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Serious trash talking

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Spring cleaning will take on a whole new scope in the Crossroads area Saturday, as Keep Big Spring Beautiful and local volunteers get ready to spruce up the community during the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off. "Keep Texas Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, which has each state scheduled for a clean-up from March 1 through May

To help with the annual clean-up, the city of Big Spring will waive fees at the landfill for Trash-Off volunteers.

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
A young Coahoma girl "rides" her stickhorse and the barrel during the 33rd annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo, held Thursday. See more photos in Sunday's edition of the *Herald*.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

KBSB Trash Off
Saturday: Anytime you want, anywhere you want
Noon: Hot dog lunch provided at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

Big Spring Pow Wow
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Admission \$5 adults, 12-under free
Saturday: 10 a.m. gourd dancing; 12:30 p.m. grand entry; 5-6 p.m., break for dinner; 10 p.m., doors close.
Sunday: 9 a.m. church service; 10 a.m. gourd dancing; 12:30 p.m. grand entry; 5 p.m., doors close.

Survivors of Domestic Violence Benefit
Tena & Company
1806 N. Lamesa Highway
Saturday: 10 a.m., event begins; noon, First Bike Out Fun Run; activities include bike contest, tattoo contest, live music and more.

Cars, Stars & Handlebars
Big Spring State Hospital fund-raiser
Big Spring Country Club
2401 Driver Road
Donation: \$100 per ticket holder and one guest
Saturday: 5 p.m., doors open; 6:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Someone will take home a new car, pickup or motorcycle.

Benefit to aid abuse victims

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

The Howard County community has an opportunity Saturday to help others in need. Tena & Company is hosting a day-long benefit for survivors of domestic violence. Funds raised during the event will go to help domestic violence victims and organizations such as Victim Services, Bikers Against Child Abuse and others.

The rally will take place at Tena & Company, located at 1806 N. Lamesa Highway (U.S. Highway 87). Doors open at 10 a.m. and a "first bike out" fun run begins at noon. Other activities will include tattoo contests for men and women and best bike show. There will be food and live music all day. "We'd like everyone to come out and enjoy themselves and enjoy the day," said Tena Nelson, Tena & Company owner. "It's for a great cause."

Those who want to help domestic violence victims but have other plans are welcome to stop by and make a donation, said Nelson. Those who would like to help — volunteers are needed — or who need more information can call Tena & Company at 432-517-4471 or Nelson at 432-770-8880. Bill McClellan can be reached at 432-263-7331, ext. 230 or by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com

Texas House set to adopt budget

Plan makes major cuts in education and Medicaid. AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has knocked out the deficit in this year's budget and now turns to the next two years. House lawmakers are set to take up the budget for 2012-13 today. The proposal is \$23 billion less than was spent in the current biennium in state and

federal funds. With almost 400 amendments to slog through, the debate is expected to last well into the weekend before a vote is taken. The state is facing a multi-billion dollar revenue shortfall and Republican leaders have vowed to balance the budget with a cuts-only approach, without raising taxes. For the House plan, that means pub-

lic schools will be short about \$8 billion and Medicaid is underfunded by more than \$4 billion. The plan cuts full-day pre-kindergarten, teacher incentive pay, college financial aid and numerous other programs. The proposal cuts Medicaid reimbursement rates by 10 percent. That's See **HOUSE**, Page 3A

Positive reports highlight EDC meeting

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Progress reports — all positive — dominated a meeting of the Big Spring Economic

Development Corporation this week. Board members received an update from Howard College representative Kinsey Hansen concerning a technical program curriculum started in late 2009. "We saw (in 2009) a need to reintroduce technical programs, not only to college students, but for incumbent workers and high school stu-

dents," said Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director. "We were seeing a huge dropout rate between ninth and 12th grade and we wanted to implement a program that would help this problem." The economic development board agreed to provide Howard College with a \$200,000 grant in support of the program. According to Wegman, one condition of the grant

was that the board receive quarterly progress reports. The program includes welding, electrical, hydraulic and heavy equipment courses. "The program is up and running and the reports have far exceeded what we anticipated," Wegman said. "It has really taken off and grown. It's gone from nothing to 86

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Obituaries

Eloise Fain Watkins



Eloise Fain Watkins, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Joey Bacon, the Rev. Gene Jones and the Rev. Gary Bacon. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born April 1, 1920, in Corsicana to R.H. and Elizabeth Fain. She married Roy Watkins on March 4, 1946, in Minneapolis, Minn., and he preceded her in death Nov. 13, 2006.

Eloise came to Big Spring in 1953 from Minneapolis, Minn., and was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, where she had served in the toddler department for 26 years and was in charge of Vacation Bible School for many years. She was active in PTA, Choir Boosters and the March of Dimes.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Lorrie and Gene Jones of Canyon, Monnie and Gary Bacon of Harlingen and Tammy and Tim Yeats of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Mission Fund at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Robert F. Cathcart

Robert F. Cathcart, 76, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, in a local hospital. Private services will be held.

He was born Nov. 12, 1934, in Olton. Robert moved to Big Spring in 2005 from Tennessee. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include one son, Darren Cathcart of Kaneohe, Hawaii; and one sister, Mary Gressett of Forsan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Ester Cathcart; and one sister, Virginia Patterson.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Manuela M. Hernandez

Manuela M. Hernandez, 90, died Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

What's Happening

April 2
Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off
For more info
Contact **Pat Simmons**
(432) 263-4607

April 2
Cars, Stars, and Handle Bars
Big Spring Country Club
For more info contact
Big Spring State Hospital
Volunteer Services at
(432) 268-7535

April 2
Survivors of Domestic Violence Benefit
1806 N. Lamesa Hwy.
Begins at 10am Tena & Company
(432) 770-8880 or (432) 517-4471

April 2-3
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Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

• AMANDA NICOLE EDMONDSON, 22, of 3224 Cornell, was arrested Thursday on warrants for expired license plate, failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license - when unlicensed.

• JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON, 38, of 3224 Cornell, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license invalid, assault - family violence (two counts) and criminal mischief.

• SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 39, of 1314 State Park Dr., was arrested Thursday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 48, of 700 E. 15th St., was arrested Thursday on warrants for open container in motor vehicle - driver and failure to appear.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 1400 block of N. Highway 87.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of E. 12th Street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

• JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 48, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for open container in a vehicle and failure to appear.

• AMANDA EDMONDSON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration, failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

• JOHN MICHAEL EDMONDSON, 38, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and driving while

license invalid, and municipal warrants for assault - family violence (two counts).

• SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 39, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• MELISSA PAYNE, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of displaying an expired license plate (two counts) and displaying fictitious registration.

Note - The Thursday edition of the Herald incorrectly identified the details of the arrest of Edward Garcia Sr. The arrest should have read: Edward Garcia Sr., 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported approximately 13 miles south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and RR 33. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of S. Highway 87 and RR 33. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2500 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Jeffery Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Support Groups

- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
 - Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting,

- 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- TUESDAY**
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY**

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- FRIDAY**
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 - Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

TRASH

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31," said longtime Trash-Off coordinator Pat Simmons. "So, Texas always works on the first Saturday in April unless Easter falls on that week-end. "Keep Big Spring Beautiful strives each year to make a difference in the appearance of our community. With our recent fires I would hope that every resident and business would survey their property to make sure it is free of tall, dry grass,

weeds and trash. This is a perfect target for your property with the very dry and hot days." The event has attracted more than 300 volunteers each year, a number Simmons hopes to equal or exceed this year. "People can clean their own lots or streets or we can send them to a particular area," Simmons said. "Their efforts really make a difference ... It seems like we don't have as much trash to pick up as the year before." Volunteers will join

several other civic and governmental organizations in the main clean-up effort Saturday. In past years, efforts have centered on Big Spring's main thoroughfares — Third and Fourth streets, Gregg Street and FM 700 — as well as other areas. "We have about 13 Adopt-A-Spots throughout town and groups will be out picking up trash in those areas," Simmons said. "But people can pick up trash on different streets, lots ... wherever they want to clean."

