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Council deflates yard parking law

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Concerned about implementation costs, the Big Spring City Council Tuesday approved an amended version of an ordinance banning parked cars from the front yards of residences.

By a 6-1 vote, the council gave final approval to the ordinance (Marcus Fernandez cast the only nay vote).

While council members overwhelmingly supported the goals behind the new ordinance — to beautify neighborhoods and increase property valuations — there was much debate Tuesday on how much the new ordinance would cost homeowners.

At the crux of the debate was a section of the new ordinance requiring owners whose property is on streets with curbs and gutters to

install 4-inch-deep concrete driveways if they wish to park in areas otherwise forbidden by the new ordinance. Homeowners on streets without curbs and gutters are allowed to opt for other materials, such as asphalt, gravel and brick, to pave their driveways.

Council members Glenn Carrigan and Marvin Boyd both expressed concerns about how much the require-

ment would cost homeowners.

"I've heard estimates of between \$1,500 and \$5,000 for that type of work," Carrigan said. "I think that's somewhat prohibitive for a lot of people ... If we're talking about a new home, that's fine, but for homes that are already existing, to tell people they have to put in the most expensive material in their driveways instead is prohibitive in my

opinion."

Boyd echoed Carrigan's concerns.

"First of all, I agree we have to do something about this, but I don't think homeowners should be forced into purchasing concrete," Boyd said. "Then there's the time factor — I've talked to a lot of people who are complaining they can't get anyone to

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Staples says experience key for Lt. Gov. bid

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Todd Staples is probably regretting there's no such thing as frequent driver miles for political candidates.

Staples, who said he's visited 250 of Texas' 254 counties in the past few years, pulled his bus into Big Spring Tuesday as part of his campaign for the Republican lieutenant governor nomination.

He said his road odyssey serves a simple purpose.

"The race for lieutenant governor is very competitive

this year and voters need to get all the information they can get on the candidates," Staples said. "That's why I stopped in Big Spring — to remind people they can make a difference by voting."

He is completing his second term as Texas agriculture commissioner and is a former state house and state senate member, positions he said that prepare him well for the lieutenant governor post.

"First, I've had to manage a budget — in fact, I've brought my agency in under budget, plus I've dealt with important issues such as landowner rights and water rights during my time as agriculture commissioner which I feel have prepared me very well," Staples said. "Plus, I'm the only candidate who has served in the state house, senate and as a local city council member."

His highest-profile opponent in the March primary is incumbent Lt. Gov. David



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Todd Staples, candidate for the Republican lieutenant governor nomination, discusses campaign issues Tuesday in Big Spring.

Dewhurst, who Staples described as a "big spender" with the taxpayers' money.

"This is a race between spenders, talkers and doers," Staples said. "David Dewhurst is a big spender. He called a \$6 billion budget increase modest, and he thanked the Obama administration for the stimulus money it sent to the state. In

contrast, I sued the Obama administration over the job-killing (Environmental Protection Agency) mandates and eliminated waste in my agency."

Staples, who described an election as a sort of job interview before the voters, touted a 10-point "Contract With

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No takers for council board race

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The upcoming city council elections appear to be short on challengers.

With the end of candidate filing looming, only two candidates — both incumbents — have filed for the May municipal elections.

Marcus Fernandez will seek re-election as District 1 council representative, while District 3 council member Glenn Carrigan has filed, as well. Both men are seeking their second term in office.

Candidates must be United States and Texas citizens but do not need to reside within the district they wish to represent.

Filing papers may be picked up at city hall offices at Fourth and Nolan streets between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, officials said.

Friday is the final day to file for the city council elections.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



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Prospectors plan gem of a show

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Staff Writer

The prospectors are coming to town this weekend.

The Big Spring Prospectors Club will present its 45th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show Saturday and Sunday in the Howard County Fair Barns.

Prospectors Club spokeswoman Lola Lamb said the show has something for everyone in the family.

"Admission is free. We'll



Lamb

have dealers coming from all over Texas," said Lamb. "And some new ones from McKinney and the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

"We'll also have the spinning wheel for the children, and there will be great prizes for the children to take home every time," said Lamb, a longtime Prospectors Club member.

