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TEACHER OF THE WEEK

For years, Beverly Jeffcoat has been leading her students to reach for higher levels of thinking.

Now a statewide advocacy association for gifted and talented programs plans to honor the Big Spring teacher for her dedication to gifted students.

The Texas Association of Gifted and Talented Students has named Jeffcoat the 2002 TAGT Region 18 Advocate of the Year for 2002.

BRIEFLY

MINIATURE TREES

Big Spring Junior High School science department is selling live, miniature Christmas trees. The trees are fully decorated and in four-inch pots.

Each tree is \$6 and must be paid in advance. The trees should arrive between Dec. 2-6.

Students are not selling door-to-door. To purchase a tree, contact a seventh or eighth grade student or a junior high science teacher.

CHAMBER

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a community breakfast at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The event will be the chamber's membership drive kickoff. Tickets, \$6, can be purchased at the chamber.

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Forsan Junior/Senior High School earns TEA gold

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Howard County schools continue to rack up "gold" from the Texas Education Agency.

Forsan Junior/Senior High School received three 2002 Gold Performance Acknowledgment

awards from the TEA.

"I'm proud of the teachers and the students for their achievements," said Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Wayne Rotan.

The system enacted a year ago by the Texas legislature recognizes state districts and individual campuses with high performance on state indicators other

than those used to assign accountability ratings.

Forsan High School received Gold Performance Acknowledgment in the areas of improvement in reading and math, as well as in the number of students to graduate on the recommended high school program.

For the district or campus to receive these acknowledgments,

they must rank academically acceptable status or higher in the 2002 TEA accountability ratings. Forsan ISD, the high school and Elbow Elementary all received exemplary status for the 2001-2002 school year.

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Principal of the Week

Stanton High School's Cotton is welcoming new challenges

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Friday night lights may tug at the heart of Mark Cotton, Stanton High School principal, but he now faces new challenges off the field.

Cotton is in his first year as principal of the Class 2A high school after serving as the head football coach for several years.

Under Cotton's guidance, Stanton's Buffalos won the state football championship in 1997, followed by teams that reached the semifinals in 1998 and 2000.

"Friday nights I get pretty itchy," Cotton said. "I miss it sometimes but, in all, I enjoy what I am doing."

Education and athletics just seem the right fit for the Lubbock native. Cotton's father was a coach, a principal and later a superintendent. In high school, he was an all-around athlete but it wasn't until he was at Angelo State University that he decided to embark on a career in education.

"I love kids and working with kids," Cotton responded when asked why he became an educator. "No. 2 is athletics having been a huge part of my life growing up. I think athletics taught me more than anything in life — self-discipline, being a team member, dedication, loyalty."

A biology major, Cotton was heading for a career in the medical field when he veered into education, a change he doesn't regret.

"Sometimes I get selfish



Stanton High School Principal Mark Cotton visits with 16-year-old Victor Hernandez, left, and 18-year-old Gaby Ramirez during a regular school day. Cotton is in his first year as a principal after serving as Stanton's head football coach and athletic director for several years.

about the financial aspects of teaching because I can make more money doing something else but that is usually after a bad day," he said.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time I think I have found my niche. The good Lord put me here. He had a plan for me."

Cotton maintains his father was a major role model.

"Dad was a disciplinarian that was love-based," he said.

The father of three shares his respect and love of the outdoors by taking his son and daughters hunting and

fishing. He also loves West Texas.

"I don't ever foresee myself being out of the West Texas area," he said.

Cotton takes the same approach to the job of

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Complex is almost complete

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

A new home for Thanksgiving?

That may be the case for some families in Big Spring as construction on the Limestone Ridge Apartments nears completion.

"We expect to have a few units ready to be leased in November, and then no later than December have them all ready to go, weather permitting," said Juanita Flores, the complex's manager.

Limestone Ridge is the income-dependent apartment complex located just north of Interstate 20 and west of U.S. Highway 87 that has been under construction since April. Partners in the endeavor are the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation and United Affordable Housing of Arlington.

Eligibility for living at the facility is determined under guidelines established by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. What that means is applicants must meet requirements based on gross income and number of persons in the household. For instance, the maximum annual income a two-person family can have to be eligible is \$18,360. The salary ceiling for a three-person family is \$20,640, a four-person family is \$22,920, and a six-person family is \$26,580.

Rent ranges from \$295-\$366 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, \$351-\$437 for a two-bedroom apartment and \$390-\$490 for a three-bedroom

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British couple cycles through seeking leukemia cure

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

By the time they're done, they'll have biked 6,400 miles to help children with leukemia.

Steve and Stephanie Mountford are British police officers who call France home, but for the past couple of months, they've been pedaling their bicycle built for two along the highways of America and Canada. The two stopped overnight in Big Spring

"So far it's been really quite good," Steve said of the couple's journey. "We had a bit of a baptism by fire when we left New York and went straight over the Catskill Mountains. It was a bit of a shock for us because the map we had in England didn't show there were any mountains there. But we got over them on Day One and then went to Niagara and then passed on into Ontario."

