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 SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student Annalise O'Connell, left, is shown with Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks after receiving the President's Award at the SWCID Awards Convocation on Thursday evening.

SWCID HONORS ITS BEST

O'Connell receives college's prestigious President's Award

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer
 Annalise O'Connell received the President's Award as top student at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf during the SWCID Awards Convocation Thursday evening.
 The President's award is annually based on academic excellence, participation in all facets of student life, leadership in extra-curricular activities and college spirit, said Howard

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, who presented the award.
 O'Connell, a sophomore, will graduate from the institution with an associate's degree in interpreter training. During her time at SWCID, she has compiled a 4.0 grade point average and has been named to the President's List and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
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Your reps, pick 'em Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer
 Saturday will mark area residents' final opportunity to weigh in on municipal and school board elections, as polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. around the Crossroads community.

In the Big Spring mayoral race, two candidates — local business owner Larry McLellan and Roger Rodman — are going head to head for the seat.
 The race previously included a third candidate — former councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. — who withdrew from the race to avoid a nepotism conflict with a relative wishing to serve with the Big Spring Police Department.
 According to Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, Ramirez's withdrawal came too late to have his name removed from the ballot.
 "Unfortunately, his announcement he was withdrawing from the race came after the deadline, so his name does appear on the ballot," Bloom said. "And, because the

- ### Polling places
- Coahoma Independent School District — Coahoma Community Center
 - Big Spring — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, on the Howard College campus
 - Forsan Precincts 205-208 — Forsan High School
 - Forsan Precincts 33, 304 — Elbow Elementary School

software programming had already been completed by that time, there isn't any notification on the ballot that he has withdrawn. Voters are

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- ### Don't forget
- Today**
 4 p.m., Howard College dental hygiene graduates recognized at Hall Center for the Arts auditorium.
 7 p.m., Howard College graduation, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
 - Saturday**
 7 a.m.-7 p.m., school

- board and municipal elections. Polls at various locations.
 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Howard County Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale, Green Thumb Cottage at 1604 W. Fourth St.
- Sunday**
 Happy Mother's Day

Crime Stoppers number clarified

Herald Staff Report
 Big Spring Police Department clarified Crime Stoppers information in a press release Thursday, released by Chief Chad Williams and Sgt. Tony Everett, information director.
 "Since moving into the new law enforcement center, we have experienced phone problems with the Crime Stopper phones. Changes

have been made to the system and we are confident that these changes will solve the problems," the statement read.
 Beginning immediately, there will be one number shared by the Howard County Sheriffs Office and Big Spring Police Department — 432-263-TIPS (8477). Information received will be forwarded to the proper agency.
 The phones will be answered from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. During non-busi-

ness hours or when operators are busy, an answering machine will pick up. The answering machine will give the caller instructions on leaving information and obtaining a Crime Stoppers number.
 "The Crime Stoppers information is extremely important to both agencies. No caller I.D. is ever used and you will remain anonymous," the press release stated. Anyone with information about a crime is encouraged to call.

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Ex-relatives of Ohio man in hostage case say he terrorized own family; bail set at \$8m

CLEVELAND (AP) — The man accused of holding three women captive for a decade in his Cleveland home terrorized the mother of his children, frequently beating her, playing twisted psychological games and locking her indoors in the years before their relationship disintegrated, her relatives say.

Several relatives of Grimilda Figueroa, who left Ariel Castro years ago and died after a long illness last year, painted a nightmarish portrait of Castro's family life as authorities made public horrifying details of the abuse endured by the imprisoned women.

In interviews with The Associated Press on Thursday, the relatives described Castro as a "monster" who abused his wife and locked his family inside their own home. Their views were at odds with those of some of Castro's family and a neighbor, who knew the former school bus driver only as a happy and respectful man.

Figueroa's relatives said Castro savagely beat her, pushing her down a flight of stairs, breaking her nose and dislocating her shoulder, among other injuries. Her sister, Elida Caraballo, said Castro once shoved Figueroa into a cardboard box and closed the flaps over her head.

"He told her, 'You stay there until I tell you to get out,'" said Caraballo, who cried as she recounted her late sister's torment. "That's when I got scared and I ran downstairs to get

my parents."

Sophisticated network of global thieves drain cash machines in 27 countries of \$45m

NEW YORK (AP) — The sophistication of a global network of thieves who drained cash machines around the globe of an astonishing \$45 million in mere hours sent ripples through the security world, not merely for the size of the operation and ease with which it was carried out, but also for the threat that more such thefts may be in store.

Seven people were arrested in the U.S., accused of operating the New York cell of what prosecutors said was a network that carried out thefts at ATMs in 27 countries from Canada to Russia.

Law enforcement agencies from more than a dozen nations were involved in the investigation, U.S. prosecutors in New York said Thursday.

"Unfortunately these types of cybercrimes involving ATMs, where you've got a flash mob going out across the globe, are becoming more and more common," said Rose Romero, a former federal prosecutor and regional director for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"I expect there will be many more" of these types of crimes, she said.

Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch, who called the theft "a massive 21st-century bank heist," announced the case Thursday in New York.

Genealogy class to benefit museum

GAIL — Curious about who's in your family tree? Come learn the basics of family history research with the Borden County Historical Commission.

A beginner's genealogy class is slated Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center.

Taught by Lisa Dennis Mahler, the class will cover how to begin, how to stay organized, how to use the internet to find relatives and how to find records at the county level. Lisa was raised in Borden County and now lives in San Angelo, where she serves on the board of directors of the state award-winning San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society and has been teaching beginner classes in San Angelo for several years.

When asked who should attend, Lisa responded "Everyone interested in their family history. Even if you don't have relatives who lived in Texas, beginning genealogists can start their search with online resources."

The class will cost \$10 per person for pre-registered and pre-paid participants. Deadline for early pre-registration is June 17. Cost will be \$20 at the door for non-registered participants.

The Historical Commission will provide coffee, iced tea and desserts. Participants should bring a sack lunch and note-taking materials.

Proceeds from the class go toward preservation of the Borden County Museum's collection. You may pick up a registration form from the following location in Big Spring: Election Administrator's Office, Room 101, Howard County Courthouse; or email bordencohistory@gmail.com to request an electronic version of the registration form.

Mail your completed registration form and payment to Borden County Historical Commission, c/o Kenny Bennett, PO Box 152, Gail, TX 79738.

VOTE

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able to vote for him, the same as the other two candidates."

Also up for election in Big Spring is the District 5 seat on the city council. Three candidates — Clint Collins, Raul Benavides and J.D. Smith — are vying for the position.

The city council race in Forsan drew a pair of challengers, as three at-large seats are up for grabs in the election. Incumbents Raymond Holguin, Fred Holguin and Mary Gressett are seeking re-election, while challengers Rick Ebert and Tracy Carey look to unseat two of the incumbents.

Three trustee races and a construction bond

vote highlight area school district elections Saturday.

Voters in the Coahoma, Forsan and Sands school districts will cast ballots in trustee races, while Forsan ISD residents also will decide the fate of a multi-million bond issue.

At Coahoma Independent School District, incumbents Michael Brooks and Craig Fergu-

son and challenger Rory Gammons, a dispatcher with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, are vying for two at-large seats up for election this year, Administration Secretary Judy Dobbs said.

Incumbents Tom Bill Kuykendall and Chris Evans are seeking another term on the Forsan ISD board. They and challengers Joanne Say-

les and Todd Still are contesting the two at-large seats up for election, Superintendent's Secretary Judy Park said.

Forsan voters are also being asked to decide whether to approve a \$23.8 million bond which would finance construction of a new building to replace Elbow Elementary and extensive renovations

at the junior high/high school campus.