"There will be plenty of dis-

plays showing what is actually inside a rock, and how it's worked into jewelry. Several people at the show will be working with the stones so people can see the process they go through first hand."

And while door prizes and plenty of beautiful stones for sale are a major draw for the show each year, it is an opportunity to watch and learn about what club members do with the stones.

"It's a hobby, but it's also an ongoing process," she said.

"You learn something new everyday, not only from other club members, but also when you go to a show or you pick up the rock and gem magazine. It's a learning process, and most rockhounds like to share their knowledge with other people.

"My favorite part of the club is the collecting and the mystery of it. Sawing a rock in half and seeing what's inside is quite an experience,

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Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 6:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 6:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	49	25	pt sunny	Kingsville	60	43	rain
Austin	44	33	rain	Livingston	46	32	rain
Beaumont	49	36	rain	Longview	46	30	cloudy
Brownsville	68	46	t-storm	Lubbock	48	25	pt sunny
Brownwood	38	30	rain	Lufkin	47	32	rain
Corpus Christi	59	43	rain	Midland	45	33	frz rain
Corsicana	41	30	rain	Raymondville	65	44	rain
Dallas	44	31	windy	Rosenberg	53	38	rain
Del Rio	52	42	rain	San Antonio	50	37	rain
El Paso	68	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	45	34	rain
Fort Stockton	46	37	rain	Sulphur Springs	43	31	pt sunny
Gainesville	41	27	windy	Sweetwater	40	28	frz rain
Greenville	42	27	windy	Tyler	46	30	rain
Houston	53	38	rain	Weatherford	41	27	windy
				Wichita Falls	45	26	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	48	25	rain	Minneapolis	19	-16	windy
Boston	29	10	sn shower	New York	29	17	sn shower
Chicago	11	-1	windy	Phoenix	77	53	pt sunny
Dallas	44	31	windy	San Francisco	62	53	rain

Obituaries

Brooksie Nell Phillips Hodges

EASTLAND — Former Big Spring resident Brooksie Nell Phillips Hodges, age 87, of Eastland, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, in Fort Worth, Texas. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Bakker Funeral Home Chapel at 411 S. Mulberry in Eastland, Texas. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. The Rev. Bruce Lambert will officiate. She was born April 20, 1926, in Howard County north of Big Spring to Earl and Hazel (Gressett) Phillips. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1943 and attended Howard County Jr. College in 1946-1947 and was a part of the very first

class at the college. She attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene and graduated with a BA and went on to receive a MA degree from West Texas State University in 1980. Brooksie Nell Phillips married Hubert Charles Hodges June 4, 1949, in Big Spring. They were married 41 years before Charles died with cancer in 1991. She is survived by sons, Philip Charles Hodges of San Angelo and Dennis Jay Hodges and his wife, Elaine, of Bella Vista, Ark., two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Brooksie was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Hazel; two brothers, Elmo and Bobby Phillips; and a sister, Hazel Ruth Hull. The family request memorials to Howard College Scholarship Fund, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 or to the Cancer Research Centers.

Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- CHRISTOVAL MORENO CORRALEZ, 54, of 1105 N. Nolan was arrested on charges of theft less than \$1,500 two or more convictions and theft – shoplifting.
- LEONA JENE RADASA, 33, of 901 E. 13th St. was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.
- EMMITT MONROE WALLER, 35, of 825 Bryan St., Jacksonville, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of use or possession of illegal smoking material.
- ELI EDWARD REYES, 39, of 104 E. Hoover Ave., Coahoma, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault family/household member and intentional recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- THEFT was reported at the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 900 block of E. 13th.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the 2000 block of Scurry.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 700 block of W. In-

terstate Highway 20.

- WELFARE CONCERN was reported at the 100 block of E. Hoover Ave.

