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April 29, 2004

**WEATHER**

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**Herald to hold sale for Relay for Life**

The *Big Spring Herald* will be holding its first Warehouse Sale from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life. The sale will be at the Herald warehouse, located behind the Herald office at 710 Scurry.

The *Herald* is also accepting items from anyone who would like to donate them for the sale. To donate items, bring them by 710 Scurry or call 432 263-7331 and we will pick them up.

**Cossacks sponsor Relay for Life event**

A fund-raiser for Relay for Life sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is set to begin at noon Saturday. Food, music and giveaways are some of the events planned. Cost is \$7 for singles and \$10 for couples. The club is located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

**ALON giving away concert tickets**

ALON USA will continue to give away free tickets to the Asleep at the Wheel concert during special remote radio broadcasts leading up to the May 22 event.

There will be a giveaway on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the 7-Eleven at 2301 Wasson.

Through this and other remotes, ALON plans to give away 6,000 tickets to the event, which will also include up and coming country star Cory Morrow.

The concert will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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## Health commission sets hearings on changes

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

The public has a chance to express its views Friday on a Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC) plan to revamp the system which could mean the reduction of 4,500 state employees, closures of 217 Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) offices and the establishment of three call centers.

The plan — which THHSC touts will save at least \$398 million during the next five years — will heavily utilize technology to process applications for services such as Children's Health Insurance Program

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Woody Jumper

(CHIP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid and nutritional assistance program like food stamps.

The proposed redesign of state systems would allow Texans to apply for Medicaid, food stamps, cash assistance and other programs in person, through the Internet, over the phone and by fax or mail.

Consumers would be able to track the progress of their applications through an automated phone system.

Ten public hearings will be held across the state on Friday between 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. to gain feedback from the public.

Those meetings include two set in West Texas — one at Lubbock Memorial Civic

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Riley Falkner, right, and Thomas Lewis of Falkner Masonry, repair rock work on the exterior of the House of Hope building on Scurry Street. Work continues to progress on the building's remodeling project through volunteer efforts. Birthright, an independent organization dedicated to providing resources to pregnant teen-agers, moved into the south portion of the building this week.

Herald photo by Marsha Sturdivant

## College production of 'Invisible Man' to run through Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard College theater department will present its last production of the year "The Invisible Man," beginning tonight.

The play is an adaptation of the H.G. Wells' story about a physician who discovers a formula to turn things invisible. He uses the formula on himself and over time the invisibility drives him mad.

It's a radio play featuring microphones and actors playing multiple parts. A Foley Pit is also featured. Foley is the art of "re-creation" of sound effects for film, television and radio productions.

The play will be held at 8 tonight through Saturday at the Practical Arts building. Admission is free.

The cast and crew includes Dana Davis, Bekah Cowen, Jamal Fears, Leslee Boswell, Ashley Hirt, Clay Vickers, LaTasha Davis, Chris Prince, T.J. Barber, Erin Lohafer and Melissa White. Theater Instructor Clay Grizzle is directing the production.

8 p.m. today through Saturday, Howard College Practical Arts Building

## Visitor's Bureau seeks public help in compiling activities for calendar

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer  
The Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau is making it easier to keep up with upcoming events in the Crossroads area with nothing more than the stroke of a few computer keys.

CVB Director Barbara Brumley said the launch of the new 2004 City of Big Spring online Event Calendar will help people in Big Spring, not to mention those planning to travel here, plan for the events they want to attend.

"We're hoping that people that are on the Internet a lot and are thinking about visiting this area will be able to see all of the different things that are going on," said Brumley. "That's why I want to try to get people to send in their events as they are plan-

*"We're looking for festivals or any other type of event that is going on and they want to invite the public to."*



Barbara Brumley

ning them through the entire year. That way we can fill up the calendar, and when people see it they can say 'wow, look at all of these things that are going on in Big Spring.'

"I think the calendar can really help out, especially when we have a weekend like we did a few weeks ago, where there were four or five things going on at the same time. Maybe we'll get some weekend visitors that

will come stay in our motels and go to some of these events."

Submitting events for the calendar is an easy process according to Brumley.

"We're looking for festivals or any other type of event that is going on and they want to invite the public to," she said. "Events such as the annual Fly-In, where a small society is having an event locally and they are trying to get lots of people to come, whether it's to participate or just be spectators."

