30-0.

It now awaits action by the Texas House.

Prosecutors, defense lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union support the legislation.

"It's the right thing to do," said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, sponsor of the bill. He noted that some 80 people have been freed from prison nationwide after DNA testing exonerated them.

Several were Texans, including some whose cases came under scrutiny last year during then-Gov. George W. Bush's run for president.

The legislation requires prosecutors to preserve biological evidence that can undergo genetic testing. It also allows certain prisoners to seek state-paid DNA testing if it wasn't available at trial.

Prisoner must show there is a reasonable probability

that they would not have been prosecuted or convicted had genetic test results been available.

Currently, prisoners must overcome more legal barriers in obtaining post-conviction DNA testing.

The tests came into widespread use in the 1990s and can be performed on small amounts of evidence, such as a hair, blood or saliva, to link a person to — or exclude from — a crime using genetic information.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, also an advocate for the bill, said it is one of several related to criminal courts he wants to pass this year.

"This bill goes a long way toward giving us more confidence in our criminal justice system in Texas," Ellis said.

Gov. Rick Perry has declared the DNA testing issue an emergency, urging lawmakers to approve the bill quickly.

Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, who presides over the Senate, said the legislation already was on the fast track in that chamber because of its broad support.

Before the final vote on the bill, Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, said he wondered whether a "clever defense lawyer" might use the law to win a new trial for a client not because of guilt or innocence but because of mishandled or lost biological evidence.

"I'm trying to ask myself the unintended consequence, because I support the concept," Ogden said.



Howard College dental hygiene students Patty Dossey, left, and Trish Fitts show Teri Patterson the correct method of brushing teeth at Saturday's Dental Health Fair. The theme this year was 102 Healthy Smiles.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

West Texas Centers for MHMR gateway to BSSH

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Guidelines implemented by the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation require local mental health authorities to be the primary referral source for people needing psychiatric care in a state hospital.



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West Texas Centers for MHMR must screen people in its 23-county service area before their admission to Big Spring State Hospital.

Prior to the introduction of the new rules, people needing state psychiatric hospitalization often were admitted by family members or law enforcement

officers, said West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.

With the introduction of newer and more effective medications to treat psychiatric illnesses, outpatient care should be the first option, she said.

"What we try to do is treat them in the least restrictive environment," Smith said. "When people are admitted to the state hospital, it disrupts their family life, their ability to pay rent, to earn a living. We like to look at other alternatives before admitting someone to the hospital."

Care in a state psychiatric hospital is the most intensive treatment available and the most expensive, Smith said. Around-the-clock care is used when all other methods have been exhausted.

"We want our customers in the hospital if they need

it," she said. "We just want to try other options first if clinically appropriate."

West Texas Centers for MHMR pays for state hospitalization of their consumers in the 23-county area through a "trust fund" allocation of \$1.8 million from the Texas Department of MHMR. A patient's hospitalization costs between \$189 and \$243 a day, plus a \$425 admission fee, Smith said.

Smith and Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon presided over a meeting Friday at Big Spring State Hospital with city and county leaders concerning the new funding methodology and West Texas Center for MHMR's status as the gateway into the state hospital.

As the single portal authority, West Texas

Centers for MHMR will perform the screenings for everyone from its 23-county area seeking hospitalization, Smith said. Anyone presenting him or herself for admission to the state hospital who hasn't been screened will be referred back to West Texas Centers for MHMR.

"We need to do the screenings instead of getting them admitted to the hospital unnecessarily," Smith said. "We need to manage our dollars the best we can. With us acting as the gate into the state hospital, we can do that."

"We have the full support of the state hospital. Ed (Moughon) has said numerous times that their hospital must be used only when every other outpatient treatment option has been utilized," Smith added.

Bush dedicates Oklahoma bombing memorial museum

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Priscilla Salyers used to love knitting, but that was before a truck bomb blew up the federal building where she worked, killing her co-workers and shattering her life.

When Salyers heard other survivors of the 1995 bombing didn't enjoy their hobbies anymore either, she became upset.

On Monday, at the opening of a museum commemorating the blast, a defiant

Salyers wore a bright blue sweater, knitted herself from yarn found by rescue workers in the rubble of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

"This is really my victory statement," Salyers said.