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

- CHRISTOVAL MORENO CORRALEZ was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of property greater than or equal to \$20 but less than \$500 by check, issuance of bad check, theft of property less than \$1,500 with tow more previous convictions.
- EMMITT MONROE WALLER was booked by BSPD on charges of use or possession of illegal smoking material – two counts.
- ELI EDWARD REYES was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault family/household member impeding breathing or circulation.
- LEONA JEAN RADASA was booked by BSPD on charges of public intoxication with three prior convictions and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MICHAEL CASEY JONES was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/sus-

pension without final resolution.

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

Monday:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1400 block of Austin. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 300 block of S. Runnels. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 2600 block of Ann. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT reported at mile marker 171 on Interstate Highway 20. One patient transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA reported at the 1000 block of Stadium. One patient transported to SMMC.

Tuesday:

- MEDICAL call reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 1700 block of Perdue. One patient transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of Highland Dr. One patient transported to SMMC.

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Take Note

• Healthy Woman is “Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years” on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Howard College Student Union Building cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. For more information, call 432-270-2218.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been

restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. “The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,” Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filing fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people’s lives. For more information, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300.



Todd Staples, candidate for the Republican lieutenant governor nomination, waves from in front of his campaign bus Tuesday in Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

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Texans” on issues he said he would champion if elected. At the top of that contract are border security, job creation

and education. He said it was vital that Texas meets its responsibility to responsibly finance education of its students.

“We need a robust education system that focuses on student suc-

cess, where we reward good teachers and get rid of bad ones,” he said. “Regardless of the outcome of this election, I think our number-one spending priority is education. We need accountability with our

tax dollars and they should be focused on the classroom.”

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COUNCIL

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get this work done for them. If we do this, are we going to give them some extra time to get the job done?”

In response, Council Member Raul Benavides said the short-term financial pitch would be out-weighted by long-

term benefits. “I understand the financial burden this would place on some people, but we have to put something on the book to protect (property valuations),” Benavides said. “We have to start somewhere.”

The council eventually agreed to amend the new ordinance to allow homeowners to construct their driveways

with either concrete or alternate materials.

Few were happy with the compromise, but all agreed it was a step in the right direction.

“We’re talking about a minimum standard,” City Manager Todd Darden said. “I hate legislated pride ... but we have to put pride back in our city, and I think this is a good start.”

“We all have to real-

ize what the ultimate goal is — to get parked cars off of front lawns,” Mayor Larry McLellan added.

In other business, the council approved:

• A proposal to allow the city fire department to bill insurance companies for certain emergency services

rendered.

• A contract with Terracon to provide asbestos removal consulting to the old parachute building at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

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Guadalupe Rodriguez, Sr., 66, died Saturday. Funeral services will be Wednesday 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Trudy Page, 46, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
Marianne Garmaker, 69, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

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because you can’t tell what a rock looks like just by the outside of it. It’s fascinating to see how pretty it is on the inside sometimes. On the other hand, sometimes it’s nothing, but you just never know. You kick a rock, or throw it, and you never really think about what kind of beauty might be inside of it,” said Lamb.

Hourly door prizes will be given and a drawing will be held for a pear cut blue topaz.

But with membership waning in recent years and the aging of current members, the future of the club is questionable.

“I don’t know how much longer we can keep it going,” said Lamb. “We once had more than 200 members. We had 33 last year. Our oldest member is 87 and most of us are right up

there too,” she continued and encouraged anyone interested to call or come by and visit their weekly meetings.

“We meet every Monday evening at 7 and anyone can come and see what we do and decide if they would like to join,” Lamb explained. The club meets at 606 E. Third and yearly dues are \$15.

For more information on the show, contact Lamb at 263-3340.

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It's what's inside the cover that counts

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One of the first idioms I remember learning was George Elliot's 1860 quote, "You can't judge a book by its cover," and I have learned many times over how very legitimate that truth is. I wonder how many times we are fooled by outward appearances. It may well be countless because we are, by nature, prone to make an immediate judgment of a person or situation based entirely upon what we see, hear, or even think. If you haven't learned it yet, looks can be very deceiving.

There's more truth than humor in some of the stereotypes that we are familiar with. Back in the mid-70s, I was featured on the front page of the newspaper in Decatur, Illinois, with a picture and article written by a man I had met through a business transaction. I was pastoring a small congregation and needed to supplement my income so I was selling new Pontiacs for Don Stone Motor Company.