"I prefer that they fax or e-mail the details to me, that way I have everything in writing, or they can call me and give me the details over the phone. We also want people in the area to check on the calendar often, that way they can keep up with what's going on in Big

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## 9/11

### Bush, Cheney are addressing delegates today

By **DEB RIECHMANN**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush, meeting privately with the Sept. 11 commission, faces the same challenge as he does on the campaign trail: convincing Americans that he responded appropriately to an intelligence system that CIA Director George Tenet said was "blinking red" with warnings of a terrorist strike.



BUSH

Bush, who describes himself as a wartime president who has made the nation safer, and Vice President Dick Cheney were meeting for several hours today in the Oval Office with 10 members of the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that killed some 3,000 people in New York City, Washington and Pennsylvania.

When the doors close behind them, the nation's top two elected officials were to be quizzed about why, for instance, the Bush administration didn't make terrorism a more urgent priority, especially after an Aug. 6, 2001, presidential daily brief that, among other things, warned of "patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with preparations for hijackings."

"Why wasn't it higher, given the threat levels in spring and summer 2001?" says former Indiana Rep. Timothy Roemer, a Democratic member of the commission. Why, Roemer wonders, didn't the Aug. 6 memo cause more people to man "battle stations" in the month before the attacks?

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

A&M to head research center

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A federally funded research center created to study the spread of disease in livestock will be led by Texas A&M University as the Department of Homeland Security seeks ways to keep bioterrorists from harming the nation's food supply. A partnership of four universities will form the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense, federal officials said Tuesday. Other members of the partnership are the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the University of California at Davis and the University of Southern California. The universities will share an estimated \$18 million in federal funding, focusing initially on diseases common in foreign animals, such as Rift Valley fever, foot-and-mouth disease and avian influenza. The head of A&M's Integrative Center for Homeland Security, Neville Clarke, has been named director of the new research center.

Candidates hope to keep third party ads out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Texans in a pitched battle for the same U.S. House seat are sending letters to hundreds of third-party groups, telling them

their advertisements are not wanted in the 32nd congressional race. Democratic Rep. Martin Frost and Republican Pete Sessions, both of Dallas and up for re-election in November, signed an agreement to bar unapproved third-party advertising from the contest. They pledged to send the letter to local, state and national organizations. The two incumbents ended up vying for the same seat because Texas' Legislature redrew congressional district boundaries last year, carving up Frost's former District 24 so that a Republican would be heavily favored. The candidates pledged to "publicly disavow" any advertisement of any sort that has not been authorized by one of the campaigns. They also asked third parties already advertising to cease the ads. HOUSTON (AP) — Once Enron Corp. was the energy trading behemoth to emulate. Now the bankrupt company is emulating its former imitators in agreeing to pay millions of dollars to settle allegations of market manipulation. However, the \$35 million Enron has agreed to pay the Commodity Futures Trading Commission will go to the back of the line behind thousands of other creditors — meaning the agency won't pocket any cash. If U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez approves

the proposed settlement as expected, Enron will join more than a dozen energy companies and their partners or subsidiaries that have settled CFTC allegations of false price reporting, attempted manipulation or both. Those other companies, which collectively ponied up \$180 million, include Dynegy Inc., which abandoned a merger with Enron days before the fallen giant went bankrupt in December 2001; The Williams Cos.; Duke Energy subsidiary Duke Energy Trading and Marketing; El Paso Corp. subsidiary El Paso Merchant Energy; Oneok Inc.; Calpine Corp.; two CMS Energy subsidiaries; and Reliant Energy Inc. subsidiary Reliant Energy Services. HOUSTON (AP) — The government improperly released former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeff Skilling's blood alcohol content and prejudiced the jury pool in his trial, his lawyers said Wednesday. Prosecutors for the Enron Task Force, in a public filing last week, contend Skilling violated his \$5 million bond during a drunken incident in New York City earlier this month. That bond had been posted in full when he was arraigned in February on charges of fraud, conspiracy and insider trading. The filing stated that Skilling had a blood alcohol level of .019, almost twice the legal driving limit of 0.10 in many states, after police took him to a hospital the morning of April 9.