Once their clean-up efforts are completed, volunteers can retire to the Old Settler's Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park for a hot dog lunch provided by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club between noon and 1 p.m. Those participating in the effort can also dump their trash in a large container near the pavilion. Simmons asks that volunteers register with her before the event so that Rotarians will know how many people to feed. "This way we can get a head count of how many

people are participating in the Trash-Off, which is important for the information we submit to Keep Texas Beautiful," she said. "Even if you're just going to work on your own property, please call us and let us know so we can be as accurate as possible." As an incentive, each volunteer will receive a bracelet indicating they are a KBSB Trash-Off volunteer, Simmons said. For more information on the Trash-Off, contact Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Lupe Lara, 64, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lee Freeze, 82, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Manuela M. Hernandez, 90, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

EDC

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students." The report contained statistics showing the number of students who have received benefits from the program including seven students who have reported training received enabled them to keep their employment. One student had a pay increase of \$4.50 per hour and another was hired at a higher rate immediately because of her training. Other issues presented

before the board included an expansion of John Crane Production Solutions, manufacturer of fiberglass sucker-rods. According to Wegman, the business is planning to add 18,000 square feet to its current location. "They came to us with a request for funding this expansion," Wegman said. "The board approved a \$600,000 loan, which will by no means fund the entire expansion, but will provide for the shell of the facility." As with the majority of the board approved agreements, there is an

opportunity for loan forgiveness. John Crane Production Solutions has 10 years to pay out the loan and has potential to earn credit if it meets certain benchmarks in employment and payroll. The Settles Hotel agreement was also extended for an extra year. According to Wegman, the original agreement went into effect March 1, 2008, and was good for three years. "The contract technically ended, but since they are not finished, we have extended the agreement," Wegman

said. "They are making tremendous strides, but some delays have occurred which is to be expected when dealing with an 80-year-old structure." Wegman said that the goal is to be completed and open to the public by the end of the year. The basic infrastructure

has been completed and progress is continuing to move forward at a steady pace, he said. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

HOUSE

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on top of 3 percent rate reduction that state leaders requested this year. The federal-state Medicaid health care program serves 3.1 million Texans — mostly children, pregnant women and adults with disabilities. For nursing homes, the cuts could come closer to 33 percent because of recent changes in the federal-state funding formula. The state's share has increased, but budget proposals are not paying for that increase. Experts say that could jeopardize 45,000 residents in the state's 550 nursing homes that depend on Medicaid. The plan also reinstates funding to four community colleges that had been set to have their funding cut off. Those cuts would instead be evenly distributed among all community colleges in Texas.

The Senate is working on its own version of the budget and plans to spend more billions more on education. That sets up a budgetary battle that will likely stretch into the final days of the biennial legislative session — or force a special session this summer.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Ross Stripling for being A&M pitcher of the week. He beat two top five teams, Cal State Fullerton and Oklahoma. He is the son of Hayes III and Tammy Striding of Granbury and the grandson of Hayes II and Dorothy Stripling of Big Spring.

- Odys Franklin for riding to raise funds for disabled veterans.

- Big Spring High School One-Act Play, "In the Middle of Grand Central Station" for advancing to area competition.

- Big Spring students, Alesha Yanez for receiving best actress, Clay Branscom named to the all-star cast. To those that were recognized as honorable mention all-star cast members: Mindy Ralston and April Zavala. Outstanding technical crew members; Marilee Rodgers, Lacy McMurtrey, Maranda Scott, Morgan Slaughter and Ryane Colette.

- County and city officials for working together for the betterment of the community, on numerous projects.

- CASA volunteers for ensuring that every child has a safe, healthy childhood, especially while they are going through the court process.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When others fall short, Lord, You come through for us.

Amen

The Latino backlash coming sooner than expected

Now that we know the U.S. Hispanic population has grown even faster than the U.S. Census Bureau projected — already surpassing the 50 million threshold — some Republican politicians are beginning to worry that the GOP could be in trouble.

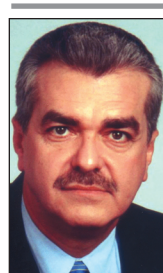
Really? Some of us have been predicting this for years!

We knew that after Republicans' vicious thrashing of Latinos and immigrants, demographics would come back to haunt the Republican Party. We knew that when conservative Republicans were writing their many mean-spirited measures, they also were writing their own political obituaries.

But frankly, we all saw it coming in the distant future, perhaps beyond our lifetimes, especially because too many Latinos are not yet eligible voters, and we thought it would take at least two decades to convert their population numbers into voter strength.

This allowed some Republican opportunists to use Latinos as punching bags, especially in states where there weren't enough minority voters to boot the immigrant-bashers out of office. Many of them have spent years attacking and offending the fastest-growing segment of the population in order to appeal to the most extreme elements of their so-called conservative base. They knew that by playing the race card, they would get some immediate boost from those afflicted by xenophobic fever, and they didn't seem to care about the long-term consequences.

Many Republicans obviously calculated that if there was go-



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ing to be a Latino backlash for their abusive, mean-spirited treatment of immigrants, it would be in the distant future and, even then, only in metropolitan areas where Latinos already had some political strength.

Yet based on the results of the 2010 census, we now can conclude that the backlash could come much sooner than anyone expected and that consequences (for all the GOP's anti-Hispanic measures) may have to be paid throughout the United States because Latinos are growing in numbers all over the country.

Nationally, between 2000 and 2010, the Hispanic population grew by 43 percent — from 35.3 million to 50.5 million. More than half the nation's population growth in that decade came from Hispanics, and contrary to popular belief, that growth was caused more by new births than it was by immigration. Latinos now constitute 16 percent of the 308.7 million U.S. residents.

Since these figures were released a few days ago, the media again have been touting the meaningless "largest minority" title and missing the truly significant findings that spell trouble for Republicans.

For example, according to the 2010 census, nearly a quarter of U.S. children are Latinos. For Latinos who struggle for equality and civil rights in this country, it means that their quest for political empowerment may not have to wait until 2050, when Latinos are projected to make up more than a third of the U.S. population.

It means that the Latino voters who can truly empower their community and change the face of American politics are already alive!

They may not be old enough to vote yet, but most of them already are American citizens, and they are growing up fast, turning 18 and becoming eligible voters at a rate of about 50,000

per month. And this amazing resource of new voters is composed of young people who are growing up in communities that have been under siege by GOP bashers.

They will remember the GOP's efforts to racially profile Latinos, to deny U.S. citizenship to the U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants, to block access to higher education for undocumented students, and to turn back the clock to a time when minorities had no civil rights.

For Republicans who thought their Latino demographics problem still was a couple of decades away, the Census Bureau is saying their projected demise — caused by their well-deserved Latino backlash — is coming sooner rather than later.

And for the politicians who take cheap shots at immigrants because they represent cities, counties and states where Latinos still have little political muscle, the census says that too is changing. In seven of the states won by Sen. John McCain in the 2008 presidential election — Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, South Dakota and Tennessee — the Hispanic population grew by at least 100 percent between 2000 and 2010. It means that the growth of the Hispanic population, with its many young and new voters, soon could make some red states turn blue.

Amazingly, the Democrats won't have to earn it. All they have to do is sit back and let Republicans continue to self-destruct in the Hispanic community.

You would think that Republican strategists, faced with the census's doomsday scenario, somehow would be able to persuade GOP flamethrowers to stop demonizing Latinos. You would think they would stop

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Describing a woman of valor

"We have only just begun," Geraldine Ferraro wrote

in inscribing a photograph to me after the 1984 campaign. I keep it above my desk, to remind myself that Rome wasn't built in a day, that it takes courage and perseverance when you're trying to change the world.

Gerry looks impossibly young in those pictures, nearly 10 years younger than I am now. And as I look back, I was practically a baby, barely 30, when it was my job, as executive director of the platform committee, to travel around the country with her, highlighting her expertise and political skills, all in an effort to get a woman on the ticket.

And we did.

There was the "A Team," an informal group of women activists whose first step was to get her the platform position, and who worked tirelessly with me to make sure that her chairmanship provided precisely the platform she needed to get national attention and the respect of the guys.

There was the platform team — a very little team, including Pam Fleischacker, Charles Atkins, George Kannar and Meredith Napper — which managed to pull together major hearings in almost every city in the country. The goal was to showcase not only her smarts, but also her savvy — her ability to pull together a party that had almost drowned in a bloodbath of platform fights in 1980 into one that came together on a united

platform in 1984.

There were the outside agitators, led by NOW and other groups, who kept the heat on Vice President Mondale to keep his promise to seriously consider a woman for the No. 2 slot.

But most important, there was Gerry.

In the days since her death, I've watched as all kinds of people have described a woman they didn't know. Some of the descriptions make me laugh. Notwithstanding Madeleine Albright's tireless efforts, Gerry never considered herself the world's expert on foreign policy. She knew what she believed in, but I'm not sure any of us — except Madeleine — could have named the leaders of every African or Asian country. She could be very tough.

She was as feisty as they come. She made mistakes — as she would be the first to admit, including that famous quip about "Italian men" not wanting to release their tax information.

But for a generation of women, her selection marked a milestone in American politics. Like the Kennedy assassination, so many women can remember exactly where they were when they heard the news. "It's a girl," Linda Wertheimer pronounced on NPR. And not just any girl.

Gerry was my first woman boss. As I think about it, she may have been my only woman boss in all these years.

Did it matter? In her case, it did — not because we sometimes had fun shopping or catching a bite or having a drink; not because we laughed together at the way the press covered her clothes and her lipstick. It mattered because she taught me lessons that went beyond politics.

Gerry loved politics, but she loved her family even more.