The reason I ended up in the publicity spotlight was because I sold a new car to a man who was a reporter for the local newspaper and he found it fascinating that a preacher could also be a car salesman. I mean absolutely no offense to my honest car salesman friends, but I was a car salesman, and a preacher, and I never lied, and I consistently led the dealership in sales. His view of those traditionally conflicting stereotypes landed me on the front page.

The 2014 Olympics have just concluded and as I watched them I realized that if it weren't for the uniforms and logos identifying their countries, any of them could be our sons and daughters.

There are handsome young men and lovely young women in every country on earth and if you trusted only your visual perception of them, you would readily allow any of those dazzling smiles and sparkling eyes to watch your kids while you went to the movies. But even though our hearts can be warmed by the touching and

enthusiastic displays of patriotism by these extraordinary athletes, this may be one of those times when we must remember how important what's inside the book's cover really is.

Do not misunderstand me. I have love for all humanity and I am not making a broad brush judgment about young people from any country. I absolutely do not believe God loves Americans any more than He does Russians, Chinese, Iranians, Pakistanis or any other peoples on the planet. But there are some fundamental truths we should keep in mind about people who, regardless of their good looks or admirable talents, despise human rights and the freedoms that non-Imperialistic nations enjoy. The brutal truth is there are people who passionately hate the United States of America and long for her demise. And some of them project beautiful covers, but the inside pages are written with the blood of innocent humans.

I am not the world's biggest fan of Bob Costas but if anybody ever boldly spoke the truth, he did in a commentary that startled me, yet made me keenly aware of the truths I am presenting in this writing. His sharp, if jarring, commentary Friday changed the narrative for those who thought he ignored or displayed a naive attitude about the world outside of the Olympic Village. Costas noted how Ukrainian athletes at the games were showing their concern for their country's political unrest, and tied what was going on there to Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Costas said the Sochi Olympics had gone off better than many people feared going in, "all of which is truly wonderful, but should not serve to obscure a harsher or more lasting truth. This is still a government which imprisons dissidents, is hostile to gay rights, sponsors and supports a vicious regime in Syria — and that's just a partial list." While the games' may burnish Putin's reputation in some eyes, "no amount of Olympic glory can mask these realities," he said.

Even though I don't agree with all of his opinions, and I think Costas is sometimes an opportunistic grandstander, I totally respect his courage

to make such potentially controversial observations to a worldwide audience of millions during the Olympics.

Once again thinking about the concept of "judging by the cover," we realize the point of course, is to move beyond the superficial trappings of a book to its content and to move from the cursory appearance of a person to his or her character.

The point is that a book with a not so great cover may be a treasure. And conversely, a book with an eye-catching cover may prove empty, not delivering what we expected. Publishers use book covers to make a good first impression and to lure readers into purchasing the book.

So it is with many deceptions today. Put a pretty face on it and it will lure unsuspecting innocents into its web. Any fisherman understands the "lure" principles that are at work in any deceptive action, in or out of water.

I am fascinated that Jesus had fishermen, zealots, and tax collectors among his 12 initial disciples. The educated and uneducated, those from rural areas and those from bigger towns, and those with dissenting political opinions, all traveled in a close-knit pack.

There were arguments and competition among them, questions about who was the greatest. But slowly, ever so slowly, Jesus formed them into more loving people, people who cast off their prejudices. But, even so, He emphatically taught them to be careful to guard their hearts against the enemy's deceptive wiles.

What we must learn is that looks can be deceiving and everything may not be as it appears at first glance. To judge someone by their outward appearance can be wrong, but becoming an ally with anyone or anything that is diametrically opposed to your principles of morality, freedom and Democracy is ultimately going to be very costly.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us, dear Lord, to realize that patience is a virtue.

Amen

The experts agree; if you don't, shut up

It is a happy conceit in the climate change community that true believers are sophisticated, fact-based practitioners of science and that skeptics essentially are a bunch of superstitious nitwits who refuse to respect the — all bow — climate change consensus.