9/11

Continued from Page 1A The Bush administration has said it did make terrorism a top priority, and that there was nothing in the memo that specified the type, time or place of an attack on America. The effect of Bush and Cheney's highly classified Q&A session with the commissioners might not be known until the panel releases its final report,

which is due out this summer, about three months before the fall presidential election. "It's very important because of the timing, just before the election," said James Thurber, director of American University's Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. "He (Bush) is very strong in the polls on homeland security, and this may undermine it a little bit." The political stakes would be even higher, though, if the meeting were televised like the

commission's recent hearings, said Thomas Mann, an analyst at the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution. "The president is basically placing his re-election on the argument that he is the commander in chief of the war on terrorism," Mann said. "Anything that calls that into question is potentially damaging. If it were public, he'd be out there with a message, prescribed." Another issue Bush and Cheney are expected to con-

front is Iraq. Both men have been accused of being distracted by Iraq in the months before Sept. 11, making them inattentive to warnings pointing to a terror attack. In newly released books, Bob Woodward and former White House terrorism coordinator Richard Clarke separately contend that Bush and Cheney were fixated on finding an Iraqi link to the attacks. The administration has denied it. Republican commissioner Slade Gorton said, "We're going to ask about the pre 9/11 atti-

tudes and policies ... and what took place on 9/11 in terms of response and what each of them did." According to a commission statement, Tenet told the panel earlier that in his world in 2001 "the system was blinking red," and by late July it could not have been any worse. "Tenet told us he felt that President Bush and other officials grasped the urgency of what they were being told," the statement said.

HEARING

Continued from Page 1A Center, Room 107, 1501 Sixth St., Lubbock and the other at Abilene Christian University, Biblical Studies Building, Hart Auditorium, Room 100, 1850 Teague Boulevard, Abilene. Other hearings will be held in Grand Prairie, Tyler, Beaumont, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso and Edinburg. According to Stephanie Goodman, a THHSC spokesperson, the change evolved from House Bill 2292 passed in the last legislative session which moved eligibility functions from the DHS to the THHSC. "It especially said, 'Look at call centers and see if they would be cost effective,'" Goodman explained. "We've spent the last 10 months analyzing this and I think really went

well beyond the mandate of the legislation. "Our approach was to answer the question: if you were going to redesign the system that determines who qualifies for service, how would you do it to best take advantage of today's technology?" Other key components of the proposed change would include using mobile offices for rural areas, using the 2-1-1 information system to provide general information and referrals to state and community resources, and allowing consumers to access the system through convenient locations, such as schools, libraries and community organizations. "One of our goals was to design as many ways into the system we can think of, realizing that one-size fits all isn't an effective approach giving the wide diversity of clients we serve," Goodman said.

City Councilman Woody Jumper, who serves as the Big Spring State Hospital chief protection rights officer, plans to voice his concerns at the Lubbock forum about the switch from face-to-face processing to relying heavily on the call centers. "Especially for the elderly or disabled, they need to have a human being walk through this process," Jumper said. Jumper is not alone in his concern. The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP), a non-profit, non-partisan organization, voiced concerns in a press release that the "depersonalized approach to delivering 'human' services could lead to less access for certain clients, with the most vulnerable recipients of these benefits the most likely to fall through the cracks." "That's why we want to make sure we still have adequate coverage across the state. There's not a one-size fits all approach."

Goodman said. "For a person qualifying as the working poor, a call center allows them to access services on their time without leaving work, but we recognize there will always be people who are more comfortable with that face-to-face interview." Goodman didn't know how the local DHS office would be impacted if the proposed plan is implemented. "No decisions have been made on local offices," she said. "One thing coming out of the public hearings on Friday is fine tuning the criteria we would use to determine where you keep offices in the new system." "Another big factor is where our clients are," she continued. "They are not necessarily evenly distributed across the state. If you map clients, you find pockets where we have more clients located and we want to make sure those areas have

more representation." Both Jumper and the CPPP are worried about the aggressive timeline set by the THHSC to implement a new plan. "We would like to have the first pieces of a new system in place by Sept. 1," Goodman said. "The system itself is a pretty significant change and will take about 18 months." "What I'm hoping to accomplish at the hearing is to get them to look at it on a human side, look at the economic impact it will have and try to get them to take a deep breath and slow down," Jumper said. "I'm hoping to make them understand they shouldn't go so fast because they are dealing with people in need." Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