After a ride through the southern reaches of Canada, the two re-entered the U.S. in Detroit.

"From there we went to Chicago and from there through to western Kansas," he said. "After Kansas, to Oklahoma

"We've met nothing but friendship, and the further south and west we go and the further away we get from the big cities, the better the welcome has been."
Stephanie Mountford

City, Dallas and New Orleans. We turned right around and started coming west through Houston, Austin and now we're here."

The Mountfords have about 2,800 miles left to bike, Steve said.

"We go on from here to Phoenix, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and finally San Francisco, our final destination," he said. "Total distance, about 6,400 miles."

Weather and traffic have provided some unwelcome distractions from their goal.

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Steve and Stephanie Mountford stopped overnight in Big Spring Sunday night on their 6,400-mile bike journey across North America. The two are pedaling their bicycle built for two to raise money for children with leukemia.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Construction for Limestone Ridge, an income-dependent apartment complex located just north of Interstate 20 and west of U.S. Highway 87, is expected to be complete by no later than December.

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apartment. Renters also pay for gas and electricity. Limestone Ridge furnishes water, sewer and trash collection.

Flores, a Midland High School graduate who has worked in conventional leasing and tax credit leasing for six years, said the apartment complex is geared for the working class.

"It is designed for blue collar people, families, single moms — at an income level where they can have affordable housing and nice living area," she said.

Each apartment includes a stove, refrigerator, garbage disposal and dishwasher, ceiling fans, large closets, full-size washer and dryer hookups and a private

patio. There will also be a swimming pool, children's play area, fitness center, coin-operated laundry and a fully furnished community clubhouse.

"We'll have 24-hour maintenance on call, as well," said Flores.

"It's going to be a gated community. Residents will have an access code to enter and exit," said Paul Pryor, director of Crossroads Housing Development Corporation. "In case of an emergency, emergency responders such as fire, ambulance and law enforcement will have their own access code."

Flores said anyone interested in learning more about the Limestone Ridge Apartments can call her at 263-7300.

"We have material we can mail them that includes income limits, floor plans and information concerning applications and an application fee," Flores noted, adding that she's already had a number of inquiries.

"There will be 76 units once construction is complete. But if we fill up a certain portion — I think it is 95 percent — then we will be able to add a second phase to that property," she said.

Flores is employed by United Affordable Housing. She has three children — two girls, ages 10 and 1, and a 6-year-old boy.

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"We actually arrived in Louisiana at the same time Hurricane Lili decided to arrive there as well. She was a bit bigger than us so we stopped to let her go by," he said. "It put us off schedule for a bit but we caught up in New Orleans. We had a few exciting moments on the road in Giddings which is just to the east of here in Texas. We were knocked off our bicycle by a pickup truck which didn't stop despite the fact that we chased her. We chased her but she got away in heavy traffic. Oh well. 3,600 miles so far and only one accident. I guess that's not too bad."

The Mountfords say their cause is worth the peril.

"We're doing it for children suffering from leukemia," he said. "The charity we've chosen to work for in America is the National Children's Leukemia Foundation which is based on Madison Avenue in New York."

The couple's French doctor helped them decide on leukemia as a charity to ride for.

"He had a little boy named Pierre who had leukemia who was 5 years old," Steve said. "Sadly, Pierre lost his battle with leukemia Sept. 11 of last

year. It was a bizarre coincidence, made even more so by the six-hour time difference between our tiny village in France and New York. Pierre actually died at the same moment the second aircraft hit the Twin Towers. That really motivated us to do something."

Stephanie said the hospitality encountered by the two so far in America has been wonderful.

"We've met nothing but friendship, and the further south and west we go and the further away we get from the big cities, the better the welcome has been," she said.

COTTON

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principal as he did as the head coach.

"You've got to have faith and trust in the people you hire to do the job," he said. "They are professional. They are going to take care of their business. I am here to help them anyway I can."

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct. 21, 2002:

Your understanding of what is possible changes substantially this year. Try not to "pioneer" on your own. You work better when you deal with life using teamwork. Nevertheless, you seem to have a magical touch when you do know what you want. During summer 2003, this ability peaks. Ask yourself: if you could wish for anything, what would it be? When you have that response, you'll know what to target. If you're single and you want a relationship, you can have it. If you want to change your status, this is also possible. Realize that the world is your oyster, especially this coming summer. You will be most content in a relationship. If attached, you'll find that others are very accommodating. You will prefer to interact as a couple rather than go it alone. TAURUS could be your best friend.