If that were true, you would expect the science-loving know-it-alls to welcome opportunities to challenge the arguments of "deniers" of global warming. To the contrary, climate change groups have been engaging in a spirited battle to muzzle dissenters and pressure news organizations not to publish skeptical opinion.

Last week, Charles Krauthammer, a physician by training, wrote a column that took on what he called the myth of "settled science" on climate change. Krauthammer observed that the consensus can be wrong — as a new study that rebuts the efficacy of annual mammograms suggests. He pointed out the weaknesses of climate models, referred to the "pause" in the rise of surface temperature over the past 15 years and

then compared climate change Cassandras to religious zealots.

Critics were free to rebut Krauthammer point by point. Alas, some preferred to respond without content or argument.

Under the hashtag "Don'tPublishLies," Hill Heat Editor Brad Johnson joined a campaign to pressure The Washington Post not to run the Krauthammer column. He later boasted that 110,000 people had joined his censorship crusade.

The muzzle-the-critics corner has friends in the media, too. Last year, the Los Angeles Times revealed it won't print letters that deny a human cause to global warming.

On Sunday, Brian Stelter of CNN's "Reliable Sources" contended that "some stories don't have two sides." There's no need to present climate change dissenters, he argued, because "between 95 percent and 97 percent of scientists agree that climate change is happening now, that it's damaging the planet and that it's man-made."

That's one of those factoids that warming believers love to repeat.

Apparently, it is an amalgam of two statistics. A 2013 Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report found a 95 percent certainty that humans are the cause of global warming. A 2013 British study of peer-reviewed papers found that of

the 33 percent of papers that had taken a position on global warming, 97 percent endorsed the "consensus" position.

That is hardly a surprise. True believers have been hounding dissenters out of the climate community for years. I've written about skeptical state climatologists who were stripped of their titles. Former Delaware climatologist David Legates once told me he warned students to keep their mouths shut if they had doubts about global warming.

The grant money goes to the believers. Hal Lewis, professor emeritus of physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara, resigned from the American Physical Society to protest "global warming corruption."

It makes you wonder: If climate change alarmists are so thoughtful and smart and fact-based, why do they deny the existence of serious critics?

The choice, after all, has them peddling an odd scientific proposition: The experts all agree, and they're always right.

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DEBRA SAUNDERS

Developing new habits isn't that difficult

I've talked about creating new habits several times in past columns and here I am again, rehashing and attempting to motivate you to create the new habit that you really wish you would do.



DARRELL RYAN

Here are some tips for creating new habits and making them stick: First you must commit to the first 21 days. There are some folks who differ with the number of days and I agree that each individual is somewhat different but a lot of research shows that with

most folks the 21 days will work.

If you need more days try picking one full month since that fits the calendar well. Three to four weeks is really all the time you need to make a habit automatic.

It is extremely important that you write down what you desire to accomplish. Seeing it in front of you on a daily basis is motivation. Then familiarize yourself with the benefits of making the change. If you can make it through the initial conditioning phase, it becomes much easier to sustain.

The next step is consistency, so do your new habit daily. Doing it only a couple times a week will make it harder to form the habit.

Be sure to start simple. Don't try to completely change your life in one day; it is easy to get over-motivated and take on too much. Then remind yourself daily of your commitment.

Place reminders to execute your habit each day or you might miss a few days. If you miss time, it defeats the purpose of setting a habit to begin with.

If possible, find someone who will go along with you and keep you motivated. Then find an activity that will assist you in executing your habit. If you are giving up something in your habit, make sure you are adequately replacing any needs you've lost. If watching television gave you a way to relax, you could take up meditation or reading

as a way to replace that same need.

Don't expect all your attempts to change habits to be successful immediately. Try your best, but expect a few bumps along the way. When you start to think negative thoughts, use the word "but" to interrupt it. "I'm no good at this, but, if I work at it I might get better later."

Restructure your environment so it won't tempt you in the first 30 days. Remove junk food from your house, cancel your cable subscription, dispose of the cigarettes so you won't need to struggle with willpower later.