CALENDAR

Continued from Page 1A Spring." Brumley said the calendar is growing, and as its popularity grows, so will the ability to plan ahead for those searching the net. "It's growing," she said. "I've gotten some e-mails and a few faxes, and it's growing. It just takes time to get the word out. Up until this point, I've had to make the calls to get the details on these events, but people are beginning to send their information in now. "We would like people to send in their events as soon as they have the dates set. That way we can get it on here as far in advance as possible. The newspaper and radio usually let the people know about events within a week or two, but we want people to be able to plan as far in advance as possible." Brumley said the limited size of venues for conventions and conferences in Big Spring can tend to

squelch that portion of her office's efforts, but it hasn't put a damper on the work to attract tourists. "We would like to see more conferences and conventions come to Big Spring, but right now we don't have too many places to hold them," she said. "They would have to be fairly small right now because the places we have, like the college meeting rooms and the Dora Roberts Community Center, are rather small. "We're also working on trying to get people to come to this area to visit. We feel like we have

something to offer. We have a lot with the parks and the lakes, and I think a lot of people don't realize there's so much to see in Big Spring. We're also looking at the historical view point, which the new Plains Trail organization is helping us with historical sites and what they call heritage tourism." As hard economic times continue to hang over West Texas, Brumley said tourism is one resource the area has yet to tap. "It's huge for this entire region because we haven't focused on it," said Brumley. "People

don't know what's around here. They don't know what they can come see, and especially with the economics of the whole area people don't really have the money to go long distances. That's another reason we can focus on short regional trips, where we tell these folks to come to Big Spring so you can stay and participate in these things." You can visit the CVB Online Calendar at www.bigspring-cvb.com For more information on submitting an event, contact Brumley at 263-8235 or e-mail her at bbrumley@bigspring-cvb.com Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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Margaret Elizabeth Howard Christopher, 77, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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www.howardcollege.edu

Big Spring Independent School District Kindergarten Roundup  
May 4 - 11, 2004  
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Parents/guardians, if you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2004, you are encouraged to attend the Kindergarten Roundup and pre-register your child for Kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year. You will need to visit the elementary campus in your attendance zone: Bauer, Kentwood, Marcy, Moss or Washington.

Padres de familia/guardianes, si usted tiene un niño que tendrá 5 años de edad en o antes del día 1° de Septiembre del año 2004, usted puede Pre-registrar a su niño para que asista al Kindergarten en el año escolar 2004-2005. Usted necesitará visitar la escuela primaria en su zona de asistencia: Bauer, Kentwood, Marcy, Moss o Washington.

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## Volunteer Suzanne Markwell named BSSH Jack Y. Smith award winner



Steve Smith presents the Jack Y. Smith award to BSSH volunteer Suzanne Markwell during the annual Volunteer Luncheon at the hospital.

BY VALERIE AVERY  
Special to the HERALD

Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Suzanne Markwell was named the Jack Y. Smith Award winner April 22 during the hospital's Volunteer Awards Luncheon.

The award is given in memory of Smith, who was one of the hospital's staunchest supporters. His son, Steve, and widow, Edna Faye, present the award every year during the luncheon, which is held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week.

"This is the hospital's way of saying 'thank you' to the volunteers who give so much of themselves to improve the lives of people with mental illness," Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said.

More than 100 volunteers provide patients with extras, in which the state cannot supply, said Billie Christie, State Hospital director of community relations.

Volunteers host fundraisers and operate The Chalet Resale Shoppe to raise money for building projects, holiday and birthday parties, and provide toiletry items for the patients.

Markwell has volunteered for more than six years and has chaired the holiday luncheon crafts show and worked with the Valentine's Day fundraiser.

Two of her biggest contributions to the patients have been the implementation of and daily work on the "We Care Project" and the "Pillow Pals."

The handmade, fabric We Care Bags are given to each newly admitted patient and are filled with toiletry items, pens, pencils and paper as a way to welcome patients to the hospital.

The Pillow Pals are small pillows and are given to each patient to comfort them while sleep-

ing or napping.