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)**** Unexpected developments have you rushing left and right. Reach out for someone at a distance. Take charge and understand what is expected on both sides of the fence. Curb your possessive nature with a friend. Tonight: Deal with the budget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** You are feeling your Wheaties. No one can get a straight answer from a loved one or a boss. Recognize your limits, with-in reason, with others. You might decide to shoulder more responsibilities than necessary. Consider other ways before you race into a difficult situation. Tonight: Just ask.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Take your time right now. If you feel out of sorts, consider what might be happening within your circle of friends. Reach out for a friend if you have a question or two. What you see going on, others might not. Tonight: Do your thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Meetings draw the kind of results you want. Carefully consider your options that surround a loved one or a friend. Emotions could be a bit hyper right now. Use a friend as a sounding board, and clear out an obstacle. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Take a stand with a boss, but do it very carefully. Others might not be as stable as you think. Where you mean to rattle the status quo a bit, you could cause an earthquake. Remember that others could be more fragile than you're aware of. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Dealing with others might take some distancing and handling. You might want to think through a problem by dialoguing on a less emotional level. Reach out for a loved one or an expert you can trust. Conversations open doors. Tonight: Catch up on mail or e-mail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Defer to someone you care a lot about. This person needs to know that you trust his or her judgment. By expressing your deeper feelings and confidence, you make this person's day. Deal with financial matters with a hands-on approach. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Others run with the ball. You might want to hide out, but too many requests come in from left and right. You also realize that your energy is limited.

Defer as much as you want, but be reasonable when dealing with a partner. Tonight: Accept an inviting suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*** Work and more work marks your day. You might want to throw your hands in the air and change this pattern. Timing isn't with you. Think in terms of making a positive change in the near future. Review your options during the next few months. Tonight: Crawl home!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Your playfulness eliminates a lot of tension at the workplace and within critical relationships. You're able to come up with solutions when others cannot. Use your unique skills to improve your immediate environment. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Handle family and domestic matters directly. You cannot put off a problem. You really do need to deal with a personal matter head-on. Basics do count, and right now you need to cover all your bases. A loved one or a child could be extremely emotional. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Your willingness to make the first effort can make quite a difference to others. Be open to others in your life. Your laughter and happy ways help ease a problem that might be heading in from left field. Be more sensitive. Tonight: Out and about.

BORN TODAY
 Chemist Alfred Nobel (1833), musician Dizzie Gillespie (1917), actress Carrie Fisher (1956)
 Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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Past of drugs and prostitution may hinder future plans with fiance

Dear Annie: When I was younger, I was really stupid. I used drugs and became a prostitute to feed my drug habit. I also had a hysterectomy. I am now in a relationship with a wonderful man, and for the past two years, he has taken care of me and my daughter from a previous marriage. He would like to have children with me, but I told him not until we are married. We are planning a wedding for next year.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

I've tried several times to tell him about my past, but he says the past is over and done with. How can I marry such a great guy when I haven't been honest? — Untruthful in California

Dear Calif.: Your future husband deserves to know that you are unable to have

for you to discuss these things with him, and you do not need to go into great detail, but you must make him listen. He may have second thoughts about the marriage, but it's better to call it off now rather than later. If he is truly a "great guy," he will try his best to be forgiving and understanding. We'll be rooting for you, dear.

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EDITORIAL

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

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

School bus safety needs our attention

It's early morning. You're driving to work and you're already late. You round the corner and there's a big yellow dog — a school bus — stopped, lights flashing. You don't see any children around, and you just must get to work. So you think that just this once you might go on around.

Don't. This is National School Bus Safety Week, a time to stress what we already know, but sometimes forget — that those buses carry our most precious cargo.

The fact is, statistics show that students are most likely to be injured or killed when getting on or off school buses. The law says it is illegal to pass a bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for breaking that law.

Here's another statistic to ponder. Almost half of the students who are hit by a vehicle before boarding or exiting are struck by the bus. That means it's important as parents for us to educate our children about bus safety.

Young ones are especially distracted and as eager to get home after a day at school as they are to see their school friends each weekday morning.

Fortunately, we've been doing a pretty good job. Despite 1.4 million Texas children riding school buses daily, there have been no student fatalities in our state on school buses since 1991. However, we've been lucky.

The numbers also show that since 1991, injury-producing wrecks have increased 41 percent. With that in mind, it's understandable that injuries caused by school bus wrecks increased 63 percent.

All of this means that we have to be ever vigilant, ever cautious nears school drop-off and pick-up zones, whether they be six miles out on a farm to market road or on a school campus.

Please, don't take chances. The risk just isn't worth it. Obey the law. Educate your children.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we feel confident in what we are doing on this earth for you, Lord.

Amen

It works for you; it works against you

As a motivational consultant, over the past several years I've had the joy of helping many people achieve greater success and happiness in their lives. In each case I've simply supplied them with some information they didn't have and helped them see more of their God given potential. While success is a relative thing and means different things to different people, I've changed my views over the years in terms of what success means to me personally. In my earlier years I viewed success as getting ahead financially and having more material possessions, as well as achieving greater prestige and standing in the community.