Between politics and her family, family came first. In those days, she was fiercely devoted to her husband, to her mother and to the three children she loved more than life.

She got beat up plenty in that campaign, from all corners. But I never heard her question her decision or whether we had done her a favor or a disservice, no matter how nasty some of the attacks. It was only after the campaign, when her husband and children were placed under the sort of microscope that only applies to the family of the first (or second) woman to be on a major ticket, that I heard a trace of regret. She never intended for her family to be hurt. It pained her so to think that her dream had been paid for by her kids and her husband.

Years later, she would literally beam as she described how well her children were doing, the grandchildren she adored and even how she was teaching her beloved husband to make sandwiches so that if this terrible disease took her, he could take care of himself.

Geraldine Ferraro taught me many things. She taught me courage and determination and perseverance. She taught me about grace under fire. But the most important thing she taught me was that love of family is the bedrock.

"A woman of valor, who can find? Far beyond pearls is her value." We found her in Geraldine Ferraro. May she rest in peace.

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Church News

First United Methodist Church

This Sunday we welcome our district superintendent, the Rev. Darrell Patterson, to our church. He will be bringing the message at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. services of worship while our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese and her husband Bill, are on vacation.

Sunday evening, all area youth are invited to attend a youth motivational event at our church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Croix Sather is a young man on a mission; 100 marathons, 100 seminars, 100 days. Bring your friends for a truly inspirational evening with Croix and crew.

This week's Lenten lunch and service will be at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. April 13, we will meet at the Salvation Army. The final meeting, Wednesday of Holy Week, we will meet at the First Christian Church.

Order blanks for Easter Lilies are available. The plants are \$14.99 each and can be purchased in memory or honor of a special person in your life. Blanks will be in Sunday's bulletin or you may call the church office for further information.

Join our youth and young families for a "Trip to the Movies" Sunday, April 10. The groups will be leaving the church at 2:30 p.m. in order to see "Soul Surfer," the inspiring true story of Bethany Hamilton, at the 3:45 p.m. matinee. Childcare will be available.

Methodist churches across the country are taking part in a world-wide ministry fighting for an end to malaria by 2015. Palm Sunday we will celebrate "To Save A Life". Imagine a world without malaria. We can do this through the: "Nothing But Nets" campaign.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is April 14. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

For more information, see our website at www.signal-emmaus.org.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

We invite you to worship with us Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry with Pastor Don Rosentreter. Sunday school follows in the parish hall.

Wednesday nights are movie nights at St. Paul. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for popcorn, fellowship and discussion.

The movie begins at 6 p.m., following with a brief discussion of the designated topic. We have enjoyed discussing the movie with an eye to Christian aspects.

Recent movies include "Stagecoach," "Dave," "Zulu," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Heaven Can Wait."

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church meets for worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads both services.

Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. The adult class discussion will be "Remembering Jesus Christ," taken from Second Timothy 2:8-15. The purpose of the lesson is "to warn us of the dangers of spiritual amnesia" and the key verse is "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth," Second Timothy 2:15. The adult discussion will be led by DeWayne Wagner.

Bible study will resume Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We will be studying the Book of James and the first lesson will be led by Pastor Bates. Bible study will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The United Methodist Women will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m.

Administrative council discussion will be Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. Our food pantry is

still active even though we are not doing the Angel Food Ministry. For more information on the Angel Food Ministry, contact the First Church of the Nazarene. For help from the food pantry, call 267-2203.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information, call 263-2536 or 267-2203, if no answer leave a message.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

If you were not able to attend our Mission Conference this past weekend, you missed a blessing. We had Scott and Megan Kelly and children of Boulder County, Colo., Rick and Sandi Gregory of Mancos, Colo., Ron and Jackie Banks of Waco and — last but not least — Mark Kennedy of Idaho. His wife, Angela, and children were unable to be with us. These are just a few of the missionaries East Fourth Street Baptist helps to support in their mission works to help people learn about Jesus Christ.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship service is at 11 a.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday, we have adult prayer meeting and Bible study and youth and children's Bible study, all beginning at 7 p.m. Men's Bible study is Saturdays. For more information, call church office at 267-2291. Our church is located at 401 E. Fourth St.

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invites anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The April 6 Lenten lunch will be at St. Mary's Episcopal, with Monsignor Bernard Gully preaching.

Other services during Lent will be a Maundy Thursday service March 21 at FPC Coahoma and a Good Friday service March 22 at FPC Big Spring.

The weekly lectionary Bible study, led by Tom and Craig Holstedt, meets Wednesdays at 5:17 p.m. in the Big Spring First Presbyterian Church library.

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday in Lent is I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during worship. Following the service, everyone is invited to share in our first Sunday covered dish meal.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's Sunday. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be observed at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's is hosting the Community of God 2011 Lenten Worship and lunch April 6 at noon. Monsignor Bernard Gulley will be the speaker.

There will be a Lenten, meatless pot-luck supper at St. Mary's Wednesday, April 6 at 6 p.m. After the meal, Carol Hanes will discuss the book, "The Dream of the Rood."

All youth from sixth to 12th grades are encouraged to join us for our youth group at the First Christian Church, Wednesday 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at its regular 5:17 time. The choir practiced at 6 p.m.

The Children's Sunday school begins a unit for Lent/Easter called "Women at the Tomb," led this week by Sarah Burch with an audiovisual workshop. The adult Covenant Class starts the second unit of the quarter with "Ancient Words of Praise," selecting from a different book of the New Testament, but all sharing the theme of praising Jesus. The Adult Video Class is viewing "Path to the Cross" for Lent, led by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan.

Tuesday evening, April 12, the Working Women's

Soaring or wallowing?

Ups and downs — we all have them. Some mornings we jump out of bed eager to see what the new day will hold. Other times we cover up our heads and pretend that the alarm clock didn't even ring. The thought of stumbling out of bed and standing up is overwhelming.



BONNIE WHEAT

American poet, Carl Sandburg, (1878-1967), was the winner of three Pulitzer Prizes. Yet his life was characterized by both failure and achievement. He once expressed what we all feel at times: "There is an eagle in me that wants to soar, and there is a hippopotamus inside me that wants to wallow in the mud."

Whether our bent toward life is positive or negative, we all have those days when we want to soar with the eagles. Often it only takes a little bit of encouragement to get our wings flapping and make us think that we are soaring. Our spirits are elevated, and the sky is our gateway to opportunity.

On the other hand, illness, grief, financial setbacks, stressful relationships, and other baggage can get us bogged down in the wallows of self-pity and depression.

It is hard to step out of a bog when our feet are mired with the mud and muck of hopelessness. Just pulling one foot out of the mud sometimes requires more gumption than we think we possess.

Life is a yo-yo on a string that we control to some extent. It was never designed to be trouble free, nor was it intended to be a pit of despair. We have to look up to see the eagles soar, and we have to look down occasionally to avoid being swallowed whole by a hippopotamus rolling around in the mud.

Perhaps the apostle Paul experienced more soaring opportunities and wallowing temptations than most of us will even encounter. However, he seems to have found the key to balanced living. Upon receiving gifts from the church at Phillip, we wrote, "I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 3:12-13 NASB).

We, like the apostle, can view life as a process of both soaring and wallowing, because we can depend on Christ for strength in any situation.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted at brwheat@suddenlink.net.

Bible Study will meet in the church parlor, led by Helen Glass.

Part of the Lenten celebration will be a series of Lenten lunches shared with several other churches. The lunchtime services begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. April 6 will be at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with Monsignor Bernard Gulley preaching; April 13 at the Salvation Army, with the Rev. Ken McIntosh preaching; and April 20 at First Christian Church, with Capt. Ed Cheshire preaching.

Other opportunities for worship during Holy Week will be a Maundy Thursday Service at First Presbyterian, Coahoma, April 21, and a Good Friday service April 22.

Liturgists last Sunday were the youth: Shawn Walker, Donavon Salinas and Charlie Boling. The Children's Moment was provided by the children, under the musical direction of Susan Dawes and sign language direction of Kay Kennemur. Those

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wedge issue to divide the American people. But don't bet on it.

In the 2012 presidential primaries, count on GOP candidates to cave in to pressure from tea partiers and other right-wing extremists and to continue alienating their party from the Hispanic community. You can bet on this: On immigration, the Republican primaries will be a competition to see who can be more Draconian.

The writing is on the wall for

using immigration as a

Republicans. But they won't read it.

If the most racist Republicans only learned how to shut up and keep their hatred of Latinos to themselves, perhaps their party could fool some Hispanic voters in a few years. But their barrage on Latinos is so constant and so vicious that the process of forgetting their offenses is not even allowed to begin.

In just the past couple of weeks, we've heard from a Kansas Republican who suggested that we shoot border-crossing undocumented immigrants from helicopters, as is done with wild dogs, and from an Arizona

Republican who gave credibility to an anonymous letter from a teacher who had claimed that most Hispanic students "do not want to be educated but rather be gang members and gangsters."