The Jack Y. Smith Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a volunteer at Big Spring State Hospital and when presenting the award, Steve Smith said it is presented to someone who performs behind-the-scenes work that directly benefits the patients.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen thanked the volunteers of Big Spring State Hospitals for their commitment to people with psychiatric illness during his keynote speech. And he praised them for their selfless contributions.

The volunteers presented Christie and Assistant Director of Community Relations Maria Brito with plaques thanking them for their dedication and leadership to the state hospital and their corps of volunteers.

Volunteer Services Council Chairman Doris Huijbregtse and Moughon presented volunteer Sharon Gutierrez with her Rookie of the Year Award for her dedication to the patients during her first year of service. State Star Group Awards were presented to Church Women United representing the First Christian Church; First Church of God; First Methodist Church; First Presbyterian Church; Immaculate Heart of Mary; North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church; and St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their work

providing sweet treats during birthday parties.

Volunteers certified eligible for pins and bars as of Dec. 31, 2003 are:

- 100 hours: Javier Flores, Mildred Hayworth, Paula Wilkenson.
- 200 hours: Mary Finch, Mary Hughes, James Hayward.
- 300 hours: Tommy Corwin, Jay Jarmes, Judy Jarmes.
- 400 hours: Jill Civello, Camile Fultz.
- 500 hours: Mildred Carlson, Bea Webb, Cyneather Woodruff.
- 600 hours: Margaret Ray.
- 700 hours: Carol Scott, Dorothy Sheppard.
- 900 hours: Pat Dickenson.
- 1,000 hours: Pauline Schulke, Mary Webb.
- 1,200 hours: Suzanne Markwell.
- 1,300 hours: Nancy Patrick.
- 1,500 hours: Verl Miller.
- 1,600 hours: Jobeth Corwin.
- 1,800 hours: Augusta Cook.
- 1,900 hours: Doris Huijbregtse.
- 2,000 hours: Shirley bodin, Peggy Marshall.
- 4,500 hours: Robin Hallman.
- 4,800 hours: Robin Hallman, Bill Wallace.
- 5,800 hours: Lou Vincent.
- 6,000 hours: Ruth Stephenson.
- 22,500: Murlene Williams.

## Club News



The charter granted to the Captain Elisha Mack Chapter is dated April 19, 1974, seen here with charter members from left, June Reid, Fern Alexander, Fran Riley, Sue Ann Damron and Letha Duke.

### Daughters of the American Revolution Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter celebrate 13 years

The Captain Elisha Mack, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a reception on April 17 in the home of Chapter Regent Sherri Key to celebrate their 13th anniversary and to honor Anne Witherspoon, Chapter Historian, who was named Outstanding Junior at the recent Texas State Conference in Houston.

Anne was given a yellow rose corsage and each charter member was given a yellow rose boutonniere.

Hostesses were Sherri Key, Sue Ann Damron and Carole Lawson.

The chapter's beautifully engraved charter was

prominently displayed in the entryway.

Eight of the original 31 charter members have 30 years. They are: Eleanor Adkins, Fern Alexander, Sue Ann Damron, Helen Ewing, Joyce Hooper, Doris Lanham, June Reid and Fran Riley.

The chapter was chartered April 19, 1974. Organizing Regent was Helen Dawson Cobean, assisted by Margaret Barnett.

Out of town guests included State Historian Verna Millard of Amarillo; Division VIII Chairman Barbara Barrera, Almola James and Pauline Hochhalter of the Mary Garland

Chapter in Brownwood; Ann Zugg, Carolyn Weatherby and Pat Tausch of the Permian Basin Chapter in Andrews; and Elizabeth Lucas and Vene Gregg of the Pocahontas Chapter in San Angelo.

A patriotic theme was used in the centerpiece, serving dishes and decorations. Guests enjoyed refreshments, visiting and perusing the chapter's scrapbooks.

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The Texas Gun and Knife Association will

also offer a two-for-the-price-of-one special admission on both Saturday and Sunday during the first hour of the show.

Children under 12 are free.

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While it may be the little brother to the Lincoln Navigator, there's nothing little about the Aviator.

For starters, its plenty roomy, with three rows of

seating for six or seven passengers (six with second row bucket seats) and more than 80 cubic feet of available cargo capacity.

The Aviator is also equipped with a 4.6-liter V-8 engine that delivers 302 horsepower and 300 lbs.-ft. of torque — capable of towing up to 7,300 pounds when properly equipped.