You should also be aware of the consequences. Exposing yourself to realistic information about the downsides of not mak-

ing a change will give you added motivation. Through it all, tool your habits towards your goals and the things that motivate you. Weak guilt and empty resolutions aren't enough.

Remember what you wish to achieve and

keep that goal in sight. Refer daily to your initial reminder for support and keep in mind that inch by inch anything is a cinch.

Darrell Ryan is director of school safety for the Big Spring Independent School District.

News in brief

Cartel leader's gadgets helped him evade capture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexico's most powerful drug cartel leader employed high-tech communications gadgetry and sophisticated counterespionage practices to elude an international manhunt for 13 years, The Associated Press has learned. In the end, however, life on the run unraveled for Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman in a decidedly low-tech way.

A traditional wiretap in southern Arizona pointed authorities to a cellphone being used by a top associate. Within a day, Guzman was captured in a high-rise beachfront condominium in Mazatlan, Mexico.

Guzman's penchant for technology and his efforts to stay ahead of the law were described to the AP by a senior law enforcement official with direct knowledge of Guzman's years on the run and by a U.S. government official who was briefed on the case. Both spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the situation by name.

"He didn't spare any expenses when it came to protecting himself," the law enforcement official said.

Some of the communications equipment Guzman used was not generally available to consumers.

The sophistication of the gear and Guzman's diligence deeply impressed investigators who were pursuing him. Among other practices, Guzman employed countersurveillance scanners to detect transmitters hidden in rooms or carried by people with whom he was meeting.

Study says preschooler obesity fell sharply

ATLANTA (AP) — Toddler obesity shrank sharply in the past decade, a new study suggests. While promising, it's not proof that the nation has turned a corner in the battle against

childhood obesity, some experts say.

The finding comes from a government study considered a gold-standard gauge of trends

in the public's health.

The researchers found that obesity among children ages 2 to 5 decreased — to 8 percent, from 14 percent a decade

ago. That would represent a 43 percent drop.

But the only decline was seen in preschoolers, not in older children.

And some experts note that even the improvement in toddlers wasn't a steady decline, and say it's hard to know yet whether preschooler weight figures are permanently curving down or merely jumping around.

It is enough of a decline to be optimistic, said Cynthia Ogden.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

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.

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		6						9
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sound Reasoning Helps a Lot

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 2
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ Q 9 5
♣ Q J 4

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

SOUTH
♠ J 7 5 3
♥ Q 7 6 4 2
♦ K 3
♣ A 8

The bidding:

West North East South
1♠ Dbles Pass 3♥

Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of spades.

Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads the K-A of spades, East playing high-low to show a doubleton. When West continues the suit, you ruff high in dummy as East discards a low diamond. Since you must lose a diamond trick, the hand boils down to whether or not you will lose a club.

If you examine all four hands, it

can be seen that if you rely solely on a club finesse, you will go down one. Considering that West opened the bidding, this is not at all surprising.

Rather than stake everything on a finesse that is likely to fail, it is better to try an approach that avoids the finesse. About all that is required for this method to work is for West to have the ace of diamonds — surely not much to ask for, since, as previously noted, he opened the bidding.

Accordingly, you cash the K-Q of trumps and lead the three of diamonds. West can't afford to rise with the ace, which would hand you the contract then and there, so let's assume he plays the ten.

You win with the queen, cross to your hand with a trump and cash the jack of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. Now you play the king of diamonds.

West wins but is completely flummoxed. If he leads a club, you have no club loser; if he leads a spade or a diamond instead, your club loser disappears as you ruff in dummy and discard a club from your hand.

The deal demonstrates the vitally important principle of always seeking an alternative before attempting a finesse.

Tomorrow: Killing defense.
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In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

Old Fashioned Oats

Bob Moore, the founder of Bob's Red Mill foods, offers recipes featuring stone-gilled whole grains, the way he still makes them in his store in Portland, Ore.

AmericanProfile

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Townhall Meetings & Counting!

Staying true to his original campaign promise to hold at least one townhall meeting annually in each of the 37 counties he serves in the Texas Senate, Kel Seliger recently completed his 267th Town Hall Meeting.