School districts in Big Spring and Stanton cancelled their elections after no challengers emerged in the races.

SWCID

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In addition, she has been a resident's assistant in the dormitory and has been involved in the Student Government Association and the American Sign Language Sign Club.

After graduation from SWCID, her goal is to work as an interpreter for deaf or hard of hearing students in the public education system.

O'Connell also received the Chamber of Commerce Award during Thursday's convocation. The award is given to the student with the highest GPA for the Fall 2012 semester who is also an active participant in school activities and is considered a leader among his or her peers.

Receiving the Provost's Award, presented to a student who best displays outstanding academic and leadership qualities, was Chris Warmack.

Warmack, a sophomore, is a Dean's List member with a 3.54 GPA

who is also involved in the SGA.

"He has been an outstanding role model and exemplifies a positive attitude with full energy and motivation toward his studies and life in general," said Dean of Student Life Nancy Bonura, who presented the award.

Other notable awards presented during Thursday's convocation included:

- American Legion Award — Emilio Falduto and Cara McElfresh.
- SWCIDfest Scholarship — Travis Harter.
- P.W. Malone Scholarship — Ikemefuna Chukwunyerenna and Ibukunoluwa Sokenu.
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Let's make a difference: Your vote counts

Your vote is your voice.” Si es la verdad. That’s the truth for the people who have worked so hard to attain the right to vote.

Many of the Hispanic youth have an attitude that “Nuestro voto no cuenta,” or our vote doesn’t count. I find that opinion when asking young people, “Did you get out and vote today?” Their reply has been “What for, my vote doesn’t count.”

Imagine if all the young people who feel this way actually got out and voted, and what impact it might have in an election! I’m here to advise you that your vote does count. It counts as much as any other person’s vote does. That means, when you vote, you either give the candidate of your choice “tu voto” or cancel your candidate’s opponent’s “voto.” This makes an even playing or avanzando your candidate into the winning circle. “Votar” has never really been “gratis.”

Many lives were given up so our founding fathers could form a constitution for everyone viviendo en los Estados Unidos. The right to vote.

The founding padres had the right idea for everyone, but a lot of people decided to make it hard for all the minorities en los Estados Unidos to vote. Estamos hablando de como “intimidation,” como “If you vote, you better find yourself another job, boy.”

Now “Raza,” if you have a family tu “soportar,” well it doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure it out — “no puedo votar.” En Segundo lugar, el “poll tax” was established to hinder minorities from casting their voto.

Think about this, if way back then the minimum wage was 20-30 cents per hour, and it cost \$2 to \$3 to vote, how could the minority community justify a day’s wage to “votar?” Especially when everything you make goes to feed and soportar your familia.

Otra cosa mas, do you believe “freedom is free?” Well, Raza, it isn’t. And, with freedom comes el derecho or el privilegio de votar.

Think of all the U.S. soldiers who have lost their vidas and continue to lose their lives, including nuestro chavalos (young people) de nuestra comunidad. All this loss of life, so that you and I can enjoy nuestra vida without worrying about someone from another pais harming our way of life.

“Mi voto no cuenta,” — well muchachos I am here to tell you your vote does count and why it is muy importante to vote. Si estas registrado (registered) to vote, please go vote on May 11 in the mayoral race or the city council race — let’s make a difference!

If you’re not registered to vote, then you have no voice as to what happens in our city government. Solo que, mi Raza, your vote does count, and “SU VOTO ES SU VOZ.”

Raul Marquez is a longtime Big Spring businessman and community leader.

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us remember, Lord: “I regret often that I have spoken; never that I have been silent.” Amen

An honest examination of race

One definition given for insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results; it might also be a definition of stupidity. Let’s look at some cities where large percentages of black Americans live under poor conditions.

Experiencing a violent crime rate of 2,137 per 100,000 of the population, Detroit is the nation’s most dangerous city. Rounding out Forbes magazine’s 2012 list of the 10 most dangerous cities are St Louis; Oakland, Calif.; Memphis, Tenn.; Birmingham, Ala.; Atlanta; Baltimore; Stockton, Calif.; Cleveland; and Buffalo, N.Y. The most common characteristic of these predominantly black cities is that for decades, all of them have been run by Democratic and presumably liberal administrations. Some cities — such as Detroit, Buffalo, Newark, N.J., and Philadelphia — haven’t elected a Republican mayor for more than a half-century. What’s more is that in most of these cities, blacks have been mayors, chiefs of police, school superintendents and principals and have dominated city councils.

You might ask, “What’s the point, Williams?” Let’s be clear about it. I’m not stating that there’s a causal relationship between crime, poverty and squalor on the one hand and, on

the other, Democratic and black political control over a city. Nor am I saying that blacks ought to vote Republican. What I am saying is that if one is strategizing on how to improve the lives of the poorest black people, he wants to leave off his to-do list election of Democrats and black politicians. Also to be left off the to-do list is a civil rights agenda. Racial discrimination has little to do with major problems confronting black people.

Today, 72 percent of black babies are born out of wedlock. Being born and finding out that your mother is 17 years old, that your grandmother is 35 and that you don’t know who or where your father is is not a good start on life. In fact, it’s a near guarantee for school dropout, poverty and crime, but such a start in life has nothing to do with racial discrimination.

Law-abiding poor black people suffer the nation’s highest rates of criminal victimization from assaults and homicide.

More than 50 percent of homicide victims are black. Would anyone claim that this victimization is caused by racist groups preying on the black community? In addition to victimization, the level of lawlessness in many black communities has the full effect of a law banning economic growth. That’s because the thugs are equal-opportunity thugs who will rip off a black-owned business just as they’d rip off a white-owned business.

Black education is a disaster, but who runs the violent, disruptive big-city schools, where education is all but impos-

sible? For the most part, it’s not white people. Go to a city such as Detroit and you’ll find that blacks have been superintendents, principals and most of the teachers for years. Most black high-school students, in Detroit and other cities, can’t read, write and compute as well as sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade white students, but is it because of racism? What the elite teach is not only futile but counterproductive. For example, speaking standard English in an English-speaking country is critical for self-improvement. But that’s not the lesson from the nation’s multiculturalists, who call for the celebration of native languages and dialects. Sloppy-minded academics and assorted hustlers have taught that poor English, gangsta rap, men wearing pigtails and thug behavior should not be criticized but become a part of the celebration of diversity.

Black people could benefit from an honest examination of the bill of goods they’ve been sold. Such an examination would not come from black politicians, civil rights leaders or the black and white liberal elite. Those people have benefited politically and financially from keeping black Americans in a constant state of grievance based on alleged racial discrimination. The long-term solution for the problems that many black Americans face begins with an absolute rejection of the self-serving agenda of hustlers and poverty pimps.

Walter E. Williams is a professor at George Mason University.



WALTER WILLIAMS



RAUL MARQUEZ

Your last opportunity to vote

Not everyone can vote in Saturday’s school and municipal elections but those who can stand to make a huge difference.

Despite the fact that we are all Howard Countians, some of us are confined to voting in either Coahoma, Forsan or Big Spring races. And the number of eligible ballot casters grows

even smaller in Big Spring City Council’s District 5 run.

But the races are all important. In Big Spring, for instance, a new mayor should make a major difference in how the city will grow — or decline — in future years.

In Forsan, residents will decide whether to build a new elementary and make major renovations to other facilities,

or whether to put off the inevitable a few more years.

There are also contested seats on the Forsan City Council and Coahoma school board.

The Herald is not endorsing any particular candidate but is asking readers to study the issues and make up their minds for themselves.

Above all, please, take the time to vote.