Now as I've grown older and hopefully a little more mature, I realize that many

of my views, values and goals were misguided, as I was attempting to lay up treasure where "moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal." Today, I still desire many of those things, but they are no longer my first priority. Serving God, treating other people with dignity and respect and helping my fellow human beings to discover their hidden talents and abilities is far more important to me at this time in my life.

While working to achieve personal success should always be something that is possible in America, because that's part of the American dream, I believe our first priority should be to become good people and good citizens. God knows in today's violent society we really need to invest more of our resources to make America a better place for all of us.

When it comes to your personal success, regardless of what your goals happen to be, there are some things you have to know and in a sense, has to become second nature, if you are to

maximize the talents and abilities that God has given you. One of these areas of knowledge has to do with "natural laws." It's my belief that many people do not truly understand natural laws and how they work, at least not fully. We all know about man made laws that are enacted by congress and signed into law by our nation's president and the state laws that are passed by the various state legislatures. As I heard a lawyer say in a TV commercial the other day, "There are so many laws passed that even the lawyers can't keep up with all of them!"

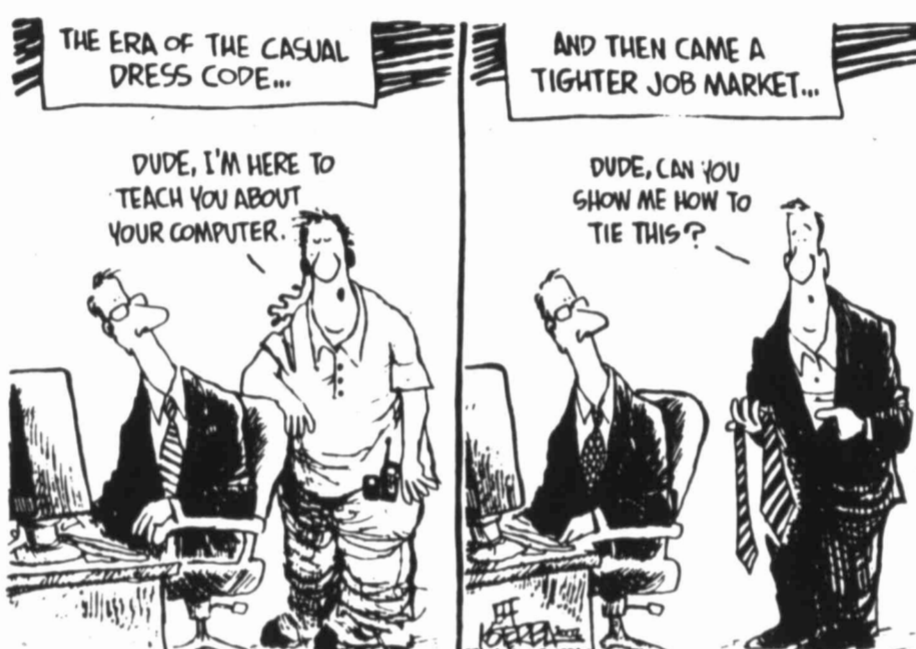
But back to what I was saying about natural laws. A natural law has been defined as "A series of events in nature that has been observed to occur with unvarying uniformity." In other words, if the circumstances are exactly the same in all respects, then the outcome will always be the same. For example, if you step or fall off a tall building you will always go down. You will never go up. It's the same

with all other natural laws — they always work whether we understand or know about them or not. At this point, you may be saying, "How can knowing about natural laws help me?" Well, every natural law is like a two edged sword. It cuts both ways.

If you operate or perform on the good side of the law, it will always work for you. If you operate on the wrong side, it will always work against you. In doing research over the past several years, I've discovered almost 50 natural laws and from time-to-time in the future, I will share them in this column. Why not clip out this introductory column and those that will follow, and save them. As time goes by, I believe you'll come to appreciate what this information can do for you. You can also share a copy of the natural laws with other people who are special to you.

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JIM DAVIDSON



Take another bite or two of chicken

Have you had a terrible stomach illness lately? It's quite likely you should blame the Bush administration. I know, that sounds like some demented spoof of left-wing paranoia, but it's actually an especially visceral example of one of life's iron rules — you can't ignore politics, no matter how much you'd like to.

Unless you have reason to suspect that your nearest and dearest are putting arsenic in your food, your bad stomach was likely caused by tainted meat. It is not hard to connect the dots on this one — the massive meat recalls of recent months have now culminated in the largest in the nation's history, 27.4 million pounds worth, due to suspected contamination by the killer bacteria Listeria.

According to Reuters News Service, the Listeria outbreak in the Northeast has so far caused 23 deaths, and that is not particularly unusual. According to government data, contaminated food causes more than 76 million illnesses and 5,000 deaths annually. How's that for Homeland Security?

Consumer advocates put the blame on Bush's "industry friendly" USDA.

Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Food Policy Institute at the Consumer Federation of America, said that since Bush took office, "there has been a message from USDA that they would give the benefit of the doubt to the industry. ... Bush administration officials at USDA have consistently made clear they do not believe meat processors must be held accountable for the safety of meat coming off the end of the line. Since November 2001, the undersecretary for food safety has denigrated pathogen testing and zero tolerance. Both the industry and government have put profit ahead of public health."

The Consumer Federation issued another statement Wednesday: "At the urging of industry, the Bush administration's Agriculture Department has refused to take final action on proposed regulations that would require companies to act effectively to prevent Listeria contamination. The proposed rule controlling Listeria in ready-to-eat products was completed at the end of the Clinton administration, held up and then released by the Bush administration. But the comment period on the proposed regulation ended in May 2001, and no further action has been taken."

The General Accounting Office, in a report on the USDA issued in July of this year, was as close to scathing as the GAO ever gets. USDA has been run-

ning a "model program" based on the ever-batty Bush notion of "voluntary regulation." As I have been pointing out for years, it was a spectacular failure in Texas, and it is not working any better in this case. The GAO found that five of the 11 plants in the pilot project were less successful in controlling Salmonella, and only one plant met the standard for eliminating visible fecal contamination. Of the 11 plants, only two had lower Salmonella than under the traditional system.

"It's a recipe for food poisoning," said the Consumer Federation. So naturally, the Agriculture Department decided to expand the program. Foreman said, "This pilot project should be dumped in the garbage along with the dirty chickens it produces. The only reason for the administration to go forward after the GAO report is to give in to the poultry industry's pressure to run their production lines faster. Faster line speeds result in more fecal matter on poultry. Consumers do not want poop on their poultry."

So who's in favor of poop on poultry? Surprise, it's the meat and poultry industry! Industry officials have argued for years that food poisoning bacteria are natural constituents of raw meat and poultry, and that they have no obligation to control them. It's up to the consumer to cook them properly. That would be fine except, as CFA points out, cooking doesn't stop

cross-contamination — the pathogens get on everything the raw meat and poultry touches — cutting boards, utensils, hands and other foods.

In December of last year, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the industry in a case that gutted meat and poultry inspection laws. In the case of Supreme Beef (I'm not responsible for the irony), the court ruled "because cooking kills Salmonella organisms, the presence of Salmonella in meat products does not render them injurious to health." Which brings us right back to politics, because guess who appoints the judges?

After the decision, the Consumer Federation called on Congress to immediately rewrite the 1967 Federal Meat Inspection Act. Sen. Tom Harkin, who is in a tight race in Iowa, is the leading member of Congress on meat safety issues and is chairman of the relevant committee.

And why would politicians take chances with the very lives of their constituents? The Center for Responsive Politics reports that 82 percent of the meat industry's political contributions, \$4.5 million since 1990, went to Republicans. To labor the point, it does actually make a real difference in your daily life who winds up in public office. So to all of you who "just don't care about politics," take another bite of chicken and think about it some more.

MOLLY IVINS



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

Mallard's Halloween Costume Suggestion #17: A young Arab Male

Trick-or-Treat in upscale neighborhoods, and they'll give you twice as much candy as they give other kids, just to show that they're not "profiling."

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Cowboy Classic Golf
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The Cowboy Classic Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 26 at Hogan Park in Midland, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration for the event is \$75 per team. Participants can enter with one partner and must draw for the remaining two. Entry fee includes barbecue lunch following tournament. For more information contact Joe Stocks at (915) 687-1241 or mail entries to CCAW, P.O. 3609, Midland, Texas, 79702.

CHA to hold benefit golf tournament
The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a benefit golf tournament this weekend at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The event will be used to help raise funds for Ismail Valdez, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The tournament is slated to begin at 10 a.m. on Oct. 27. Entry into the tournament is \$20 per person. For more information contact Willie at 267-7977.

Adult volleyball league now forming
An organizational meeting for adults, ages 18 and older, interested in playing volleyball will be held at the YMCA on today at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in playing either Co-rec or Power volleyball should attend the meeting. For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Steers to hold youth hoop camp in Nov.
Gary Miller, the new head coach of the Big Spring Steers, will be hosting a basketball camp for youths in grades 3-6 on Nov. 2 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium. The camp will stress the fundamentals of the game, including shooting, passing, dribbling, blocking, as well as the basics involved in defensive and offensive schemes. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers should bring a sack lunch. The cost for the camp is \$20 per person. Deadline to register for the event is set for Oct. 16. For more information contact Miller at (915) 268-8378.

HC Psych Club to host tournament
The Howard College Psych Club will be holding a 24-hour ragball tournament on Nov. 8-9. Registration forms are available at Comet Cleaners and Blockbuster Video. For more information contact Rusty McLouth via email at rmcloth@hc.cc.tx.us or by phone at (915) 264-5134.

Howard College flag football touney set
The Howard College 3 Guy/3 Girl Flag Football Tournament will continue Tuesday on the college campus. The tournament began Oct. 15.