Almost every week, at least one Republican politician reminds us why the GOP deserves the wrath of Latinos. And now the Census Bureau has shown us just how soon the backlash could begin.

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CHURCH NEWS

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participating were Alanna Salinas, Mia Burch, Glen Burch, Lyndee Walker, Mason Walker, Chris Grisham, Jake Patterson and Mason Patterson.

Katie Grimes will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday. Communion servers for April are Paula Farquhar, Danny Kennemur and Claudie and Rip Patterson. Ushers for the month are Gordon and Susan McDaniel and Jerry and Katie Grimes.

The lectionary for the fourth Sunday in Lent is I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-16; John 9:1-41. The Rev. Holstedt will deliver the sermon. Communion will be celebrated during worship. The choir will offer "The Lord Is My Shepherd" arranged by Thomas Mathews; during the offertory they will sing "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" arranged by Hal Hopson.

If you cannot attend worship, listen on KBST 1490 AM, at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

College Baptist Church

Sunday, there will be a luncheon after the morning worship services to start off the week of prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Different Sunday school classes will bring foods for the different states that this offering covers. We will be praying for the missionaries that serve in these areas.

There will not be a 3G's meeting in April, as the senior adults will be in Branson, Mo., at that time. The 3G's is the senior adult group that meets once a month for a pot-luck meal and usually a speaker gives a talk on things of interest to the over 55 crowd.

We are located at 1105 Birdwell Lane.

The First Church of the Nazarene

First Church of the Nazarene has many exciting events coming up.

Kids, are you ready to go hop down the bunny trail? April 23, join us for an Easter egg hunt at the Old Settler's pavilion in the park. We are going to start at 10 a.m. with the hunt and enjoy hot dogs and drinks afterward.

May 15 will be Biker Sunday. Services start at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come.

Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster.

For more information, contact the church office at (432) 267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/

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Services are Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15.

Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching Sunday from the lessons for the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Jonathan Byrd. Our elders are Bobby Roeber and Richard Knocke. Bo Vizcaino will be reading the liturgy Sunday. The readings are Isaiah 42:14-21, Psalm 142, Ephesians 5:8-14, and John 9:1-41 or John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39.

Easter lillies will again grace our altar Easter morning. Make plans to order one (or two). Lilies will be \$10 each.

Sundays, the adults and youth are studying from the "Growing in Christ" series. The lesson this Sunday is "Jesus Heals a Blind Man," based on John 9. The April 10 lessons for Sunday school classes will be "Jesus Raises Lazarus," based on John 11:1-45.

Alive in Christ will have a called voter's meeting Sunday at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This meeting will be for the Call Committee to present its pastoral candidates to the congregation.

Wednesday, we studied "Judas Betrays Jesus" from Luke 22:47-53. Next Wednesday, our Mid Week School will study "Peter's Denial" from John 18:15-18, 25-27.

The meals are being served from 6:30-7 p.m. Thank you, Bobby and Judy Roeber, for preparing the delicious meal last Wednesday. The April 6 meal will be prepared by Shyrlee Reid. If you are interested with helping with a meal, contact Dana Byrd.

Lenten services are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The focus for the fifth Lenten service Wednesday is the "The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death" from the text found in Matthew 27:52, 53. Lenten services will continue until the Wednesday before Holy Week.

Saturday, April 9, the LWML spring workshop will be at church. Ladies from the West Texas zone will be treated to a patriotic theme and old-fashioned hot dog picnic luncheon. Crafts will be made and presented to our VA patrons at a later date.

A pot luck has been scheduled by the Board of Assimilation for Sunday, April 17.

The Easter Festival will be Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. We will again have the Easter cookie decorating, face-painting, crafts, Easter egg/ cake walk, Easter egg hunt, and other activities.

Defendant testifies in church shooting trial

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — A California man charged with killing his estranged wife and another parishioner inside a New Jersey church took the stand Thursday to describe the killings and a marriage full of turbulence that he blamed on meddling from her family and members of their insular, ancient Christian sect.

Joseph Pallipurath, of Sacramento, is on trial in Paterson in the killing of his estranged wife, 24-year-old Reshma James, and 25-year-old Dennis John Mallosseril, a parishioner who had tried to intervene.

Prosecutors said Pallipurath drove across the country, burst into the vestibule of a Clifton church in November 2008 and tried to remove James by force.

James and Mallosseril were fatally shot. James' cousin Silvy Perincheril was shot in the head but survived. She is now in a wheelchair. Pallipurath was arrested in Georgia the next day.

Pallipurath admitted Thursday that he took two legally registered, loaded handguns from his car into the church, but said he had only intended to scare anyone who might intervene in what he said was a private domestic matter.

"I just blacked out, and I lost it," Pallipurath said under questioning from his attorney about the moment of the shooting. "I wasn't thinking. I don't know what I was thinking at that point."

Defense lawyer Harley Breite said Pallipurath's actions were not premeditated, and he should not be convicted of murder.

"I hope the jury sees a man who was pained by an unsuccessful marriage and never intended to harm anyone," he said.

If the jury believes his actions were premeditated, Pallipurath could face up to life in prison for the two counts of murder and one at-

tempted murder count he is facing. It hasn't yet been determined what the jury could do if the defense argument prevails; the attorneys were to meet with the judge Friday to settle on jury instructions. Closing arguments are scheduled for Monday.

The New Jersey courtroom was packed with members of the Knanaya community, a close-knit Christian minority who largely hail from the South Indian state of Kerala.

The group has two main branches, Catholic and Syriac Orthodox, and is estimated by church officials to have about 50,000 to 100,000 members worldwide. Members trace their roots back to 72 families that traveled from the Middle East to India around the year 340 to do missionary work. Their strict inter-marriage customs — meant to preserve ancient bloodlines — mean many families know one another.

The killings, and the subsequent trial, have reverberated throughout the Knanayan community worldwide, according to the Rev. Thomas Abraham, the head of the St. Thomas Syrian Orthodox Knanaya Church where the shootings occurred.

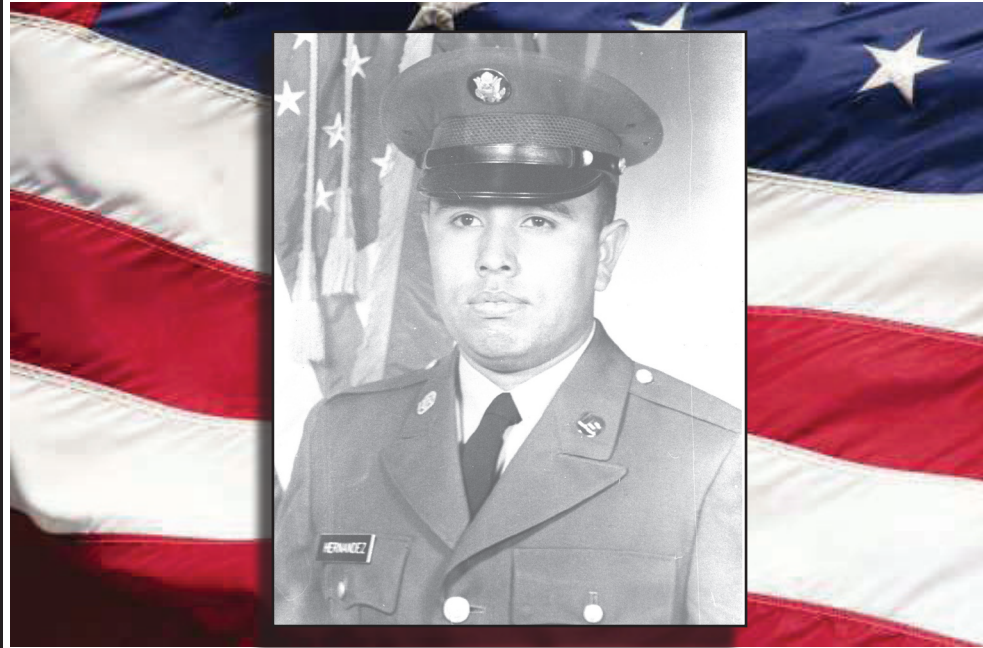
Mallosseril's mother, Aley Kutty John, put her head down, sobbed and then grew faint and fell in the courtroom aisle Thursday as Pallipurath described how Mallosseril, who was walking into the church to attend services at the moment of the confrontation, had tried to prevent Pallipurath from forcing his wife to return to California with him.

"The defense kept repeating his name: 'Dennis John, Dennis John' over and over and I just couldn't take it," Aley John said later. She said she felt compelled to sit through the trial to learn what had happened to her son in the final moments of his life.

"I'm doing it for my son, it's the last thing I could do for him," she said.