Bangladesh, a gradual awakening

You know a corner’s been turned when someone in a legion of foreign sweatshop workers is given a face. That’s happened in Bangladesh, home of hideous factory conditions — as seen in the ruins of Rana Plaza, a former eight-story work warren. Death toll: over 600.

And the face has been given a name, Shaheena. Deemed unworthy at birth of a last name, Shaheena became a national symbol of endurance. The world watched as her body, trapped but alive for several days, finally gave out in the smoke set off by rescuers trying to free her.

Sensitive Americans now reconsidering their purchase of an \$8 made-in-Bangladesh T-shirt should think carefully. They should first hear Shaheena’s story.

Age 38 and sole provider for her son, Shaheena moved in with her sister’s family. She needed \$25 for her share of the advance on rent in a new, cheaper apartment — no easy feat for one making \$100 a month toiling till midnight. So she worked all the time in dismal surroundings. She worked past warnings that the factory building had developed dangerous cracks.

A brutal life, it sounds to us. But this factory job gave Shaheena the wherewithal to leave an allegedly abusive husband while pregnant. And as awful

as the pay and working conditions seem to outsiders, these jobs were a step up for the many women whose only other option was rural destitution — all day outside, scratching the soil for even less money. In this poor, mostly Muslim country, women factory workers have become labor leaders. Theirs are the first female voices being raised.

Bangladesh is home to 3.5 million garment workers, most of them women. Other Asian countries started off as sweatshop nations, then moved onward and upward. Taiwan, South Korea and China are examples. Their low-wage advantage fueled their economic growth, eventually empowering the workers themselves.

Today, the millions of Chinese emerging from poverty tend to live in the manufacturing coastal cities. The rural interior remains dirt poor. Rising wages in China are now prompting some manufacturers to leave for cheaper places, such as Indonesia, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

If Bangladesh follows this pattern, its workers’ status will rise. But what might consumers do in the meantime? Should we be buying preppie polos and Western jeans — sold at Wal-Mart, Sears, H&M and Gap, among other retailers — made under these horrible circumstances?

After all, we’d be helping a government that has neglected to enforce the most basic labor and safety laws — laws already on its books. This government has ignored harassment, even murder, of workers trying to unionize. Factory owner fami-

lies apparently control 10 percent of the seats in Bangladesh’s parliament.

But if we don’t buy products from Bangladesh, we send workers like Shaheena No-Last-Name back to non-personhood.

Change must come at the hands of Bangladeshis, and a series of workplace tragedies already has them in the streets. When arrested, Rana Plaza’s owner needed a human shield of guards and a police helmet. Otherwise, angry crowds might have torn him apart. A Bangladesh court has seized his money.

Still, it’s not without qualms that one goes through the stores, seeing fashion carefully marketed to avoid the place of manufacture. You see labels saying “styled in France” or “fabric from Italy.” Or you see local logos and Americana prints. I spotted a retro apron, with a down-home print and made-in-China label. It was being sold in, of all places, Whole Foods.

But this sort of trade is what moves countries and their people out of economic misery. In the end, it creates better lives for them and new consumers for us. No one said progress was pretty.

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Church news

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Our pastor is the reverend Lannon Martin. Our motto is, "Celebrating and sharing God's love and grace in our lives."

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood subdivision in Big Spring. The church phone number is (432) 264-7818. Our website is <http://www.aicbigspring.org>. Our e-mail address is aliveinchrist@crcom.net.

Sunday service will begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study and Sunday school to follow at 10:15 a.m.

George von Hassell will present the readings this week. This week's sermon reference is, "One in Christ." Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran hour.

Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts".

A website offered by The Lutheran Hour Ministries is available. The site, www.jcplayzone.com, promises fun and Christian educational based games and videos. Fun for all ages and offered in several languages, this safe internet site is something to check out.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for praise and worship followed by the Word.

Our 2013 vision focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless." Last week pastor Nathan Teeters continued in the series Between the Cross to Pentecost and delivered a message entitled Peace vs Comfort, with main scripture taken from John 14:25-27.

This week elder Preston Harrison will be delivering a special message for Mother's Day entitled Qualities of a Mother with main scripture taken from John 2:1-11.

Discipleship 101 Bible study is held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery and restoration class continue to meet each Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The location is in the green room of the east wing.

For a more convenient access to the meeting room, please park in the rear of the church and enter in through the metal door across from the fellowship hall.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New beginnings (newborn to 18 months); tiny tots (19 months to kindergarten); kovenant kids (1st-6th grade); chosen generation (7th - 12th grade); covenant U - college ministry (18-24 yrs.); mens and womens ministries; and marriage enrichment. CCC meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for discipleship 101 Bible study and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for worship. (Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services, please see our multimedia department.) mother's lounge and children church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services. CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.) For

more information please contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook, Twitter or Myspace.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We will be dedicating new babies and children on Mother's Day, Sunday. Please join us for this very special day.

Coming May 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. will be Connectivity Ministry Fair at Spring Creek Fellowship. Find out where you fit into the puzzle.

Our goal this year for Operation Christmas Child is 100 boxes. We will be collecting specific items for those boxes each month during the year and have a packing party on Wednesday, November 20.

Collection week is November 18 through 25. The list for May is: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise with extra batteries, Slinky's, etc.

Don't throw your old phone away, make it a phone for freedom. Donate your old cellphones to Survivors Connect Phones for Freedom campaign. Learn more at survivorsconnect.org or pick up one of the information booklets by the collection box in our foyer.

Sewing Seeds of Hope Connection group invites you to join us Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. A different skill will be taught each week of the month with new skills added as requested.

Lessons will go from basic sewing and fiber arts to more complex skills as we progress in levels of experience. Bring a project you are working on or come learn something new.

Anyone with an interest is invited to come and learn or teach if you are so led. Bring a friend.

New Summer Connection Groups have started. Come check out our Sunday School/Connection Groups with topic/subject-based studies ranging from six to nine weeks in length and relevant to today's Christian adventure! Classes are available for all ages and meet from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Big Spring Classical Academy is now pre-registering for Pre-K thru 5th grade for the fall. Visit our website at <http://bigspringclassical.org> for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

You can now listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday 9 a.m. every Sunday on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

Weekly Happenings: Sunday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Sunday School/Connection Groups; 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., Holy Grounds Café is open with snacks and fellowship.

Worship Service is 10 a.m. to noon and you can now listen to recent sermons on our web page at www.springcreekfellowship.org; Monday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Celebrate Recovery meets Tuesday, 1:45 p.m. Praying Effectively for the Lost, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., fellowship meal, 6 p.m., Bible study and youth and children's activities, 6 p.m., Boys Scouts, Saturday, 7:30 a.m., weekly men's prayer breakfast

Why are petunias so persnickety?



BONNIE WHEAT

Petunias! Petunias! Petunias! I see them everywhere.

They grow profusely in most people's flower beds. They hang from baskets and spruce up window boxes. They seem to grow anywhere. I have even seen petunias growing in a crack in a sidewalk.

So why are petunias so hard to grow? I've tried buying petunia plants. I've sown guaranteed-to-germinate seed. I've tried transplanting petunias from a friend's yard.

I've even dug up petunias at church and brought them home. But I just can't grow petunias. Those persnickety little plants just do not like me.

I suppose the horticulture experts would say that there is something wrong with my soil.

The green-thumbed garden gurus would probably agree that petunias need some special nutrient in order to flourish.

It is true that nothing thrives in my yard except a special spring-mix of weeds, but I think petunias are especially persnickety.

I suppose that if all soils were equal, every backyard would look like the Garden of Eden.

Roses would bloom in the desert.

Tulips would push their way through hard-packed clay, and cac-

tus would shoot up in a marsh.