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And is it ever easy to drive. With four-wheel independent suspension and rack-and-pinion steering, the Aviator is smooth and stable on the highway,

and a piece of cake to park in a crowded parking lot.

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The 2004 Lincoln Aviator sport utility vehicle.

side curtain airbag system and optional AdvanceTrac and Roll Stability Control systems. In addition to rear- or four-wheel drive models, the Aviator is available in Luxury or Premium trim lines.

Luxury models feature the fold-flat third-row seat, power-assisted four-wheel anti-lock brakes, tire-pressure monitoring system, SecuriLock, running boards, dual power heated signal mirrors with memory and puddle lamps, remote keyless entry, dual electronic automatic temperature control, battery saver feature, premium sound system with CD and cassette player, automatic headlamps, analog clock, power door locks, power adjustable pedals, rear park assist, leather seating on first and second row, power lumbar driver's seat, universal garage door opener and steering wheel with audio and climate control buttons.

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## ON THE ROAD



By NEAL WHITE

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As tasks switch hands and people take over for one another, you may feel like you're in a relay race of sorts. A phone call tells you what you've wanted to hear — though the one calling may not be who you'd like to hear from.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're confident enough to remain open and vulnerable to another human being, which is what makes you so attractive. Sure, you'll get hurt once in a while, but the love you'll be able to take in will be so worth it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You can't make someone fall in love with you, but you can make sure that the object of your affection sees you in the best possible light. One-on-one time is essential to building this relationship properly. Ask for one date at a time.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're in a playful mood and will take steps that keep you from getting too serious, especially in relationships. You need to stretch out, be free, and keep your options open. Perhaps you should keep your thought process private.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A parting of ways is being considered, but that doesn't have to be such a heavy issue. Think of yourself as a light spirit, connecting and letting go with ease. Art and commerce blend together beautifully for you!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your financial realm is infused with luck, but you have to start the cycle with a very responsible or very generous move. Someone is asking you to pay up — do it as completely and as early as possible.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You can work on your self-esteem from the inside out (with prayer or meditation) or the outside in (a hair cut or better posture). Even though you prefer to work with a partner, what you do on your own is truly inspired.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is a day to cooperate — but with whom? Mutually beneficial situations are all around you. Spend time in conversation, not only with people you like and are like, but with people you don't know.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be friendly, as usual. Business mixers bring lucrative prospects your way. If you don't think a certain individual knows your secret, you are wrong! You're an open book now, and your body language tells all.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A cautious approach in

business may be appropriate, but unbridled enthusiasm gets you further along. Tonight, you feel passionate and flamboyant, tempted to drop your usual cool cover and laugh out loud!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have a creative breakthrough when you figure out exactly what your market is and why you're the only one qualified to do what you've set out to do. Someone near needs more tenderness from you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Never take it personally if someone just doesn't get you. Move on. You've got scores of admirers when you're in the right environment. Taurus and Virgo figure into your best plan. Lunches and interviews are lucky.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventh-graders.

The clinics will take place this Monday and Wednesday, as well as, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May 12.

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is \$10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

#### Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring junior high will be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance is required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 or rldaggett@esc18.net.

#### Lady Steers Athletic Banquet announced

This year's Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will take place Thursday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$10 each and can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC, Faye's Flowers or All-District Screen Printing. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will be catered by Cowboys Restaurant.

Please make all checks payable to Lady Steers Booster Club.

#### Longhorns Ragball Tournament set

This first annual Longhorns Ragball Tournament will be held at Comanche Trail Park Saturday, May 8.

The cost of the co-ed tournament is \$110 per team.

Each team must have five guys and five girls age 16 years and up. Contact Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

#### Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event, Time	Today	Station
Lady Hawks vs. McLennan	3:00 p.m.	1490
Mavericks @ Sacramento	9:00 p.m.	1490
Friday		
Lady Hawks @ Region 5 Tournament		TBA
Lady Steers vs. Amarillo Caprock	in Lubbock, 5:45 p.m.	1490



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Members of the Big Spring softball team meet on the mound before the start of an inning during the Lady Steers' 1-0 win over Coahoma Tuesday. Big Spring will start regional play Friday at 6:00 p.m. in Lubbock against Amarillo Caprock.