The sweater has 168 red hearts — one for each life lost in the bombing. It has three gold stars for the unborn babies who died in their mothers' wombs. And it has an image of the American elm on the memo-

rial grounds that Oklahomans have dubbed the "survivor tree."

Salyers was one of several hundred people who gathered to watch President Bush dedicate the museum and speak of the goodness and courage that came from the tragedy.

"America found a lot to admire in Oklahoma during those days," Bush said. "Your loss was great and your pain was deep, but far greater and deeper was your

care for one another. That is what lasts and that is what brings us back to this place on this day."

Bush and his wife toured the memorial center, which includes bombing victims' belongings, photographs and mangled debris.

"It's powerful," the president said.

Lena Welch, who lost her daughter, Julie, in the explosion, also toured the museum and said the most difficult part was hearing

an audio recording of the explosion.

"It's like reliving it," she said.

The museum tells the story of the bombing chronologically. Visitors hear a recording of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, which was meeting across the street from the Murrah building on April 19, 1995. The voices are interrupted by the sounds of a truck bomb ripping apart the Murrah building.

Photos of the 168 victims illuminate the wall during the audiotape. Remnants of mangled office supplies, piles of car keys and mounds of concrete rubble fill the next exhibit. Only a small part of the museum also focuses on the perpetrators, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

The last section includes a recording of the Nichols Hills Elementary School Varsity Choir singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 21:

Contentment surrounds your home and domestic life through July. In the second half of the year, a new addition — like a pet, child or coveted item — joins your household. Your creativity soars. Seek an outlet for your imagination. You make and spend money easily. For artists and writers, you peak during the second half of the year. If you are single, late summer brings a special new friend. You can have a much fuller relationship if you so choose. If you are attached, your relationship will develop a very special, loving tone. AQUARIUS understands you.

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)

**** Schedule meetings. You gain through others, especially when working as a team. Seek new information and find answers. You could reverse your opinion once you gather and sort

through all the facts. A discussion results in an agreement. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner or a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your ability and wisdom draw admiration as well as a need for others to delve into your mind. Express your opinions with kindness. You could reverse your direction and change your mind about someone important. Tonight: Take your time with an older relative or friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Explore ways to make the impossible possible. Your sense of humor appeals to a friend. You also know how to take the pressure off associates. Your ideas do make a difference. You open the door not only for you but also for others. Tonight: Try something totally different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Others get the gist of your ideas. You don't have to be a heavy hitter. You might want to reorganize a work or home project

around someone else. What could have been a chore will be a lot easier if you work as a team. You don't need to say thank you; just accept another's suggestion. Tonight: A quiet night with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** News from another delights you. Spread the word to friends. If you open up your imagination, you'll come up with answers. Others speak their minds. Plan a rendezvous with friends, but go along with others' plans. Tonight: Just be with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Emphasize productivity. With some extra thought and organization, you get more than your share done. Don't let your reorganization stop at the workplace; continue the process at home. You make everything look easy. Schedule a checkup. Tonight: Exercise the stress away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Surround yourself with creative people and brainstorm. Ingenuity flourishes in this atmosphere. Be willing to change your

plans if you think you will benefit. Words spoken by a child or loved one have the ring of truth. Listen. Tonight: Find your favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** The needs of your family demand more financial precision. You can't allow yourself to slack off from your budget. Demonstrate your caring to family in a way that might not be so costly. Listen to someone who is close to you. Great ideas flow in the present atmosphere. Tonight: Relax at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Others might not recognize how much you have changed, but your actions and words speak of this transformation loud and clear. Your opinions draw others and are valued. A child or a new flirtation piques your interest. Separate work and plea-

sure. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Use your experience and insight with your investments and budget. Others find you an enormous resource and often ask you for help. Now help yourself. Don't push too hard if you have a doubt about work or a project. Time proves to be your biggest ally. Tonight: Buy something you love on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Respond to another's overtures and good will. Though you might need to speak your mind, someone can now hear it. You reverse a stand that might have been holding you back. Network and expand your horizons. Express your innovative streak. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Someone shares an important secret. Don't spill the beans! You want to do something special for another. You don't need to be extravagant — buy a card. Follow your intuition with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

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OUR VIEWS

Last chance
to speak out
on trade route

Residents of Big Spring and Howard County have one last chance to have an impact on the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) feasibility study concerning the Ports-to-Plains trade corridor.