But some kinds of soil are more desirable than others.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus compares the Word of God to seed that was scattered on several kinds of soil. The first seed fell on the path hardened by foot traffic. According to the Scripture, Satan came and snatched these seed away before they even had a chance to sprout.

Some of the seed fell on rocky soil where it was received gladly. But before the seed sank deeply into their lives, those who had heard the word were tested and fell away.

Another sprinkling of seed fell among the thorn bushes where the word was heard, but the worries, riches, and pleasures of life choked the seed out before it sprouted.

In the parable, Jesus praises the good soil where the last of the seed were scattered: "The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit." (Luke 8:15 TEV).

As believers our concern should not be finding seed hearty enough to survive adverse conditions. Our task is to become the kind of rich, obedient soil that will produce fruit for the Kingdom.

If our hearts are right, even a persnickety seed will take root.

Bonnie Wheat writes a weekly column for the Herald.

and fellowship.

All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. (Across from Denny's). Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website www.springcreekfellowship.org

First Presbyterian Church

The lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. in the church library, the children's choir meets at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. The Chancel choir practices at 6 p.m.

The youth group meets at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The Boy Scouts meet in the

entrance room of the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Monday.

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m. everyone is invited to a service of rededication for the restored stained glass west window of our chapel. Pastor emeritus Flynn V. Long, will preach for this service, and our music director, Mike Mitchell, has prepared special music.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. The chapel is located at 7th and Runnels Streets.

Mother's day project cards are available from Jo Dell Myrick or Patti Horton to help provide anti-malaria nets for children in Africa.

Our music department is presenting a Mother's Day musicale at 3:30 p.m. May 12, featuring music from the children's choir, the youth handbell choir, the tardy bells handbell

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The Children's Choir at First Presbyterian will present a Mother's Day musicale at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, featuring music from the children's choir, the youth handbell choir, the tardy bells handbell choir, Pictured left to right are, top row, Brady Kennemur, Ransom Colette, Jake Patterson, Mia Burch and Emily Kocak; and bottom row, Natalie Reese, Mason Patterson, Jack Hamby and Director: Susan Dawes.

CHURCH NEWS

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bell choir, the tardy bells handbell choir, directed by Susan Dawes; and Mike Mitchell on the organ.

Lane Reynolds is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday.

Ushers for the month are Weldon Jones, Charlie Boling, and Jodi Jones.

Communion servers last Sunday were Don Boling, Jerry Grimes, Susan Holstedt, Kay and Danny Kennemur.

The lectionary for the seventh Sunday of Easter is Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

The chancel choir will present the anthem Steal Away, arranged by Nicholas White, and the offertory anthem With Songs of Rejoicing by J.S. Bach.

The reverend Craig Holstedt, will

give the sermon.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m.

If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211.

You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org.

On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the reverend Holstedt.

College Baptist

At Home in God's Family was the theme for Pastor Ken McMeans' sermon Sunday morning.

He told of a time when a large crowd of people had come to hear Jesus speak.

One of the disciples came to Him and told Him that His mother and brother were waiting to speak to Him.

He asked the question, "Who is my mother and who is my brother?"

He pointed at the disciples and said that whoever would do the will of His Father in Heaven would be His mother, sister or brother.

Jesus meant no disrespect to His family by this but made it clear that all those who are joined by His blood, shed on the cross for the sins of the world, have become His family, not just those born into the same family by blood.

If you are not a part of a church, you may not understand the closeness of a church family.

At College Baptist, if there is a sickness or death in the family, people begin to visit, bring in food or do anything else to help the family out.

Your biological family may live too far away to be there for you at a time like that but your church family will be there. The work days are continuing at the church. On May 11 at 8 a.m., those who are willing and able are asked to meet at the church and help with the Spring cleaning, painting, and general fixing up.

Things around the church are sure looking brighter and lighter as the work continues.

There is still some work needed done on the home for the new youth minister too. This next Sunday is Mother's Day and one of the best gifts you can give your mother is to attend church with her.

Our G.A. girls are making corsages and offering them for a donation to help them go to camp this summer.

They will be available on Sunday morning so be sure to come early to get a corsage to honor your mother or grandmothers.

First Church of the Nazarene

Calling all motorcycle enthusiasts. Biker Sunday is back June 2 at 10 a.m.

There will be a service led by Byron Cody, followed by a great meal, bike blessings and a good time.

So bring your motorcycle or just come admire all the chrome.

Thrive: College age young adults come explore our new class called Thrive.

Thrive gathers every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church commons area.

You are also welcome to join us for all of our services, classes and groups: Sunday service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Sunday morning youth and children's classes at 9, Sunday morning children's church at 10 in the fellowship hall, Sunday evening youth activities at 6:30. Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 in the sanctuary and Wednesday evening adult/children/youth classes at 6:30.

If you are unable to come to church on Sunday morning, well listen into KBST 95.7 at 10 and you can listen to a live broadcast of our service.

You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at www.nazfamily.org. First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster.

For more information, please 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 and we are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Non - denominational Sabbath Fellowship

Wow! Our discussion re: "Your appointment with God," was so intense and generated such interest, that the group asked to continue it this week instead of moving on.

So, on Sunday, we will continue with, "Your appointment with God," and maybe the following week we'll move on to, "Where's Gramma?" When we do, you won't want to miss our attempt to unravel the mystery of the 13th chapter of Hezekiah. Remember, what we say is unimportant; what God says is vital.

We meet Saturday's from 10 to 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Faith, 501 East 14th St., at Goliad.

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BILL TINSLEY

As West transitions from Disaster Relief to Disaster Recovery, they are continuing to witness the grace and goodness of God.

Some of the churches near the blast were heavily damaged.

The Brethren Church will meet this Sunday for the first time since the explosion.

First Baptist has suspended all their scheduled activities to focus on prayer, worship and recovery.

This week, I prayed with pastors from the Brethren, Methodist, Assemblies of God, Baptist and Catholic churches in West.

As we visited, several said they were convinced there were literal angels looking over them.

While no one mourns more deeply the loss of the 15 who died than the people of West, they referred to story after story of how God protected those who survived and the remarkable fact that more did not perish.

The Bible speaks clearly about the existence of angels.

Contrary to popular opinion, angels are not people who have died and gone to heaven and earned their wings like Clarence, in It's a Wonderful Life.

Angels have appeared at pivotal moments in history. An angel spoke to Abraham and spared the life of his son, Isaac.

Angels appeared to Jacob, later to Moses, and minis-

tered to Elijah. The angels announced the birth of Christ.

And an angel stood watch over the open tomb when Jesus was raised from the dead.

Perhaps many in West are discovering in personal terms something we tend to forget.

When we are in our darkest moments, we are not alone.

God gives his angels charge over us. (Psalm 91:11).

First Baptist West posted this statement on their website: "As trite as this may sound, the greatest and most meaningful way anyone can help us is to pray and don't stop praying for a long time.

Although this tragedy is a terrible experience and has been absolutely horrific, we have a peace that doesn't make sense and our strength is renewed day by day.

Those blessings are the only things keeping us going, and those blessings come a result of the prayers of people all over the world who are interceding for us.

We sincerely covet your prayers and we appreciate them more than we can begin to understand."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com. For more info, visit www.tinsleycenter.com.