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He served in "C" company 2nd Air Mobile Battalion, 101st Airborne Division.

Pfc. Hernandez was born Aug. 17, 1949, in Big Spring. He was graduated from Big Spring High School in May, 1968, and attended Howard County Junior College. He was employed at the Big Spring State Hospital prior to entering the Army.

He served at Ft. Ord, Calif., Ft. Benning, Ga, and Fort Wauchuca, Ariz., prior to going to Vietnam.

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P-p-play ball: A chilly opening day

By **BEN WALKER**
AP Baseball Writer

With a hot beverage cup in both hands and a white parka pulled over her hooded sweat shirt, Marie Denissen was more than happy to be at Nationals Park.

Chilly weather? No worries. Heck, it was opening day.

"It's still great," said Denissen, from Highland, Md., during Thursday's game between the Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals. "You just have to have coffee instead of beer."

Pretty much the sentiment all across the majors. Get out your mitts — and mittens — and let's play ball.

Chipper Jones was ready,

even though it was 41 degrees and damp in Washington. The ol' pro got the first hit of the 2011 season with a double, and later scored the first run as Atlanta won 2-0 before a non-sellout crowd.

At Yankee Stadium, there was a box of winter hats for players in the New York clubhouse. It was 42 degrees and misty for the first-ever March game in the Bronx.

Rapper Jay-Z bundled up with his version of a "ballparka" — hoodie and coat — and there were pockets of empty seats as the Detroit Tigers took on the Yankees. Derek Jeter blew on his hands in the batter's box, even though he already had batting gloves.

The concession stand that seemed to be doing the best business at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City was Sheridan's hot chocolate. Fans lined up against the chill, lined up five-deep, before the Royals hosted the Los Angeles Angels.

Mark Allred, a retired electrician from Kansas City, Mo., sat on the first-base side about 15 rows from the field. The forecast called for highs around 50, with a 50 percent chance of rain and light winds.

"It's too bad we don't have a nice day for this. It's always such an exciting time," Allred said. "Fans like me have been looking forward to base-

ball all the long winter and now it still feels like winter. But I don't really care. Bring on the first pitch!"

It was 41 degrees for the first pitch at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati — better than the previous day, when the Milwaukee Brewers and Reds worked out in the snow.

Reds pitcher Edinson Volquez warmed up wearing a red-hooded sweat shirt and players took batting practice in stocking caps.

Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said the trick for players was to ignore the temperature as much as possible.

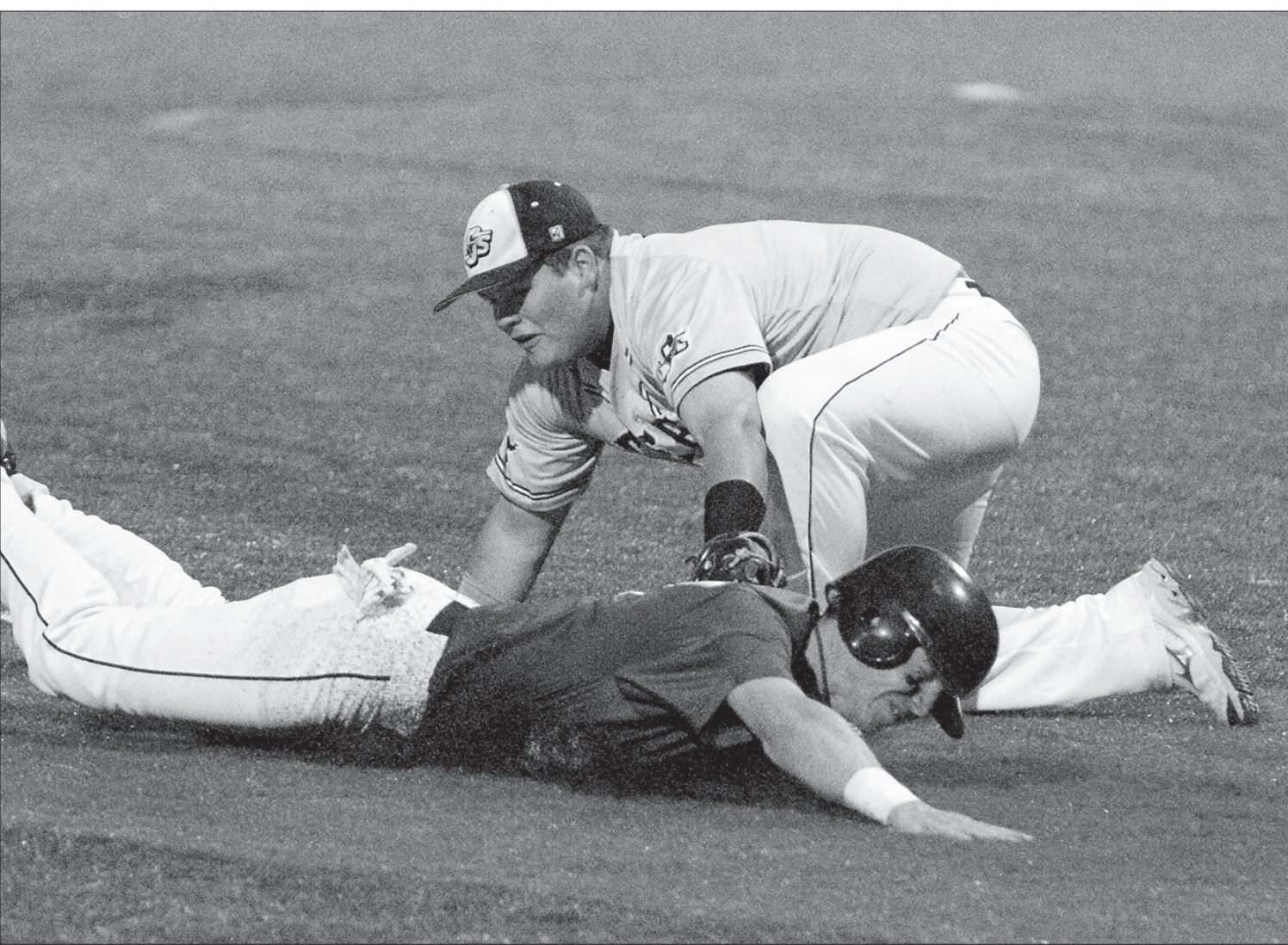
"It's all mental," Baker said. "Sometimes it really is cold. You've got to fool yourself."

The Brewers didn't seem to mind. Rickie Weeks and Carlos Gomez led off Milwaukee's season with home runs, the first time a team had done that since 1969, when Pete Rose and Bobby Tolan did it for the Reds. Rose, in fact, was at the Brewers-Reds game.

There were six openers Thursday, including games at St. Louis and Los Angeles.

No surprise, Dodger Stadium made for the most picturesque setting. It was sunny, with a gametime temperature of 85 as Tim Lincecum and the World Series champion San Francisco Giants played their old rivals.

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Big Spring third baseman tags out an Abilene Wylie runner during their game at Steer Park Tuesday. The Steers will be in non-district action tonight when they travel to Andrews. Game time is 7 p.m.

Unexpected quartet arrives in Houston for Final Four

HOUSTON (AP) — The VCU players sat at home last year, watched Butler almost win the national championship and thought, sure, that could be us someday. Sort of the same way people die about winning the lottery.

Well, the numbers came up for the Rams this year. Same thing for Kentucky, Connecticut and Butler again, too, in a way the NCAA tournament has never seen before.

The teams arrived at the Final Four on Thursday, all after a season of playing the underdog at one point or another — a season that produced a final weekend hardly anyone saw coming.

"Crisis mode," Wildcats coach John Calipari said in describing Kentucky's status after a loss to Arkansas dropped his team to 19-8, pedestrian by standards in the Bluegrass State.

"Our next games were home against Florida, home against

Vanderbilt and at Tennessee. Shoot, we lose those and maybe we're not in the tournament."

They weren't the only ones with that empty feeling at some point in 2010-11.

Connecticut was picked 10th in the Big East.

VCU was listed as a pre-season 5,000-1 longshot.

Butler was 14-9 and riding a three-game losing streak in early February.

"I never thought we'd be sitting here," Bulldogs coach Brad Stevens said when asked what he thought of his team's prospects at that point. "But the season starts in October and it goes until at least March 1. You're supposed to get better. It's hard. But if you have guys willing to work through it, it can happen."

In the first semifinal Saturday, eighth-seeded Butler (27-9) will play 11th-seeded VCU

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Sports calendar

TODAY

Baseball — Big Spring at Andrews, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Western Texas at Howard College (DH), noon.

Baseball — Colorado City at Forsan, 7 p.m.

Softball — Big Spring vs. Alpine (at Monahans), 5 p.m.

Softball — Midland College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

Softball — Colorado City at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Track — Big Spring boys and girls at Indian Relays, Seminole.

Tennis — Big Spring at Snyder tournament.