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TODAY VOLLEYBALL
• 5 p.m. — Greenwood at Big Spring JH.
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Big Spring clinches return to playoffs

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Last season, few people outside of Big Spring head coach Traci Pierce thought the Big Spring Lady Steers had a snowball's chance in Miami of ending a 16-year playoff drought. They gave their long-suffering fans plenty of reason to smile as they earned their first playoff berth since 1986. This season, expectations were high and the Lady Steers haven't given anyone reason to frown, especially on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Steers clinched their second straight playoff berth this past weekend

when they rolled to a 15-6, 15-9 win over the Frenship Lady Tigers in Wolforth. The win upped Big Spring's District 4-4A record to 6-2 and completed the district's playoff representative picture. The Lady Steers will join Andrews and San Angelo Lake View in the postseason when the high school volleyball playoffs begin in two weeks. The exact order of the district three playoff representatives has yet to be decided, however. Andrews, 28-6, holds the inside track at nailing down the district championship by virtue of having beaten Lake View twice and having edged the

Team	Overall District
A-Andrews	28-6 8-0
B-Big Spring	15-11 6-2
C-SA Lake View	15-15 5-3
D-Lubb. Estacado	9-18 3-5
E-Frenship	4-27 2-6
F-Levelland	4-17 0-8

— clinched playoff berth
Friday's Results — Big Spring d. Frenship; ALake View d. Levelland; Andrews d. Estacado.
Saturday's schedule — Big Spring at Lubb. Estacado.

Lady Steers' Remaining Schedule

Date	Opponent
Oct. 22	at Lubb. Estacado
Oct. 26	Andrews

Lady Steers in three games earlier.

Big Spring and Lake View, 15-15 and 5-3, have split their two district games, meaning should the two teams finish the season with identical records, a tie-breaker would have to be used to determine the No. 2 and No. 3 playoff seeds. Lake View, the defending district champion, could force a tiebreaker by winning its last two games (against Frenship and Levelland) and if Andrews defeats Big Spring Saturday. The BSHS girls secured its playoff berth in dominating fashion against Frenship, sweeping past the Lady Tigers in straight sets. The win over Frenship

enabled Big Spring to match its win total from last fall and have an opportunity to reach the 20-win plateau. The Lady Steers, 19-11 for the season, can reach the 20-win mark for the first time since the 1980s Tuesday with a win over Estacado in Lubbock. Following the bout against the Lady Matadors, Big Spring will return home for their 2002 season finale at home against state-ranked Andrews. Big Spring, regardless of the outcome of their final two games will face District 3-4A team in the first round of the Class 4A state playoffs.



Members of the 2002 Big Spring Steers team tennis squad are (front row, left to right) Gentry Lunsford, Veronica Villarreal, Jessica Rodriguez, Megan Roffers, Lauren Chesworth, Kyle Conley, coach Dennis Smiley, (second row) Amanda Farmer, Natasha Neighbors, Mindy Partee, Heather Parnell, Alex Garlepy, Justin Ferrell, (third row) coach Sarah Corse, Jason Vela, Ryan Vela, Cole Furqueron, Nick Paradez, (back row) Vishal Shroff and Paul Diaz. Big Spring nailed down its second straight team tennis district championship Saturday with a win over Andrews.

Big Spring netters repeat at district champions with win over Andrews

By CONNIE EDMON
Special to the Herald

Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse said at the beginning of the season this would be a "building year" for the Steer team tennis squad. She was right. Big Spring will have to build another shelf to hold the District 4-4A trophy the Steers earned. The Steers, who had lost five starting boys from last season's regional qualifying proved Corse's faith was warranted. The team returned an 11-8 win against Andrews in a heated match in less than optimum conditions Saturday to cinch the district title and a slot at upcoming regional competition in Wichita Falls. "It was a great match," said Corse, who has guided the team to the regional tournament in each of the last two seasons. "It's always hard to win in Andrews but the team went there determined to bring home the district trophy and they did." Big Spring got off to a strong start in the event, taking five of seven matches in doubles action to garner a little breathing room. The girls' doubles duo of Mindy Partee and Veronica Villarreal got off to a slow start, taking the first set to a tie-breaker before finally wear-

ing down Andrews, 7-5. The Lady Mustangs No. 1 team didn't quit, however. Laci Lawrence and Melissa Pollard rallied to take the second set by a 6-4 clip and force a decisive third game. The Steers' No. 1 duo doubles team tightened from there. Parnell and Villarreal took the third set, 6-3. Big Spring's No. 2 squad of Megan Roffers and Heather Parnell lost their opening set, 7-5, but came back to claim a big win by taking the second and third sets, 6-3 and 6-2. Lauren Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez won their match against Stacy Gillespe and Jessica de la Cruz in straight sets. Jay Shroff and Ryan Vela also started a little slow, allowing the Andrews' Dustin Ipson and Charlie Griffin to take a 1-0 lead by winning the first set in a tie-breaker, 7-5. With that first set under their belt, the Big Spring duo stepped up and won the next two sets 6-3, 6-2. Nick Paradez and Vishal Shroff defeated their opponents, Angel Granados and Tyler Guthrie, in straight sets. Justin Ferrell and Nick Rivera took their first set against Patrick Grissom and Brandon Cheshire but lost the second two, marking one of the two doubles' loss-