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Howard College grads

Howard College Big Spring campus will hold its 66th commencement ceremony at 7 p.m. today in Garrett Coliseum. Officials said 214 graduates will receive their diplomas; 225 degrees and certificates will be awarded. Graduates by degree/certificate are as follows:

Associate of Arts
Josie Cruz
Valerie Nicole Ross

Associate of Science
Joshua Ake
Heidi Morales Arriaga
Kyrstin Meredith Baker
Tarah Billingsley
Dalton Allen Brown
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Samantha Charlton
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Martin Deleon
Nicole Diaz
Eric J Diffie
Patrick L. Doherty
Brian James Drapeau
Erin Denise Easterling
Amanda D'Ann Farmer
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Patrick Daniel Flores
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Lauren Blair King Pugh
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Michael Rod Rodriguez
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Reed Seeley
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Blake Arthur Smith
Kay'C Brook Stanley
Kadyn Stegall
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Ryan Stockton
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David Riley Thompson
Tori C. Tucker
Theresa Marie Turner
Jennifer Megan Walker
Aaron R. Warren
Dashaun Najee Wiggins
Amanda June Wilde
Valerie I Wilson
Page Woodward
Karim H. York Jr.

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Ricardo S. Balcazar
Kristie Cuellar
Johanna Beth Fleckenstein
David Guiette
Lester M. Herrera

Valorie A. Hoard
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Esperanza Salazar Porras
David Lee Rios
Stephanie M. Rodriguez
Dalia Ybarra Sanchez
Stacy Elaine Ware
Melissa Lynn Woodruff

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Jennifer Renee Garza
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► Readers corner

Hearts

God gave us hearts so that we could love others.
Some people choose to fill their hearts with hate.
While others obey God's word and love everyone.
I have been blessed to have been given the gift of having many friends who love me.
They seem to know when I'm in need of a little extra kindness - pretty cards with thoughtful and

kind words brighten my days.

A warm hug and sweet smiles are gifts from them to me.
Some of my dearest friends are Duffy, Nancy, Rob, Luci, Lea, Koy Ruth, Phillip, Sharon, Jewel and Sarah.
They are all very special to me because they love me as I am.
Love one another, John 13:34
Happy Valentine's Day

LANA F. ANGUIANO



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Chris Warmack, right, receives the Provost's Award from Dean of Student Affairs Nancy Bonura during the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's Award Convocation Thursday evening.

► Club news

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, May 6 in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

President Jan Hanse called on Kathryn Wiseman for the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Jan then announced that we are now a Gold Star affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful.

We received a score of 84.5 on our GCAA entry and honorable mention state-wide.

The KTB annual conference will be June 17-20 at which time our own Johnny Womack will become vice-president of our state association. Congrats, Johnny! We hope to have 3 members attend in San Antonio.

We welcomed new member Mikel Friedland and returning member Londa Henry.

Peggy Hopper will initiate a trash can program to entice more cleanliness in our parks.

Walter Ward announced the Master Gardener Spring sale will be held the Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their location on Jones and W. Fourth streets.

Terri Telchik discussed possible grants that might fit our needs and Gus Leonardi will help keep records on any grants we receive.

A projected new mem-

ber, Dale Walker, plans to help beef up our radio public service ads.

Our next meeting will be June 3 at noon in the Cactus Room.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

- You are declarer** with the West hand at Three Notrump, North having opened the bidding with one club. North leads the king of spades, which you duck, the queen of spades, which you also duck, and then the jack, taken by your ace. South played the 3-5-7 of spades, in that order, as the suit was led. How would you continue?

West	East
♠ A 9 4	♠ 8 6 2
♥ K Q 7 2	♥ A 6 4
♦ A Q	♦ J 10 9 5 3
♣ A Q J 10	♣ 5 4
- You are declarer** with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you proceed?

West	East
♠ 7 3	♠ A K Q 6 5
♥ K Q J 5	♥ A 10 3
♦ A K 8 2	♦ 6 4
♣ Q 5 2	♣ A 8 3

1. This is one of those gratifying situations where you are certain to make the contract no matter how the adverse cards are divided — provided you play correctly.
The proper play is to lead the queen of diamonds at trick four. If the queen loses to the king, you have nine tricks consisting of one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and one club. If the queen holds the trick, you then switch your attention to clubs, forcing out the king, after which you have nine tricks consisting of one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.
If you started instead by cashing the ace of diamonds before leading the queen, you could lose five tricks if the opponents allowed the queen to win and you later lost a club to the king. You could likewise go down if you started by playing the A-Q of clubs. Only the queen-of-diamonds lead at trick four renders the contract foolproof.

2. Whether you make six depends partly on how the opposing cards are divided and partly on how you elect to play the hand. All kinds of insuperable difficulties may arise if you choose to cash the A-K of diamonds and ruff a diamond. This might appear to be the best way to start the play, but actually it is not.
The line of play most likely to succeed is really quite simple. Win the diamond lead, play a spade and follow low from dummy!
Win the diamond return (no other return makes any difference), ruff a diamond with the ten of hearts and draw trumps. This sequence of plays will make the contract if the spades and trumps are divided normally (either 3-3 or 4-2), yielding 12 tricks consisting of four spades, four hearts, two diamonds, a club and a diamond ruff in dummy.

Tomorrow: Extra chance.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 7

sudoku

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.

7	5	9			6			2
	4	3	2				5	7
1				4			8	
				7	2	3	8	
			6		3			
	7	2	1	9				
			8		6			5
	6	7			4	9	3	
5			3			4	6	8

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Steers fall to Cooper in Game 1 of series

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

WOODROW — Trailing by five runs in the fourth inning, Big Spring (19-12, 6-4) and area playoff opponent Lubbock Cooper (24-9) were forced to wait out a 30 minute lightning delay. Unfortunately for the Steers, the intermission didn't cool off the Pirates, who took Game One of a best-of-three series by a score of 10-1.

When play resumed, Cooper which had two outs with runners on first and second base — tacked on another run when its next batter was hit by a pitch. Gunnar Kennedy — who had a rough start for the Steers, giving up six runs and six hits through four — walked a batter with bases loaded to score another Pirate run.

Big Spring ruined Cooper's no-hitter in the top of the fifth when Matthew Yanez recorded a single, stole a base and advanced on a wild pitch before scoring on a ground out, making it a 6-1 game.

The Steers were stymied at the plate for the manufacture of any more runs.

Cooper, however, added four more runs in the bottom of the fifth to put the game out of Big Spring's reach.

The affair moves to Steer Park tonight, where BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto hopes to even the series up in order to force a Game Three in Woodrow on Saturday.

"If we can play like we're capable today, we can do something," Otto explained. "I thought we competed really well. The score might have been 10-1, but we only had

one error. They had to fight for every run, we didn't give them away."

In addition to Yanez's run, Otto said both he and Jarred DoPorto deserve credit for playing tough defensively.

"Jarred had a great catch out in right field," Otto said. "Matthew also made a great play for us and Max Pappajohn came in for Gunnar and pitched well. We were on our way to being run-ruled, but our defense kept us in the game until the end."

Also contributing to the lopsided loss was Cooper pitcher Ryan Mosely, who has signed on to play ball at Texas Tech. Mosely struck out six Steers. Otto warned that whoever the Steers face today could be equally strong.

"We haven't seen that kind of pitcher," Otto said of Mosely. "They are the No. 1 team in the region. To do that you have to have good pitching."

But Otto also has an ace up his sleeve in Adam Franco, the junior hurler who has been predominately lights-out for Big Spring for the past two seasons. Franco will take the mound in front of a hometown crowd at 7 p.m.

According to Otto, the Steers need to do three things to keep their postseason stint alive.

"We have to limit the walks, make routine plays and get timely hits," Otto added. "If one of those doesn't happen, it's going to be tough to win."

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Big Spring's Jarred DoPorto catches a fly ball in right field during a game earlier this season. Despite solid defensive play by DoPorto and the Steers, BSHS lost 10-1 to Lubbock Cooper in the area playoff opener Thursday.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball
• Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper at Steer Park, area round - Game 2, 7 p.m.

Softball
• Coahoma vs. Colorado City, regional quarterfinal round - Game 1 (one game only), Snyder High School field, 6 p.m.