Tennis — Forsan at Wink tournament.

In brief

KBSB to host kickball event

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will host its inaugural Kickball Klean-Up tournament Saturday at the Cotton Mize Complex in Comanche Trail Park.

Cost is \$100 per team. All proceeds go to KBSB.

For more information, call Danny Valle at 213-8579 or Chad Averette at 213-3828.

CGA tournament set for April 10

The Chicano Golf Association will host an individual play tournament April 10 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is set for a 10 a.m. shotgun start and a 9:30 a.m. signup deadline.

Fee is \$20 per person. Contact Bobby Cordova at 935-0410.

Tournament to benefit Relay for Life

The 2011 Cancer Scramble, which will benefit the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life American Cancer Society fundraiser, will be held April 16-17 at Big Spring Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble.

Entrants can make their own teams or be assigned. The field will be flighted after the first round.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin and the top three teams in each flight.

Entry fee is \$75 per person plus a \$22 cart fee (private carts are welcome).

For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold tryouts Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

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Former aide testifies against Bonds

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tears streaming from her eyes, Barry Bonds' former personal shopper became the first and only one of the government's 23 witnesses at his federal trial to say she saw the all-time home run leader getting an injection from his trainer.

Kathy Hoskins was the first eyewitness to testify that Bonds' personal trainer — Greg Anderson, who was later convicted of dealing steroids — injected the slugger.

She said Thursday that the scene unfolded at Bonds' well-appointed Bay Area home in 2002. As part of her job, she packed the baseball star's clothes for baseball road trips.

Anderson came into the bedroom as she was filling a suitcase.

"Barry was like, 'Let's do it right here,'" she testified, using a tissue to repeatedly dab at her eyes and brow.

"This is Katie. That's my girl. She ain't going to say nothing to nobody," she quoted Bonds as saying. "So Greg shot him in the belly button."

"It was a regular, nor-

mal-size syringe," she said.

Hoskins said she didn't ask about the injection, but Bonds volunteered that it was "a little something, something for when I go on the road. You can't detect it. You can't catch it."

Bonds is charged with four counts of making false statements and obstruction of justice for telling a federal grand jury in 2003 that Anderson never provided him with steroids and human growth hormone, and that only physicians injected him.

Wearing a boyish shirt and purple necktie, her long, braided hair pulled back, Hoskins accused her brother — former Bonds' business partner Steve Hoskins — of telling her story to federal prosecutors, causing her to have to testify against Bonds.

"He threw me under the bus," she said.

In his last question to her, Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Parrella asked Hoskins: "Are you testifying here just to back your brother up?"

"Absolutely not," she

said before adding, with tears dripping down her face and voice breaking up, "I was put in the middle of it."

Dr. Don Catlin, former head of the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory, then testified about his 2006 discovery of Tetrahydrogestrinone (THG), the designed steroid known as "the clear."

Bonds' urine sample, which was negative for steroids in baseball's 2003 survey test, was positive for THG three years later after Catlin's lab developed a test and also for the female fertility drug clomiphene.

The government says it likely will rest its case after Catlin steps down Monday and portions of Bonds' grand jury testimony are read into the record, although additional scientific witnesses could be called to support Catlin.

After that, the defense can start presenting witness.

Earlier Thursday, Bonds' physician Dr. Arthur Ting contradicted the testimony of Steve Hoskins, who told the

jury last week that he had as many as 50 discussions about Bonds' alleged steroid use with Ting. Hoskins also testified that Ting told him Bonds' 1999 elbow injury, which required surgery, was caused by taking steroids.

But Ting repeatedly denied Hoskins' accounts under cross-examination from defense lawyer Cristina Arguedas.

"Did you emerge from the surgery and say to Stevie Hoskins in April 1999 that was an injury caused by steroids?" she asked.

"No," he answered. "Did Stevie consult with you about specific steroids like Winstrol and Deca?"

"No," he responded.

"Did Stevie call you on the telephone, describe steroids for you, tell you to go check them out and then tell you to call him back when you could describe the side effects of specific steroids?"

"Never," he said.

Later, the lawyers on both sides seemed surprised that Ting's story conflicted so sharply with that of Hoskins.

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(23-11), in a matchup of underdog mid-majors that some might consider more fitting for the Maui Invitational than a Final Four bracket.

In the second game, it's No. 3 Connecticut (30-9) vs. No. 4 Kentucky (29-8) in the rematch of a game that really was played at the Maui Classic. UConn won 84-67 back on Nov. 24. A trip to Houston wasn't on anyone's mind back then.

"That game showed what we could be and certainly what John needed to fix," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said of Calipari. "It turned out, I needed to fix some things, too, but it was later because the problems showed up in the Big East."

By solving the problems, UConn has landed in probably the most inconceivable foursome in Final Four history — not a single No. 1 or 2 seed for the first time ever, and a group of teams chosen by a grand total of three people out of more than 8 million entrants in bracket contests run by ESPN and Yahoo.

"At first, it was the selection and how we shouldn't be in the tournament," VCU point guard Joey Rodriguez said. "Then it became, we can't do this in this game, we won't be able to do that in that game. We keep proving people wrong, and now, we're here."

Led by 33-year-old coach Shaka Smart, the Rams went only 12-6 and finished fourth in the Colonial Athletic Association.

They wound up as one of the last teams placed in the tournament bracket. They took

immense flak from ESPN's Jay Bilas, Dick Vitale and a whole group in the bracketology set who called VCU undeserving when its name showed up and teams such as Colorado and Virginia Tech were left out. The Rams answered by winning five games on their road to the Final Four by an average of 12 points.

Now, they're celebrities, across the nation and around their own campus — located in Richmond, Va., with enrollment of 32,000, about the same size as George Mason, the Virginia school that also made the Final Four as an 11 seed back in 2006.

"I went to the bookstore the day the Final Four T-shirts came out, and that was a mistake," VCU guard Bradford Burgess said. "People were taking pictures, giving me hugs, signing autographs. It took me an hour and a half to

get out."

On the blue blood side of the bracket, UConn will face Kentucky in a matchup of pedigree teams who went through some dog days this season.

The Wildcats lost five players to the NBA draft after last season, including the No. 1 pick, John Wall.

Calipari figured out his team and got it revved up at precisely the right time. Led by freshman Brandon Knight (East region most outstanding player) and senior Josh Harrellson (14.8 points and nine rebounds a game in the tournament), the Wildcats returned to the Final Four for the first time since they last won it all, in 1998.

"This team went from me dragging them to them dragging me," Calipari said. "They became empowered, and that's when they became special. They know it now. They get it."

The Huskies are a young team led by junior Kemba Walker, a guard from the Bronx who has added a nice mid-range and 3-point-shooting game to his repertoire and has averaged 26 points a game since UConn went on a remarkable postseason run. The Huskies, who finished the Big East at 9-9, won five straight in the conference tournament and four more in the NCAA.

UConn is in the Final Four for the second time in three years. In 2009, it was expected. This time, it's a surprise. That places the Huskies in familiar company this week.

"My freshman year, everyone was like, 'You're going to make the Final Four,'" Walker said. "This time, I didn't know if we were going to make it. We were underdogs almost the whole year. To make it the way we made it, it's kind of special."

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CHILLY

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"I'm definitely excited. If you're not nervous or antsy, something's wrong," said Don Mattingly, making his managerial debut with Los Angeles.

Baseball has tried in the past to avoid inclement conditions on opening day, occasionally beginning with most of

the games on the West Coast and in the South, along with playing in places that had domes. That didn't satisfy everyone, though.

"You can't every year open up in Anaheim or LA or San Diego, or nobody would ever get the first game of the year. You've got to mix it up. I'm fine with that," said Padres manager Bud Black, whose team started Thursday in St. Louis.

Quite a change from the sun-baked fields of spring training in Arizona and Florida.

"Opening day, you don't feel the weather because you're too excited. Opening day hasn't been cold in the past," Royals designated hitter Billy Butler said. "It's the next few days after that when it gets really cold. The weather changes daily this time of year. But adrenaline will keep you warm."

The rest of the teams in the big leagues were scheduled to open on Friday. Everywhere, there were collection boxes set up at stadiums for donations to the relief efforts in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami.

At St. Louis, six Cardinals Hall of Famers were introduced dur-

ing the annual parade lap around the warning track at Busch Stadium, including 90-year-old Stan Musial, honored with the Congressional Medal of Freedom earlier this year.

At Washington, it was drizzling during batting practice. Before the game, Nationals rookie reliever Brian Broderick tried on a red, covering-all-but-the-eyes ski mask, while nearby, a clubhouse attendant offered other players hand warmers.

In New York, wind ruffled the opening-day bunting and some fans moved up from box seats onto the concourses or under the overhangs for cover. Many wore gloves, while others stuffed their hands into their pockets.