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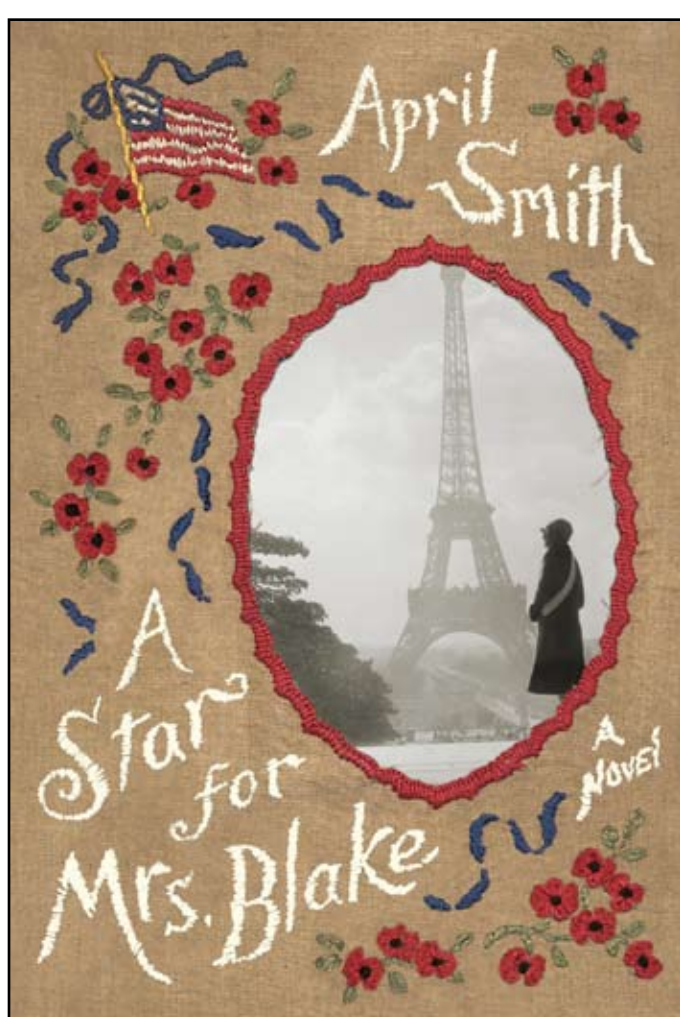
Let's start out with some good ole' Westerns for the last of February. From Lauran Paine, comes "Prairie Empire" (LP W PAI L), a story set in the chaotic Dakota Territory of the 1800s. The day that Jud Parker set foot in Seward City, he looked like a prosperous man in his frock coat and tall silk hat. In actuality, he had less than \$100 in his pocket. However, he quickly makes friends, and in some twists and turns, gambles his way to make his fortune in this new land.

"The Man From Bar-20" (LP W MUL C) is a Hopalong Cassidy book, authored by Clarence E. Mulford. Johnny Nelson thought that life on the Bar-20 was the best that ever was; even when most of his friends moved to the Tin Cup in Wyoming. Life got a little stifling when farmers and sheep-herders started making life unbearable, so he turned his horse north to the Tin Cup. Life wasn't much better, when the matrimony fever struck all his buddies and made life pretty flat. Meeting with Logan in Hasting sure made a difference, especially when Logan's cattle started "drifting" off with a little help (if you know what I mean). Nelson has a plan and he doesn't figure on failing. Check out "Savage Desert" (LP W PAT

L) by Lewis B Patten; "Man of the Desert" (LP W HOR R) by Robert Horton and "Double or Nothing" (LP W MIM M) by Meg Mims for some Western action.