While last week's public hearing at the Dora Roberts Community Center drew a larger crowd than any of the other in a series of meetings held to solicit comment on the proposed trade corridor, there is still a need for local citizens to express their support for the project.

A great deal is at stake.

Estimates released last week by Wilbur Smith Associates, the consulting firm conducting a feasibility study concerning the proposed route for TxDOT, indicate that the trade route will generate millions of dollars through highway construction and economic benefits for cities along the route.

The consulting firm is wrapping up its study and will forward findings to the Texas Highway Commission, which is expected to make its route selection by June.

As a result, it's time to make one final push. Time to make sure commission members understand just how important we consider the need for the portion of U.S. Highway 87 between Lubbock and San Angelo be included as a portion of the trade corridor.

The way to do that now is to send personal letters to Wilbur Smith Associates supporting the inclusion of U.S. 87 in the Ports-to-Plains route.

While it's better if local residents put their comments in their own words, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, a member of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, said postcards supporting the "local position" are available at County Judge Ben Lockhart's office at the county courthouse.

Letters and postcards must be mailed no later than Feb. 28 to Mr. Butch Babineaux, Ports-to-Plains Feasibility Study, Wilbur Smith Associates, P.O. Box 572537, Houston, Texas 77257-2537.

Our community responded to the call when some 180 local residents attended last week's public hearing and we encourage all of our readers, whether they attended that meeting or not, to take this one last chance to be a factor in the decision-making process.

At the very most, it will take only a few minutes of your time and the cost of a stamp.

And when one considers the proposed benefit, it's clearly the best investment any of us could make.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Ask yourself, 'Will it matter in 15 Years?'

One of my readers was slightly perturbed recently because I didn't supply solutions to the problems I described in a column.

Well, I could have. You name a problem, and I can write you out a solution right off the top of my head. Most of you could do the same thing. But, you see, we have no power, and so it would be a pointless exercise. Nobody would take our advice.

Our influence on government occurs for one day every two years. That day, Election Day, is like a magic gate that opens only for 12 hours. During those 12 hours, the American people have the ability, if they choose to exercise it, to effect a peaceful revolution.

But when Election Day

ends, our influence on the national government drops practically to zilch. And, in part, it was planned that way. Under the republican (little r) form of government, elected officials are expected to exercise their own judgment on issues and then submit to a review of their record on Election Day. They are not supposed to try to twist and turn with every change in public opinion.

But it was also intended by the founders that the majority of governing would be done at the local level, where people do have influence. James Madison, often called the father of the Constitution, stated in the Federalist Papers (still the best explanation of the original intent of the Constitution) that, except in time of war, the federal government would do 5 percent and the states 95 percent of the governing.

Unfortunately, we have evolved into a society in which, it often seems, every level of government is trying its best to write as many laws and rules as

possible. An old Greek had it all figured out a long time ago:

"Virtue is not advanced by written laws," Isocrates said, "but by the habits of everyday life; for the majority of men tend to assimilate the manners and morals amid which they have been reared. Furthermore, where there is a multitude of specific laws, it is a sign that the state is badly governed."

There's a powerful lot of wisdom in that statement. Because children today learn by the habits of everyday life and assimilate the manners and morals in which they've been reared, that gives you a clue to problems in public schools.

But as for influencing the federal government, I'm content. We at last have a president who is diligently pursuing exactly what he said he would pursue. It's going to take a while, I realize, to get used to having an honest man in the White House.

George W. Bush was quite specific in what he

promised, and he's not going beyond that. He's certainly not going to adopt the laissez-faire, isolationist policy that I would prefer.

But that's OK. I'm content to have someone who recognizes the folly of using American soldiers as step-and-fetch-its for the United Nations. I'm content to have a man who won't make sleazy appointments.