es for the day. The mixed doubles team of Alex Garipey and Jason Vela lost their match in straight sets to Brandon and Brandi Chesser. In singles action, the boys took four of six matches while the girls managed wins in just two of their six outings. Jay and Vishal Shroff won their singles match-ups against Griffin and Ipson, respectively, easily. Villarreal and Parnell also dispatched their opponents with ease, winning in straight sets, giving Big Spring nine of the 10 matches it needed for the victory. Minutes later, Nick Paradez brought home the district title by collecting the team's 10th victory. He defeated Guthrie in straight sets. Justin Ferrell added to the BSHS totals from there, downing Chesser in straight sets. "It means so much to this team to repeat as district champs," Corse said. "Many of those matches were nip and tuck but the team stuck with it and brought home the win. Now we have to get ready to go to regionals this coming weekend. I'm really proud of this team; they worked hard and it paid off." "I said their fate was in their hands and they saw it through to the bitter end," she added.

Steer swimmers splash past Andrews

The Big Spring Steers win nine of 11 events Saturday and rolled to a 106-74 victory over the Andrews Mustangs in swimming action. Mark Sheedy and Joshua Pike anchored the Steers; domination by winning two events. Both also helped lead the Big Spring 200 Medley, 200 Free and 400 Free relay teams to wins. Sheedy, Will Liggett, Mike Carrasco and Justin Petrowski combined to win the 200 Medley relay by more than four seconds. The foursome posted a winning time of 1:49.64. Pike, Sheedy Petrowski and Chris Stokes won the 200 Free relay, while Pike,

Stokes, Liggett and Carrasco teamed to win the 400 Free by almost 20 full seconds. Pike and Liggett turned in strong efforts in the 100 Fly, swimming to a 1-2 finish, respectively. Pike also won the 100 Breast event, finishing just ahead of teammate Jeremy Petrowski. Sheedy took top individual honors in the 50 Free and 100 Back events. In the 100 Back, Big Spring swept the top three places. Following Sheedy in the final standings were Liggett and Stokes. Carrasco also won two events, taking the 500 Free and 200 IM crowns. Stokes

won the 200 free event, while Petrowski took the 100 Free title. The Big Spring girls, despite strong efforts from Jessica Hughey, and Kendra Weeks, dropped their bout with Andrews, falling by a 99-61 margin. Hughey won both the 200 IM and the 100 Back events and then teamed with Weeks, Morgan McKinney and Kasi Pointon to take second in the 400 Free relay. She also teamed with Weeks, Meagan Matthews and Kristian Richard to win the 200 Medley relay. Weeks won the 100 Breast title and took second in the 100 Free.

Salmon's HR leads Anaheim to 11-10 victory over Giants

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Tim Salmon also waited a long time for his World Series moment. Salmon hit his second homer of the game, a tiebreaking, two-run shot with two outs in the eighth inning that lifted the Anaheim Angels over the San Francisco Giants 11-10 Sunday night. The win tied the World Series at 1-1. Much of the Angels' credit belonged to Francisco Rodriguez. The 20-year-old rookie sensation pitched three perfect

innings and got the victory, making him 5-0 in the postseason. He tied Randy Johnson's record set last year for wins in a single postseason. Bonds homered for the second straight day, launching a solo shot with two outs in the ninth off Angels' closer Troy Percival. But the crowd of 44,584 roared as Percival finished it without further damage for a save. It was the highest-scoring game in the Series since Cleveland beat Florida 14-11 in 1997.

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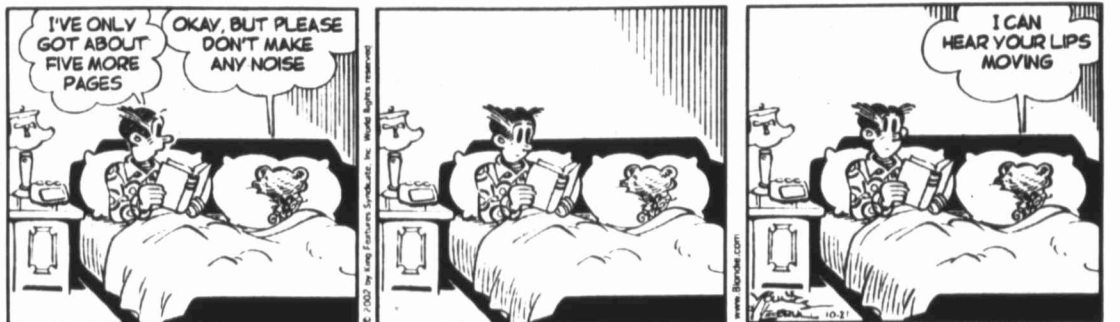