## Eggleston earns third consecutive district title

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Three senior athletes from Forsan's tennis team have advanced to the regional tournament at Abilene Christian University.

Lacy Eggleston will compete in the regional tournament for the fourth straight year after breezing through the competition. She only lost one set on her way to her third straight district title. Eggleston finished fourth at regionals last year.

Also qualifying for regionals was the boys' doubles team of Josh Helmstetler and Ben Breyman, who took first place overall at the district meet. In winning the district title, Helmstetler and Breyman dropped only one set.

The regional tournament will take place this weekend.

## Butler seeks third straight trip to state

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring girls track team will send seven athletes to the regional meet this weekend in San Angelo after winning their second straight district title two weeks ago.

And for senior Cierra Butler, qualifying for regionals has become a habit. Butler will compete in her third straight regional meet after taking second the past two years.

Butler qualified for state the past two years in discus, but hopes the third time is a charm.

"I have to be mentally prepared to get to state," said Butler. "I need to not think about the situation so much and just go out there and perform. And then, whatever happens happens."

Butler finished fourth at state last year and fifth as a sophomore, and at about 3 p.m. Friday, she might get a chance to try again.

She will begin the discus competition Friday at 2 p.m.

However, Butler also has a chance to advance to state in the shot put for the first time, as well. She throws in that event Saturday at 3 p.m.

"I am looking forward to going and this year I have a chance to win," said Butler in reference to the discus. "If everything goes well, I can possibly win state."

Also competing with Butler in the shot put and discus will be Amisha Vanderbilt.

Airianne Brown and Katy Abner, who each qualified in three events this year, will be teamed with Elida Rodriguez and Carmen Lewis in the 4x100 meter relay.

Brown will also compete in the 100 and 200 meters, while Abner, a freshman, qualified in the pole vault and the 4x400 meter relay, as well. Abner's teammates in the mile relay will be Rodriguez, Lewis and Raegan Ritchey.

"Things are going real good," said Lady Steers Coach Jay Kennedy. "But, we are going to have to



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Cierra Butler throws some weight around during her shot put practice Wednesday. Butler will be competing at the regional tournament this weekend in San Angelo in both the shot put and discus. Butler is trying to earn her third consecutive trip to state in discus after finishing fourth last year and fifth two years ago. She has never qualified for state in the shot put, but hopes to do so this year.

bring our 'A' game and let the good competition make us better."

Abner will perform in the pole vault Friday at 2 p.m., while the preliminaries for the 4x100 and 4x400 take place Friday at 6:00 and 8:40 p.m., respectively.

"We can't be intimidated," said Kennedy. "This is a big time meet and we are going to have to perform like it."

Brown will run her 100 and 200 preliminaries Friday at 6:45 and 8:20, respectively.

The finals, if the Lady Steers can qualify, will take place Saturday night. The 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay finalists will run at 6:00 and 8:35 p.m., while the 100 and 200 meter finals compete at 7:00 and 7:50 p.m.

Big Spring had a chance to see its regional compe-

tion before the regional meet in a practice regional meet, but Kennedy elected not to attend.

"We have gone in the past, but I usually don't get anything out of it," said Kennedy, who has guided Big Spring to nine district titles in 15 years. "Plus, it allowed the girls to get over some nagging injuries sustained throughout the year." Three runners from the

Big Spring boys' track team will also perform at San Angelo this weekend.

Michael Rodriguez will run in the 3,200 meters Friday at 9:15 p.m., while Jeremy Williams will take part in the 200 meter preliminaries Friday at 8:20 p.m.

Jacob Marquez will run his 800 meters Saturday at 6:20 p.m. The 200 meter finals will take place Saturday at 7:50 p.m.