To move the current centralized welfare state from where it is to where the forefathers intended it to be is work for many generations. Besides, we need to get over the idea that we have to mouth off and solve every single problem that arises on a daily basis.

This attitude, of course, is encouraged by the news media and special-interest groups.

But it's silly.

We should see to our own affairs and not try to run things that are not our business and that we have no authority to effect. If you feel something is urgent, ask yourself, "Will this matter 15 years from now?"



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It's not as romantic as the movies say

A man with the county water district dropped by to say I could throw away my bottles of Greased Lightning, canisters of Zud and scrubbing pads.

Pretty soon now, any day, the water rushing through the household pipes here will be clear, not muddy, and I can quit my second job as a scrub-woman. I'll be leasing my water from the county instead of buying it directly from the earth.

From that day forward, it will be the county's problem if the water holds mysterious deposits or quits altogether in the middle of the night for no apparent reason.

The saga of water here began with a spring included a riveting chapter on wells and now rushes toward a happy ending. I hope.

The welcome water news



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

comes too late for a recent city visitor who, not knowing the strict rules of the house, tried to use the lavatory's cold water faucet.

With a slight turn of the wrist, he unleashed months' worth of pressure.

Being the polite sort of stranger, he didn't say a word about it, and not until he roared back toward the city did I notice he'd been attacked in the bathroom. I guess he won't be back.

Most movies about rural life make it look quite romantic, with a big white house and, out behind it, a flawless heroine like Jessica Lange hanging out in billowy nightgowns and cotton sheets.

Beyond her, on a hillside, graze cows that leave no deposits and break no fences. Fiddles play something sweet.

The movies never show a harried brunette in gum boots tramping down to the branch with an air pressure tank to blow sand out of a line, or the same disgusted soul holding a hose pipe gushing muddy water over a rose bush that last bloomed in 1898.

I love the movie "Cross Creek," the one based on

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' life and literature. But I almost stomped out of the theater the first time I saw it, when Marjorie gave a moribund pump one kick with her dainty foot and the relic lurched into action.

Willing suspension of disbelief has its limits.

And the Jessica-style heroine always looks neat as a pin in a purposely dowdy shirtwaist.

I don't bother about how I dress here, and sometimes I catch a glimpse of myself in a mirror and laugh out loud. Yesterday I found a Jesse Jackson T-shirt from the 1988 Democratic convention, the meet where Jesse regaled the crowd with his brilliant speech about the working class: "They take the early bus," he roared.

I wore the T-shirt from Jackson's glory days beneath a raggedy sweater, and all of that over a pair of pants that Clorox once tried to eat, those halfway stuffed inside some old boots.

If a thing of beauty is a joy forever, I'm worth a quick chuckle.

Romance or no, it's been

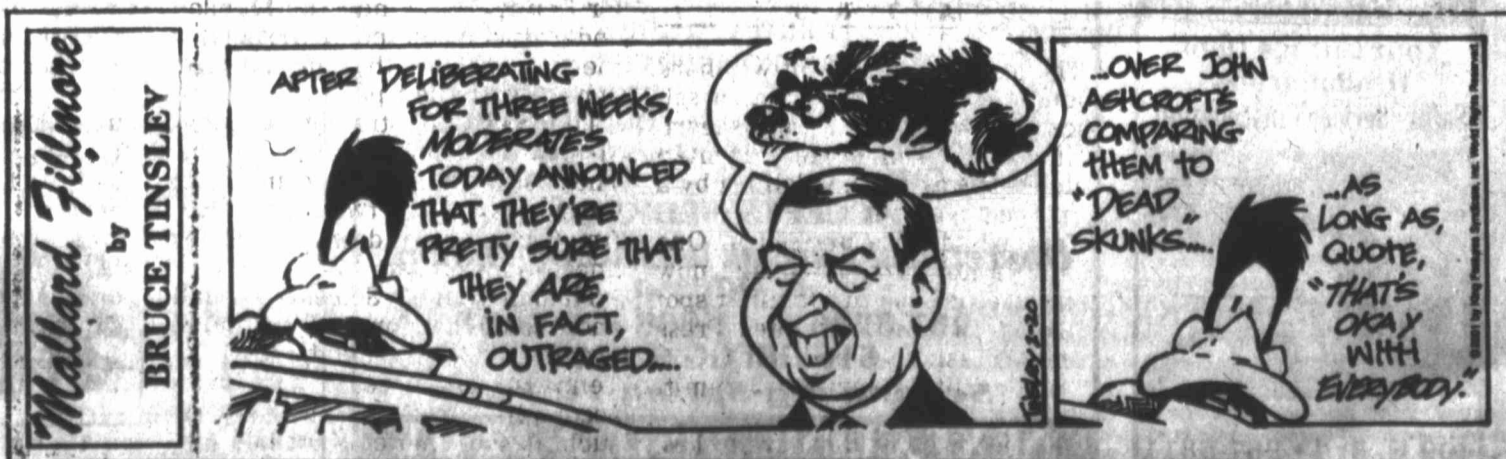
quite wonderful getting reacquainted with life in the hollow, with my moody little house and the woods around it. It's been raining almost constantly since the day I got here, so I've limited my projects to the indoors, a penance before the outdoor fun can begin.