Track
• UIL State Track and Field Meet (through Saturday), Mike A. Myers Stadium, Austin.

SATURDAY

Baseball
• Howard College vs. Grayson College, Game 1 - Region V tourney, AirHogs Stadium, Grand Prairie, 8 p.m.
• Big Spring vs. Lubbock Cooper at Lubbock Cooper, area round - Game 3 (if necessary), 1 p.m.
• Forsan vs. Borden County, area round - Game 1, Clyde, 7:30 p.m.

Softball
• Forsan vs. Albany, regional quarterfinal round - Game 2, Abilene High School, 1 p.m. Game 3 (if necessary) at 3 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

Forsan folds to Albany, 17-3

SNYDER — Forsan Head Softball Coach Shanna Taylor is looking for her third state championship with the Lady Buffaloes, but after Thursday's 17-3 loss to Albany, her squad is facing real adversity for the first time in the post-

season. Forsan dispatched Clyde-Eula in the bidistrict round, then the Lady Buffs outscored Eldorado — which at the time was ranked No. 9 in the state — 26-6 over the course of two games. Pitcher Ali Knight

was a bit shaky from the start as Albany put five runs on the board in the first two innings. Forsan rallied in the third, scoring three runs, to cut Albany's lead to 5-3. That would be the extent of the Lady

Buff's offensive output for the evening, but 12 more runs would come home for Albany before the game ended. It's not over for Forsan as it prepares for the second game of a best-of-three series with the Lady Lions, which is slated for Saturday at Abilene High School at 1 p.m. If necessary, Game Three will be held at Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Parity abounds so far in NBA conference semifinals

Parity has struck the NBA playoffs, where the conference semifinals are all fit to be tied. The four current series are all knotted at one game apiece — the first time that's happened in the second round of the NBA playoffs since the league went to its current format more than a quarter-century ago. For favorites like Miami, New York, San Antonio and Oklahoma City, home-court advantage has disappeared, and now it's the underdogs who can control their own fates simply by taking care of business on their home floors. A wild weekend is ahead, without question. The Heat, Knicks, Spurs and Thunder are four of the league's top five winningest road teams this season. That

probably isn't being received as great news for Chicago, Indiana, Golden State and Memphis, the lower-seeded clubs who will be hosting pivotal Game 3's when NBA playoff action resumes on Friday and Saturday. "Pretty cool. The NBA's loving it," Heat forward LeBron James said. "When it comes to the playoffs, I always continue to say no matter how many games you win or lose in the regular season, once you get to the playoffs everybody's record is 0-0. So I think it's great. I think it's great for our fans, I think it's great for the competition that every series is tied 1-1." After a first round with only two sweeps — by Miami and San Antonio, probably the favorites in the Eastern and Western Conferences, espe-

cially after Oklahoma City lost Russell Westbrook to a knee injury — the tone for the second round was set pretty quickly around the league. Miami lost Game 1 at home to a wounded and weary team from Chicago. San Antonio needed a huge comeback to beat Golden State in Game 1 of their series, then saw the Warriors simply come back and take Game 2. The Knicks lost Game 1 to Indiana before evening up their match, and the Thunder are likely feeling lucky that they're not in an 0-2 hole after Memphis had plenty of chances to take the opening game of their series. "When you get this deep into the playoffs, they're all very good

Tim Tebow appears at lecture, but no word on future plans

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Eleven days after he was cut by the New York Jets, Tim Tebow's future plans remain up in the air. Since his release, Tebow has not spoken publicly about the dismissal or what his next move will be. Does he feel jilted by the Jets? Does he have any other NFL prospects? Would he consider the Canadian Football League? Tebow didn't offer any insight Thursday night during a roughly hour-long keynote address before a crowd of about 3,000 at Lake Michigan College. The lecture was part of the Economic Club of Southwest Michigan's annual speaker series, and Tebow had been booked last summer, when he was still an active NFL player. Tebow accepted no questions from the press at the event, and

was quickly whisked out a back door by police escort afterward. Instead of discussing the past two weeks or his future, the 25-year-old, wearing a dark suit and purple tie, sat on stage and engaged in an easygoing exchange with a moderator. Tebow spoke of his intensely competitive nature, his Christian faith, his love of family, and his record-setting high school and college careers. He only briefly touched upon his rookie season with the Denver Broncos, when he led the team to an improbable playoff win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. But he said nothing about the Jets. The closest Tebow came to shedding light on what he might do next was when he repeated one of his

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Strong Taurus Energy

It's true that Venus has taken flight in Gemini, but the Taurus energy is still intense now, with the sun, the moon, Mercury and Mars all in the sign of the bull. Things are pointing in an industrious direction now. In the wake of the new moon, projects will gain momentum and build steadily between now and May 20.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are unlikely to make useful connections at large events designed to accommodate a wide section of the general public. However, small gatherings that speak to your specific interests will produce interesting new relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be tempting to offer to help out behind the scenes, but it would be far better for you to put yourself front and center. Consider creating a presentation or speech to express who you are and what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's the point in having an advantage if you don't act on it? Unless you are poorly matched in a competition — e.g., playing against someone much younger or weaker than you —

give it all you've got.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's an art to making mistakes well. You recognize that trying to preserve your self-esteem in the process is a weak move. Instead of passing the blame, you take the lesson.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A single event may tell part of a story, but the whole story will be revealed in a pattern of events. Small things will matter. One change will have a domino effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't waste time trying to figure out what was long ago perfected by others. Your time is too valuable for that. Hire the experts. Seek seasoned professionals with stellar reputations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How do others see you? Usually, you don't give the matter much thought. But right now your professional life will benefit from knowing how you're being perceived and consciously shaping that perception.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Truly innovative results will be born of uncertainty, risk and

experimentation. You make room for creativity when you eliminate expectations and forget what you think you know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When people who want to feel important (and most of us fall into this category) don't get recognized, it's the start of trouble. Your cosmic gift is that you lend positive attention where it is most effectively applied.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You enjoy the process of making things, and outside encouragement or discouragement cannot change this. When you feel good about your creative process, you feel good about you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get bored when things stay the same for too long, but constant change is counterproductive.

Instead of changing what's working well, go deeper into discovering why it's working. A change in focus will be change enough.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The economics that influenced your past

decision-making will no longer bear weight. Either the money comes through, or it is no longer necessary for you to do what you once wanted to do.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10). You'll enjoy the highlights of the year, but it's the tests that result in a deeper understanding of yourself and ultimately broaden your horizons. Opportunities over the next five weeks lead to romance, partnership or joint ventures. In June, you'll physically express your talent and win applause. July brings travel. Leo and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 7, 30, 22 and 19.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Love has to intrigue you. Relationships that do not stimulate your curiosity do nothing for you. TAURUS: You value relationships, but you don't cling. You know that you could find love with any number of people in the world. GEMINI: The one who activates your sense of whimsy will also steal your heart. CANCER: You love that you don't

have to be the center of attention all the time to be a star in someone's life. LEO: The one who solves your problem wins your affection. VIRGO: You may have trouble abiding by social norms regarding love. Why not make up your own rules? LIBRA: The way you want to be shown love will differ from how a partner wants to show you love. SCORPIO: You have a special charisma that strangers will notice more than those close to you. SAGITTARIUS: It's not that you don't want to spend time with a loved one, but you will be happiest when involved in meaningful work. CAPRICORN: Spontaneous situations are good for love. They break you out of your relationship habits. AQUARIUS: You'd rather get along than be the one who is right. PISCES: To craft a surprise takes thoughtfulness and is an act of love.