Tim Hughes wore a 2009 World Series champions jacket, along with a sweat shirt and blue hood, as he waited in line for a hot chocolate. At 51, the fan from Easton, Pa., said he had been to 34 of the last 35 home openers at Yankee Stadium.

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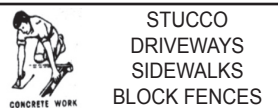
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Happy New Year! No, that's not an April Fools' joke — not exactly. Many ancient cultures celebrated the start of a new year on or around April 1st, just 12 days after the vernal equinox. The Pisces moon is void-of-course for an exceptionally lengthy amount of time, raising the level of absurdity and silliness for this day of fools.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You show up and deliver. And though you're about as constant as a machine, you give from the heart and put the full force of your spirited personality into your contribution like no machine ever could.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll balance your work and family with such skill that you'll have others asking you how you do it. Tomorrow this gets trickier, though. Stick with what's working for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have earned your network. Some of your relationships have sustained over a long period of time. Your ties will stay strong through the mutual giving you do over the next 10 days.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Seek high visibility assignments. You need publicity in order to move forward with what you want to do. Make sure people

know about your work. You'll be paid for your name recognition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will take a liking to a less experienced individual and feel suddenly protective of this person. If you take this person under your wing and show her how things are done, you will later be rewarded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may start out the day feeling puzzled or creatively blocked, but by the end of the day, you'll feel motivated. You'll have a solution to your problem, and you'll be ready to make your next move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is a bit of information that has been held back. Ask a few more questions, and you'll soon sniff it out. This will be the key you've needed to move to the next level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll give recognition where it's due and where it's not due. You may praise someone who didn't contribute much or give a compliment in advance. In the end, everyone will perform better because of your uplifting words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you set

aside time with someone special, make that time inviolate. Take measures to be sure the appointment can't be canceled, postponed or interrupted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Daydreaming is a stress-free escape. It doesn't cost anything, and as long as your imaginings are mostly beautiful and positive, there are no harmful side effects, either.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Guinness World Records does not accept claims for beauty, as it is not objectively measurable. You would be wise to take a similar stance, as you will be among those with varied tastes and preferences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). New ambitions embolden you. You will be inspired to try to do what you never thought you could do. It will take time and practice to succeed in this endeavor, and eventually you will.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). Your curiosity will lead you to different parts of the world. You come to a deeper appreciation of loved ones, which will be reflected in your ever-strengthening bonds. This month, colleagues

will rise to your high standards of integrity and fair play. There's a financial payoff in May. You'll reach a milestone in August. Taurus and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 25, 41, 20 and 16.

WEEKEND FORECAST: Give and take appropriately. If someone gives too much, you will suspect this person of trying to control you. **ARIES:** You do the unexpected. That's what makes you so attractive and interesting. **GEMINI:** You hold allure for someone who doesn't know you well. Make it last by staying a bit mysterious. **CANCER:** Every good businessperson knows that scarcity of supply drives demand. You will use this principle in your love life. **LEO:** Your smile sets the tone for a perfect date. **VIRGO:** You may be calm on the outside, but others can sense the untamed energy just

below your surface. **LIBRA:** You can inspire your love to be the best person he or she can be — but your love must ultimately do the work alone. **SCORPIO:** Act from the heart. **Obligation** is not the same thing as love. **SAGITTARIUS:** An exciting romantic contender will be drawn in by your intelligence. **CAPRICORN:** You will eliminate your need of someone, and this makes the person want you all the more. **AQUARIUS:** Your quiet respect for yourself and others is classy. **PISCES:** Share and care, but hold something back, too — avoid over-familiarity.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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5	6						2	3
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the jack of spades (either a singleton or a doubleton). How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ A K 6 5
♥ A 8
♦ A Q 10 9 8 5 2
♣ —

EAST
♠ 10 4 3
♥ Q J 2
♦ K J
♣ A 10 8 5 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

WEST
♠ A 9 7
♥ K Q 5
♦ A 7 6 4 3
♣ A 8

EAST
♠ 2
♥ J 7 4
♦ K J 5
♣ K Q 7 6 4 3

1. The best method of play — almost certain to succeed — is to win the spade, cash the ace of hearts, lead a trump to dummy's jack, discard the eight of hearts on the ace of clubs and play the queen of hearts from dummy.

If South covers with the king, ruff it and return to dummy with a trump to discard one of your spade losers on the jack of hearts. All you can then lose is one spade.

If South plays low on the queen of hearts, discard a spade. If the queen wins, you have 12 sure tricks; if it

loses to North's king, you will probably still make 12 tricks by later discarding another spade on dummy's jack of hearts.

2. You can't be sure of the contract, but there is a best way to proceed. Nine tricks are obviously yours for the taking if the clubs are divided 3-2. So to give yourself an added chance — if they split 4-1 (or 5-0) — start by ducking two rounds of spades, discarding two hearts from dummy. Win the third spade with the ace and lead a low club to the queen, followed by a low club back to the ace.

If both opponents follow suit, you're home free, but if either of them shows out, you next play a low diamond to dummy's jack. If North was dealt the doubleton or tripleton queen, you can still make the contract.

Note that if you start the clubs in the more usual way by playing the ace and another club, and you run into a 4-1 division, it becomes impossible to score five diamond tricks regardless of how the opposing diamonds are divided. This is because if you are forced to start the diamonds from dummy, the suit automatically blocks, and you can't take more than three diamond tricks no matter how you proceed.

Tomorrow: Resolving a difficult guess.
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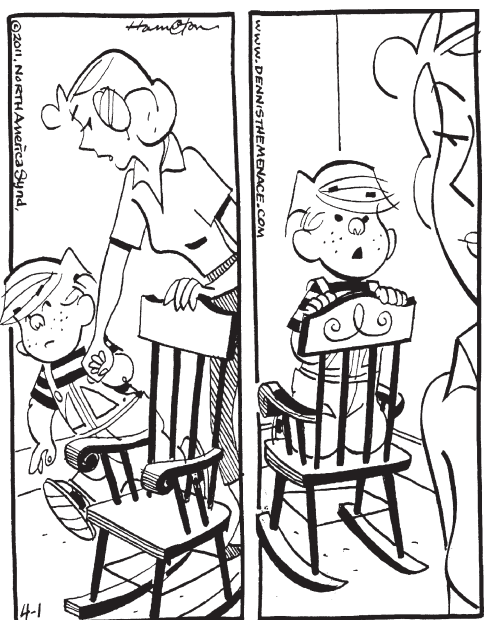
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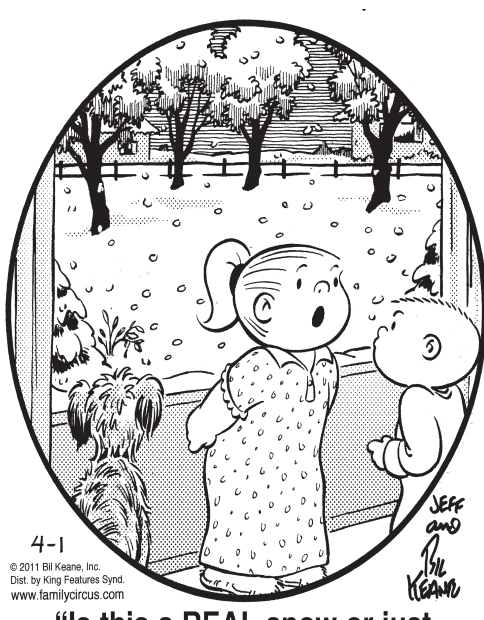
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5:30 PM	News ABC	Alma	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	Seinfeld	Faye H.	World	70s Show	Cash Cab	Movie: Secret Window, Maria Bello	Gangland	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Good	Basketball	ers.
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"THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN IT DOES YOU!" "IN THAT CASE, I'M WILLING TO SKIP IT!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



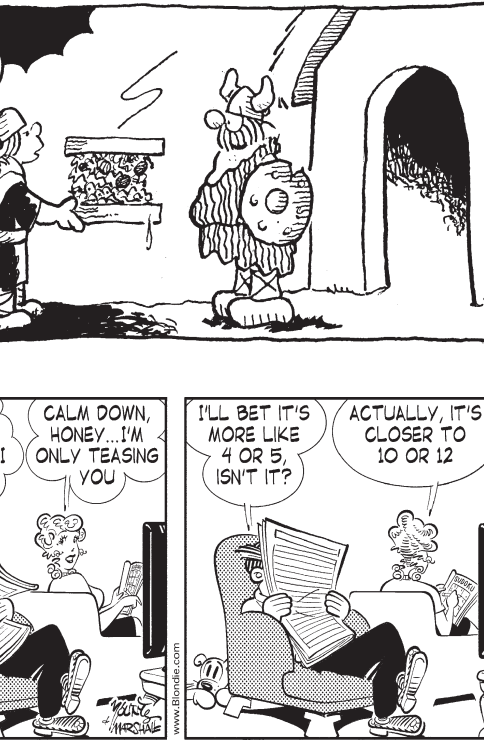
"Is this a REAL snow or just an April Fool's snow?"