But all day long I catch myself catching glimpses of the daffodils poised to bloom, and the little branch refilled by the rains, and the tulip noses already out sniffing for spring. And I remember why this place is worth a lot of effort.

At night I crank up the CD player, most recently with the soundtrack from the new movie about Mississippi called "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" The movie was funny, the music terrific.

The record's a real Whitman's sampler of bluegrass and blues and gospel, including what may be the best version I've ever heard of Jimmie Rodgers' "I'm in the Jailhouse Now."

I sit on the soiled, flowery couch, my feet up, my hair down, relishing adulthood, when you get to play your disgusting music as loud as you want.



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

IN BI

Little League registration!

Big Spring's Little Leagues will be in registration at Saturday, Big Spring Mall.

The first session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday may also sign up from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday through March 30. Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information call Denise Yarbrough at 756-2841 or 263-3333.

Buffs face Sunday in bi-district

Stanton's Buffs will play Sunday's bi-district game at 7 p.m. at the Seminole.

The Buffs finished their regular season with a 6 record, taking place in the Division II standings.

Tickets for the game will be priced for adults and \$2 for children.

Bulldogettes Lady Wolves

Plans have been made for the Class 2A girls' showdown between Coahoma's Bulldogs and Colorado City's Lady Wolves.

That game will be played at 7 p.m. at the Scurry Coliseum in San Angelo.

Country club Young Life

The Big Spring Country Club will hold its annual Young Life Classic on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Play will begin both days. Entry is \$75 plus cart fee. For more information call Larry Bryson at 5354.

Laker Girls to appear at

Odessa College has provided the College Hawks added incentive for the Hawks' appearance at the they take Wranglers at the Wranglers on Feb. 24.

Not only will be able to watch the pitting top-flight Junior College Conference but the Laker girls from Los Angeles cheerleaders will perform during the game.

AREA G

TODAY H.S. BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Colorado City Wolves, Class 3 regional quarter game, Scurry Coliseum, Snyder.

7 p.m.

Stanton Buffs vs. Sundown Roughriders, 2A boys' bi-district game, Seminole.

ON THE

Radio H.S. BASKETBALL

5:45 p.m. Buffaloes vs. Roughnecks, KB.

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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DEAR MOTHER: Your take on this was in the distinct minority. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "On the Spot" should run, run, RUN and never look back. He's the current joke with his "girlfriend" and her friends. She wants to see how many hoops she can make him jump through in the "relationship game." I know. It's a game my girlfriends and I all played. The common strategy: Make demands early in the relationship when a guy's emotions are running high, and you're likely to get whatever you ask for.

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DEAR GUILTY: If confession is good for the soul, I hope yours will also help that naive young man see the truth about his "Sweetie." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That piece of 32-year-old "eye candy" won't be that way in another 15 years, but she'll still be a gold digger. She's not in love with him; she's in love with being beautiful and what it can bring her. Let someone else be the high bidder, then she'll be his problem, not yours.



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DEAR STEVE: Spoken like a man who had a narrow escape of his own. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Tell "On the Spot" to watch out for the words "prove your love." When a man says that, it usually means he requires sex from a woman before he'll propose. Then he will disappear into the night, and she's left sans proposal.