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Dear Margo: When things don't look quite right

Dear Margo: I'm 60, and my boyfriend is a few years younger. He recently moved in with me. His job requires him to meet with people after their workday. I know he really is doing this on some nights, because I have seen people enter his workplace.



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But I worry that he uses this as an excuse to meet with a woman with whom he works closely. She has a good girlfriend in the office who undoubtedly has her back.

Anyway, my guy nearly passed out when he learned they would be at the same gathering as me. For a while, he guarded his phone like a hawk.

He says he'd like a relationship where the woman didn't feel she needed to check his phone — but once when I did, he had erased a call he had gone outside to take. I confronted him, but he had no answer.

I don't think he's actually doing anything terrible, but what looks like him covering up things leads me to speculate and feel

suspicious. He is very loving, and we get along in many ways, but there are an awful lot of excuses. What if I don't "catch" him but still feel anxious? I just asked him to see a couples counselor, and he agreed. — *Looking for Balance*

Dear Look: There is no joy in being Miss Marple in a romantic relationship, and yet some of the things you mention do require explanations. The good news is that the two of you can hash all of this out in counseling, and it's a positive development that he's willing to go. I hope the outcome is successful. — *Margo, optimistically*

When it's time to cut off a parent

Dear Margo: After 37 years of marriage to my father, my stepmother passed away. I've tried to be supportive to my dad, but it's not easy.

If one isn't a born-again, anti-gay, anti-everything conservative, then that person is obviously "hell-bound." And that describes me, his only child and probable captain of the Hell-Bound Express.

After doing my best to be patient, tolerant and aware of his loss, he calls one morning (at work!) to tell me what a miserable, stuck-up,

elitist shrew I am.

He railed about issues from years ago, blamed me for my ex's cheating and ended the conversation with, "I wouldn't tell you all of this if I didn't love you so much."

Here's my dilemma: the scattering of my stepmother's ashes. My kids and I are expected to be there. I would like to go to pay my respects, but I honestly do not want to deal with this vitriolic man. — *Fed-Up Only Kid*

Dear Fed: I see no reason for subjecting yourself to further abuse. Your dad sounds unbalanced — and mean.

To finesse your exit from this psychodrama, I suggest going to the service, because he's unlikely to attack you there. (But you never know.) After that, I would make a break for it. Tell him you're severing the relationship because you love him so much that you can't bear to add any more rotten memories to the ones you already have. — *Margo, self-protectively*

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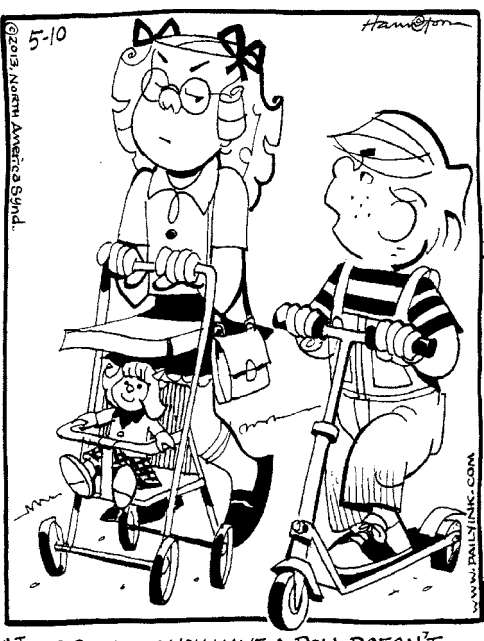
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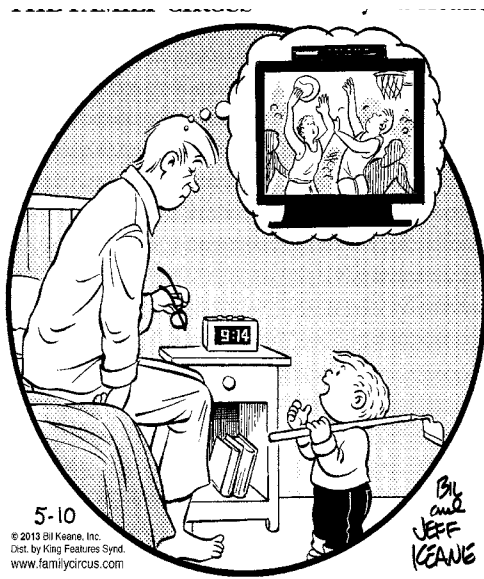
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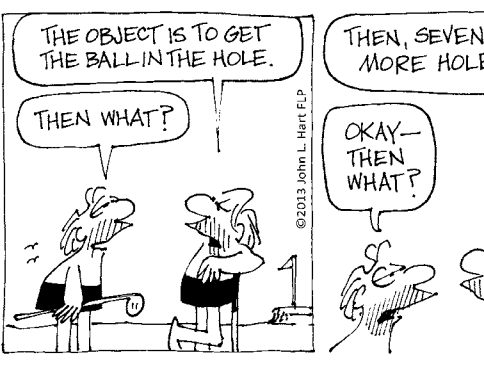
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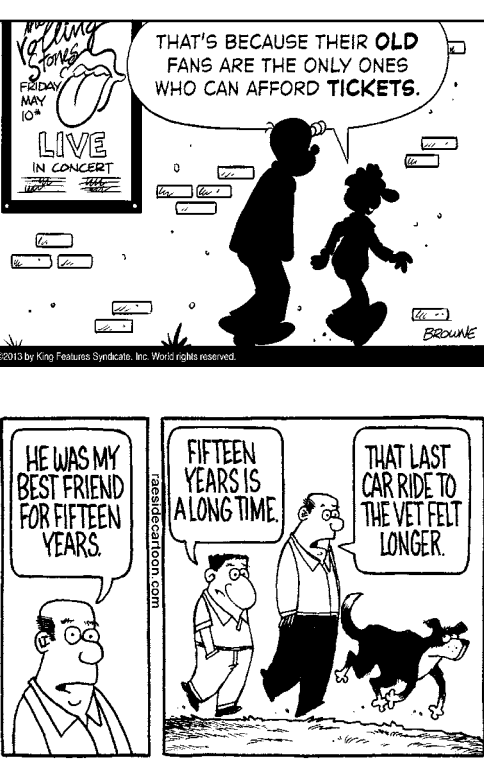
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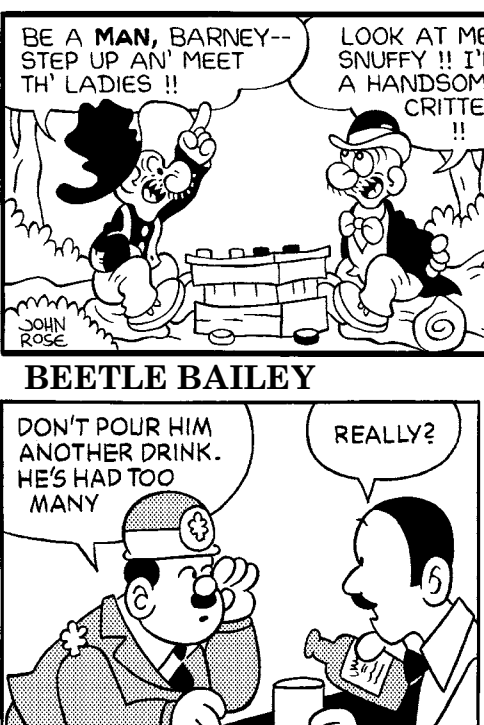
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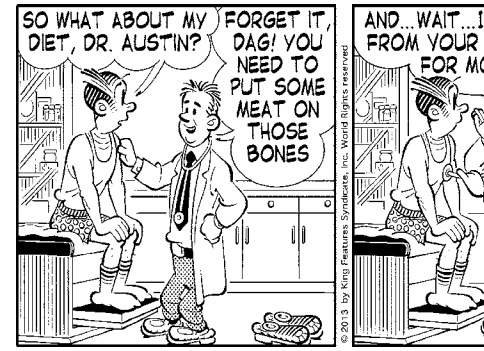
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 10, the 130th day of 2013. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On May 10, 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson died of pneumonia, a complication resulting from being hit by friendly fire eight days earlier during the Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia.
- On this date:
 - In 1774, Louis XVI acceded to the throne of France.
 - In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.
 - In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.
 - In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1913, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution calling upon all federal officials, from the president on down, to wear a white carnation the following day in observance of Mother's Day.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland on what he claimed was a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau prison until 1987, when he apparently committed suicide.)