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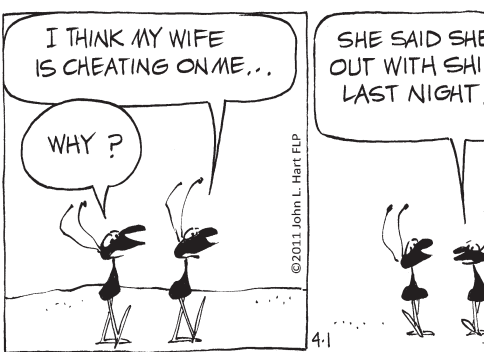
HERE'S YOUR PIZZA WITH ALL THE WORKS, SIR ARE YOU SURE YOU PUT ON ALL THE EXTRAS I ASKED FOR? YES

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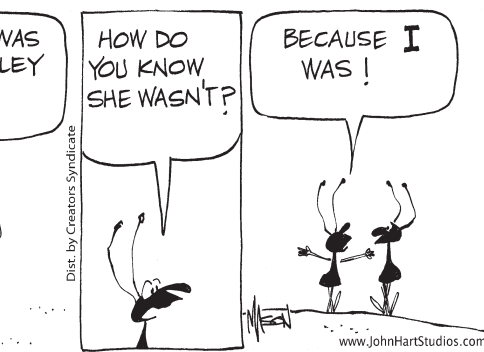
ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE AVERAGE WIFE HAS THREE SECRETS HER HUSBAND KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE WHAT?! YOU ACTUALLY HAVE THREE SECRETS I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT? CALM DOWN, HONEY... I'M ONLY TEASING YOU I'LL BET IT'S MORE LIKE 4 OR 5, ISN'T IT? ACTUALLY, IT'S CLOSER TO 10 OR 12

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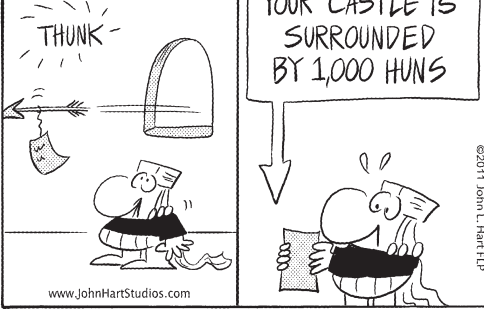
I THINK MY WIFE IS CHEATING ON ME... WHY? SHE SAID SHE WAS OUT WITH SHIRLEY LAST NIGHT. HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE WASN'T? BECAUSE I WAS!

WIZARD OF ID



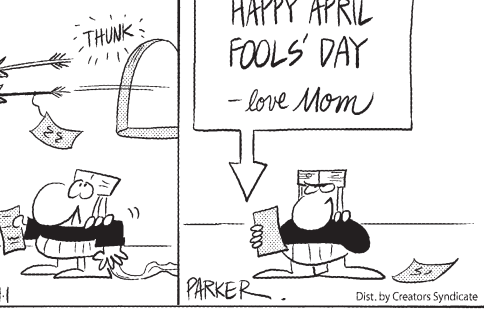
THUNK YOUR CASTLE IS SURROUNDED BY 1,000 HUNS THUNK HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY -love Mom

AGNES



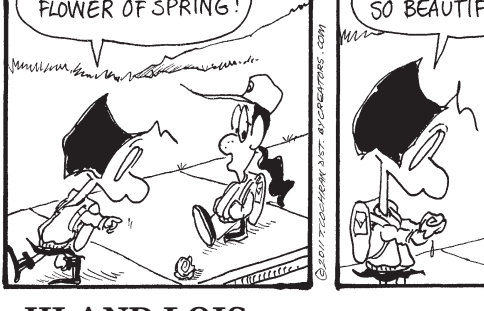
OH, LOOK! THE FIRST FLOWER OF SPRING! SO DELICATE! SO BEAUTIFUL! UM... THAT'S A USED KLEENEX. SO SLIMEY. SANITIZER?

HI AND LOIS



COLORFUL CORAL, TROPICAL FISH, EXOTIC SEA LIFE... OLD BEER BOTTLES, RUSTY SODA CANS, PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS...

THE OTHER COAST



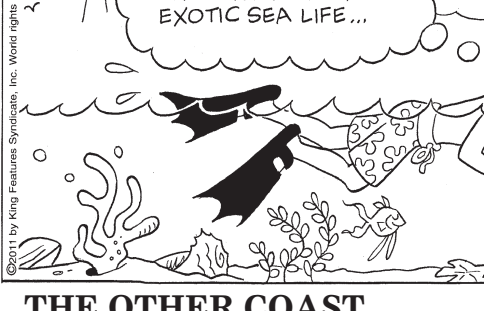
MAYBE BUILDING A GINGERBREAD HOUSE WASN'T SUCH A BRILLIANT IDEA AFTER ALL...

SNUFFY SMITH



IF YA DON'T WANT L'L TATER TO GIT IN YORE STUFF, JUGHAID, THEN PUT IT UP WHAR HE CAN'T GIT IT!! AN' WHAR MIGHT THAT BE ?!

BETLE BAILEY



ARF! ARE!! ARE! ARF! ARE!! I DON'T WANT YOU ON THE ROOF. GO CHASE AN OFFICER ON THE GROUND

This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 1, the 91st day of 2011. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

- In 1960, the first true weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched from Cape Canaveral. (TIROS stood for "Television Infrared Observation Satellite.")
- In 1961, the sedative thalidomide was made available by prescription in Canada. (The drug, which was taken by pregnant women to relieve morning sickness, was found to cause devastating birth defects.)
- In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.
- In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr. in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday. (The elder Gay pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and received probation.)
- In 1991, cable TV's Comedy Central was created through a merger of HBO's The Comedy Channel and Viacom's Ha!
- Five years ago: Former host-Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 83. Actress Grace Lee Whitney is 81. Actress Debbie Reynolds is 79. Country singer Jim Ed Brown is 77. Actor Don Hastings is 77. Blues singer Eddie King is 73. Actress Ali MacGraw is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 72. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 63. Jazz musician Gil Scott-Heron is 62. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 61. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 61. Actress Annette O'Toole is 59. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 58. Singer Susan Boyle (TV: "Britain's Got Talent") is 50. Country singer Woody Lee is 43. Rapper-actor Method Man is 40. Movie directors Albert and Allen Hughes are 39. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 38. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 36. Actor David Oyelowo is 35. Singer Bijou Phillips is 31. Actor Sam Huntington is 29.

Answer to previous puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Zilch
- 5 This land, informally
- 10 Hurdle for would-be
- 14 Flamenco shouts
- 15 Sorts of stitches
- 16 Bench wear
- 17 In a difficult position
- 19 Tuscan island
- 20 Unmitigated
- 21 Nemesis
- 22 Furniture material
- 23 Pitch catcher
- 24 Federal cultural org.
- 26 Furniture material
- 28 About
- 30 Get back on track
- 34 Cared for, perhaps
- 37 Crated
- 38 Lodge letters
- 39 Make accommodations
- 41 Son of Jacob
- 42 Rhodes' locale
- 44 Pal of Dennis the Menace
- 46 Meandered
- 47 Ben Hogan contemporary
- 48 Big cheese
- 50 Helmet gizmo at the X Games
- 51 Harry's successor
- 54 Mess-kit item
- 57 Ulla in The Producers
- 59 Social event
- 61 What Flavius called ferrum

DOWN

- 1 Futile
- 2 Constellation's brightest star
- 3 Dissuade
- 4 '70s tennis star
- 5 Scanner target
- 6 Opposite of "submerged"
- 7 Ice-cream flavor
- 8 Admiral's concern
- 9 Call upon
- 10 Popular diner course
- 11 Blue-cheese feature
- 12 Palindromic pop group
- 13 Muscle injury
- 18 Hemingway nickname
- 22 Normandy city
- 25 Trips made for Mom
- 27 Ethiopia neighbor
- 28 Model's "high" features
- 29 1776 protagonist
- 31 Frankfurt's "over"
- 32 Stir
- 33 Stage direction
- 34 Finance types
- 35 Still to be filled
- 36 Antony and Cleopatra costume
- 40 "Silver dollar" meal
- 43 Very long time
- 45 Frat letter
- 49 Nonwoven material
- 51 "Stop that!"
- 52 Nancy Drew series byline
- 53 Was wrong
- 54 Rib-joint menu selection
- 55 Figurehead location
- 56 Slow flow
- 58 "Count ___!"
- 60 Jersey, for one
- 62 ___ Cruces, NM
- 63 Bemoan

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