With a woman, it can mean something different. I'll lay dollars to doughnuts that "lady-love" will accept the proposal and the ring, and then five days later break the engagement and refuse to return the ring. The alternative is even worse — he could marry her.

Please tell him there are easier ways to get from being "On the Spot" to "Sadder but Wiser." He should drop her immediately. She's poison. — A WOMAN WHO'S SEEN TOO MUCH, PINE BUSH, N.Y.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)
District: Abilene
Contract: 0908-12-014 for UPGRADE GUIDE SIGNS IN HOWARD COUNTY; etc. will be opened on March 06, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 2867
State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
District Office(s)
Abilene District
District engineer
4250 N. Clark
Abilene, Tx 79601
Phone: 915-678-6900
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.
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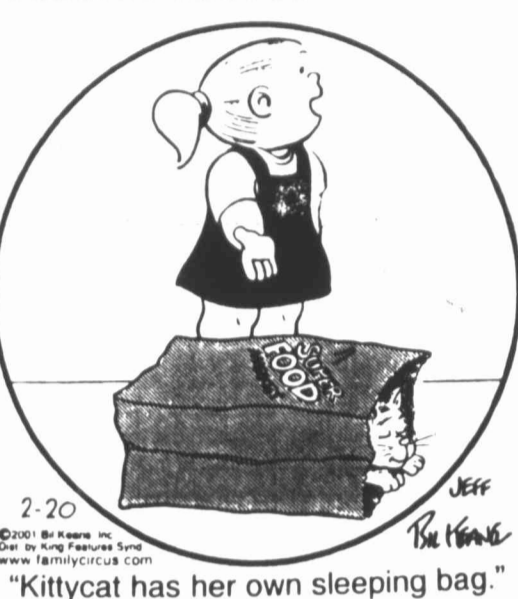
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"GIRLS MAY BE MADE OF SUGAR AND SPICE, BUT MARGARET HAS SOME VINEGAR MIXED IN."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Kittycat has her own sleeping bag."

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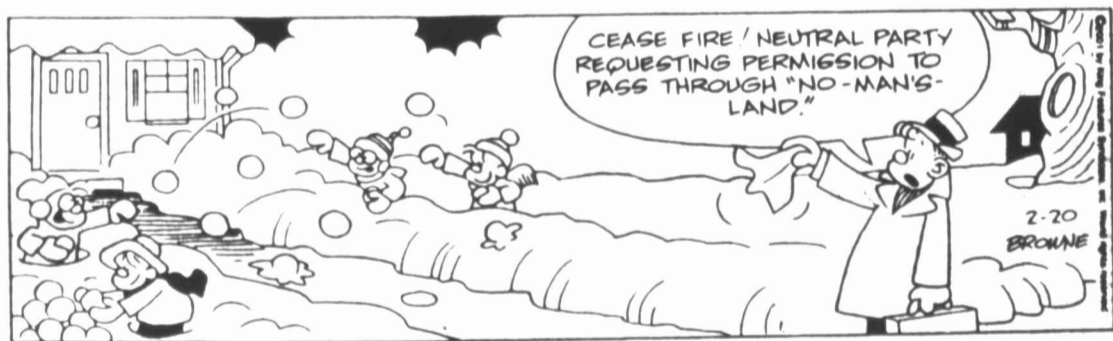
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2001. There are 314 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth, flying aboard "Friendship Seven." On this date: In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died. In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office. In 1809, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is

greater than that of any individual state. In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington D.C. In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition. In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week." In 1965, the "Ranger Eight" spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface. In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered radio and TV stations across the United States to go off the air. Some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes. In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia cleared the final major hurdle to its maiden launch as the spacecraft fired its three engines in a 20-second test. Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 77. Movie director Robert Altman is 76. Actor Sidney Poitier is 74. Actress Marj Dusay is 65. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 64. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 60. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 59. Movie director Mike Leigh is 58. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 55. Actress Sandy Duncan is 55. Rock musician J. Geils is 55. Actor Peter Strauss is 54.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Monday's Puzzle Solved section with a completed crossword grid and a list of words.