In 1963, the Rolling Stones recorded their first single for Decca Records in London, covering Chuck Berry's "Come On" (which ended up being redone) and "I Want to Be Loved" by Willie Dixon.

In 1973, the New York Knicks won the NBA Finals, defeating the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 5, 102-93.

In 1984, the International Court of Justice said the United States should halt any actions to blockade Nicaragua's ports (the U.S. had already said it would not recognize World

Court jurisdiction on this issue).

In 1993, members of the Senate Armed Services Committee visited the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia for a hearing on the issue of homosexuals in the military; most of the sailors who spoke said they favored keeping the ban on gays. At least 188 workers were killed in a doll factory fire in Bangkok, Thailand.

Today's Birthdays: Author Bel Kaufman ("Up the Down Staircase") is 102. Author Barbara Taylor Bradford is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 75. TV-radio personality Gary Owens is 74. Actor David Clennon is 70.

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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Hankering
 - 5 Cameroon neighbor
 - 9 Small versions
 - 14 Level to the ground
 - 15 Wonderland talker
 - 16 Get a smile out of
 - 17 Dishonest hustle
 - 18 Marco Polo destination
 - 19 Home of the Buccaneers
 - 20 Far East version of an English sport?
 - 23 Old pro
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 - 25 One way to cook
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 - 34 Best possible
 - 35 Some computers
 - 36 Car company once owned by GM
 - 37 Gets the cat from the vet?
 - 40 Little jab
 - 41 Kid-lit detective
 - 42 Stares at
 - 43 Nativity scene beast
 - 44 Barnyard bellows
 - 45 Shows displeasure
 - 46 One-liner
 - 47 On the other hand
 - 48 Scotland Yard affirmative?
 - 55 Two-faced deity
- DOWN
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 - 5 Rather doubtful
 - 6 Swiftiness
 - 7 Song from Salome
 - 8 "I accept your terms!"
 - 9 Full-grown
 - 10 Public perception
 - 11 Feeling nothing
 - 12 Kids' guessing game
 - 13 Large quantity
 - 21 Two King Lear characters
 - 22 Dentist's directive
 - 25 Prince William's sister-in-law
 - 26 Lone Ranger's farewell
 - 27 Parts of bottles
 - 28 Deceptive move
 - 29 Power measures
 - 30 Feel eager
 - 31 Casino furniture
 - 32 Fencing gear
 - 33 Deep space
 - 35 PG-13 awardee
 - 36 Spice in sausage
 - 38 Eels in sushi bars
 - 39 Lone Ranger's pal
 - 44 Choral contingent
 - 45 Conifers, to trees
 - 46 NASA garb
 - 47 They hold up buildings
 - 48 Regatta team since 1852
 - 49 Extremities
 - 50 Town House crackers
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 - 52 Spanish word for "lower"
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Cowboys release QB Corp two days after signing him

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have released quarterback Aaron Corp two days after signing him. They also waived defensive tackle Brian Price.

Corp was the third quarterback on the Cowboys' roster before the former Southern California backup was turned loose again Thursday.

Corp was set to start at USC in 2009 when he broke his left leg and Matt Barkley emerged as the starter. Corp transferred to Richmond and signed as an undrafted free agent with Buffalo last year. The Bills ended up releasing him twice.

Price was a second-round pick for Tampa Bay in 2010 and started 14 games for the Buccaneers a year later. He was cut by Chicago last year after the Bears traded for him.

The Cowboys waived Price because of a shoulder problem.

TEBOW

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favorite sayings: "I don't know what the future holds, but at the end of the day I know who holds my future."

Tebow says it's a reference to a strong faith that remains a driving force in his life.

Last season, Tebow got few chances from Jets coach Rex Ryan, despite starter Mark Sanchez struggling throughout the season while leading New York to a dismal 6-10 record.

Still, a Forbes.com survey released this week called Tebow America's most influential athlete. Tebow finished ahead of Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps (25 percent), Jamaican track star Usain Bolt (23 percent) and Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter (22

percent).

"That's a huge honor," Tebow said. "I see it as a great responsibility to be a role model for future generations. That's something I care about more than winning football games. If I can take the game of football and can transcend football . go to hospitals and make kids smile, I'll be doing things that matter."

He hinted about finding a life of fulfillment after the game.

"What I want to do with my life is impact lives. When a kid in a hospital is fighting for his life and I'm trying to win a football game, what really matters? This game isn't as important as a lot of us make it out to be. If I can give him a little bit of hope, I can do something that matters. That's what I want my legacy to be about. That's how I want to be remembered."

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teams more than capable of winning at home or on the road," Golden State coach Mark Jackson said. "So I'm not surprised at all. Good coaching, good playing, you make adjustments and win games. They've all been great games."

Big fourth-quarter comebacks, first by Oklahoma City and then by Memphis, decided the outcomes of the first two games of that series, where the cumulative score right now is Grizzlies 190, Thunder 186. The first two Spurs-Warriors games were pure theater, with San Antonio winning a double-overtime thriller in Game 1 after rallying from 16 points down late in regulation.

Road teams took Game 1's in the East semi-

nals, with Indiana and Chicago both winning by seven.

And the home teams imposed their wills in Game 2 of both matchups, New York using a huge late run to beat the Pacers by 26, and the Heat outscoring the Bulls by an unbelievable 62-20 margin over a 19-minute stretch on the way to evening that matchup with a 115-78 romp.

"Anybody can beat you on a given night and playoff basketball is no different," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said. "I mean, everybody at this particular time is hungry even more. Nobody wants to go home so it becomes crazy basketball. Everybody is pumped up and ready to play."

Then again, if you checked out how these teams fared against each other in the regular season, maybe you

could have seen something as uncanny as this coming.

There wasn't any real separation between the clubs then, either.

The Bulls and Heat split four games against one another, as did the Knicks and Pacers, and Spurs and Warriors. The only exception was Memphis beating Oklahoma City in two of the three games they played this year — and if they met four times, there would figure to be a chance that it could have been a 2-2 split as well.

"Each team is working hard, trying to get wins," said Memphis guard Tony Allen, who was part of Boston's title-winning team in 2008. "They got the trophy on their mind so I believe that each series is probably going to go all the way to the end. You look at the eight teams that are left, all the teams have a shot."

The Heat entered the playoffs as the overwhelming favorites to win their second straight title, and they remain that way in the eyes of oddsmakers even though they'll need to win one game in Chicago to reclaim the home-court advantage.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra's eyes widened a bit Thursday when told that no second round in the NBA playoffs had ever opened quite this way.

"Is that right? First time ever? Really? Wow," Spoelstra said. "Makes for great theater. I know I'm enjoying the other games, probably like other fans are enjoying ours. It shows how much parity there is and how little margin for error with the teams that are left. ... We had always felt there was up to six or seven legitimate, title-contending teams."

The way things look, maybe there's eight now.

"It looks like it's the best eight teams in the NBA right now," James said. "So we'll see what happens."



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