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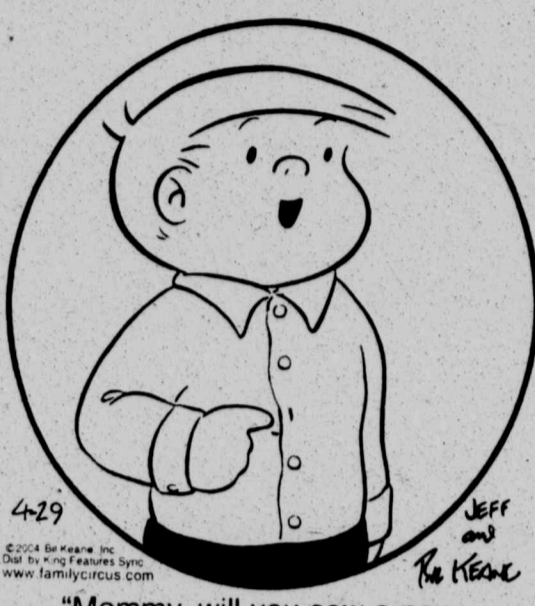
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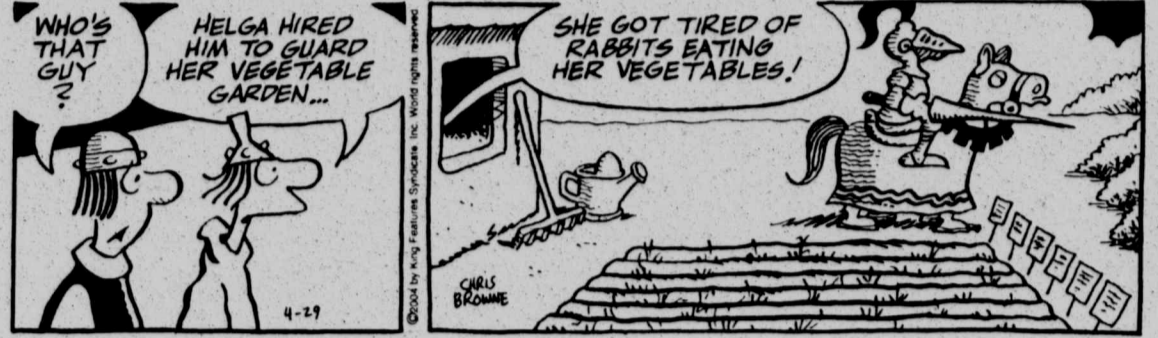
"YOU WON'T FIND MY SOCKS UNDER THERE, BUT YOU MIGHT FIND MY BUG COLLECTION."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, will you sew a new beggarman on my shirt?"

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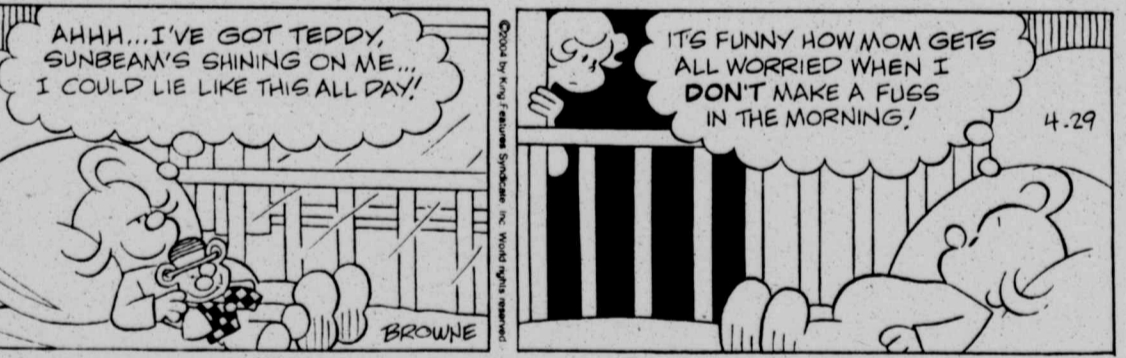
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THE OTHER COAST



SNUFFY SMITH



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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 29, the 120th day of 2004. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 29, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; that same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Admiral Karl Doenitz his successor.

On this date: In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a victory over the English.

In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union.

In 1862, New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War.

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

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Carl Gardner (The Coasters) is 76. Poet Rod McKuen is 71. Actor Keith Baxter is 71. Bluesman Otis Rush is 70. Conductor Zubin Mehta is 68. Actor Lane Smith is 68. Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 61. Singer Tommy James is 57. Movie director Phillip Noyce is 54. Country musician Wayne Secrest (Confederate Railroad) is 54. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 50. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 49. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 47. Actress Michelle Pfeiffer is 46. Country singer Stephanie Bentley is 41.

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