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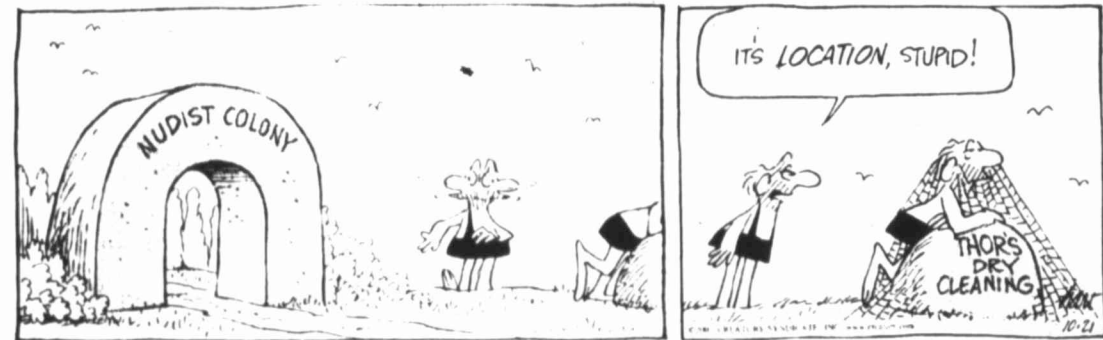
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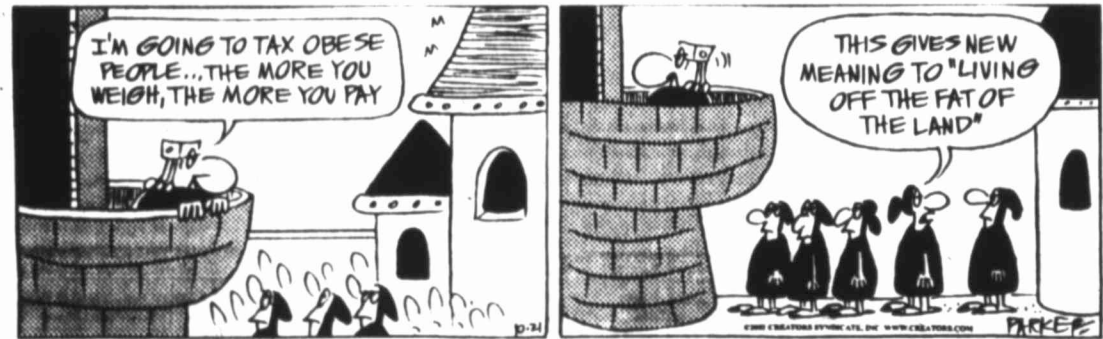
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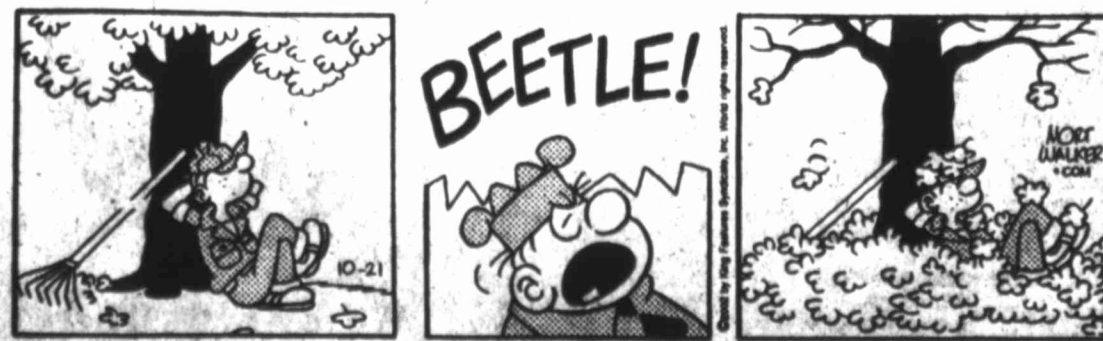
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This Date in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Oct. 21, the 294th day of 2002. There are 71 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 21, 1879, Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.
On this date:
In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was launched in Boston's harbor.
In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.
In 1944, during WWII, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen.
In 1945, women in France were allowed to vote for the first time.
In 1959, the Guggenheim Museum in New York

opened to the public.
In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate.
In 1966, more than 140 people, mostly children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and several houses in south Wales.
In 1967, tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters marched in Washington D.C.
Ten years ago: A report prepared for the Los Angeles police commission found that the city was unprepared to handle the rioting that broke out the previous spring, and had responded inadequately. The Toronto Blue Jays won game four of the World Series, defeating the Atlanta Braves 2-1. Singer Madonna's book "Sex" was released.
Five years ago: Reversing months of strong opposition, the Clinton administration endorsed a revised Republican bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service and shift the bur-

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Newsday Crossword

MEASURING UP by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

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