From a local author, Eunice J. Filler, comes a charming account of a local family who finally settled in the Coahoma area in the early 1900s after a circuitous route from northwestern Georgia to Oklahoma, and finally to Texas. It is a collection of stories told as it happened to one family and portrays the adventures of four generations that is now told by the fifth generation. "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea" (B HAL R) tells the story of Epsy and Rachael Dodd Hale who marry and raise a family. They raise a family whose children go to Center Point School and there is a lot of incidental history of Coahoma, Big Spring and living life during the 1920s and 1930s in the area. Excellent book, I thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

Hot on the trail of a bank official who is laundering money for an al Qaeda-sponsored terrorist cell, Rogue Warrior Richard Marcinko finds himself in the thick of a covert operation run by the CIA — a.k.a. the Christians in Action. Angry that their operation has been ruined, the CIA demands that Marcinko and his Red Cell International group work for them. He agrees, then gets into a situation so dire only Seal Team Six can extricate him. While grateful for help from the unit he helped establish, Marcinko realizes there's a lot more going on than the CIA



will admit — and when the investigation leads to a luxury liner loaded with explosives and contraband heading toward the United States, he recruits members from the original Seal Team Six to help. But will the old-timers and young bucks be enough to prevent disaster in a U.S. port? Read "Rogue Warrior: Curse of the Infidel" (F MAR R) by Richard Marcinko and Jim DeFelice and find out.

It is a little known fact, but in 1929, the United States Congress passed legislation to fund travel for mothers of the fallen soldiers of World War I to visit their sons' graves in France. Over the next three years, 6,693 Gold Star Mothers made the trip. In "A Star for Mrs. Blake" (F SMI A), a emotionally charged, brilliantly

realized novel, April Smith breathes life into

a unique moment in American history, imagining the experience of five of these women. They are strangers at the start, but their lives will become inextricably intertwined, altered in indelible ways.

These very different Gold Star Mothers travel to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery to say final goodbyes to their sons and come together along the way to face the unexpected: a death, a scandal, and a secret revealed.

None of these pilgrims will be as affected as Cora Blake, who has lived almost her entire life in a small fishing village off the coast of Maine, caring for her late sister's three daughters, hoping to fill the void left by the death of her son, Sammy, who was killed on a scouting

mission during the final days of the war. Cora believes she is managing as well as can be expected, but nothing has prepared her for what lies ahead on this unpredictable journey, including an extraordinary encounter with an expatriate American journalist, Griffin Reed, who was wounded in the trenches and hides behind a metal mask, one of hundreds of "tin noses" who became symbols of the war. It is an exquisite story of heartbreak and love.

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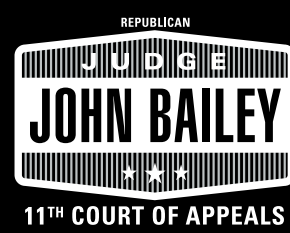
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Farwell ends Buffs' season in quarterfinals

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK – The Forsan High School had an answer for almost everything the Farwell Steers threw at them Tuesday.

Everything except for five minutes in the second quarter.

Farwell reeled off a huge 9-2 run through the first five minutes of the second quarter and used that to race to a 50-45 come-from-behind victory over Forsan in a Region I quarterfinals showdown in front of a large crowd in the Lubbock Cooper High School gymnasium.

The Steers' early run

proved catastrophic for the Buffaloes, who were forced to play without starter Matthew Mims. The run, which extended until the 2:54 mark of the frame, put Forsan in a deep hole that enabled Farwell to double-team Kade Fannin inside and free up senior guard Chase Mitchell to unload from the perimeter.

"We came out with a great start and played very good defense all night," said Forsan head coach Gary Huckabee. "Offensively, we struggled against a good Farwell defense. But this is a great group of guys that fought hard all year and worked to

be their best every day. They truly are a coach's dream team."

After Forsan had used the inside attack from Zane Sanders and Fannin to power its way to a 13-10 lead in the first quarter, the Steers' found their groove.

Mitchell ignited the Farwell run seconds into the frame by putting back an offensive rebound that pulled the Steers' to within 13-12.

Forsan's Clayton Galloway looked to have given the Buffaloes the momentum back a minute later. The senior took a pass from Tyler Evans and pushed home

a turnaround jumper the rebuilt the FHS lead to three, at 15-12.

The floodgate came open from there. Farwell reeled off five straight points and took a 19-15 advantage.

Forsan rallied back late in the second. Fannin picked up a loose ball with 16 seconds remaining in the half and muscled in a shot, while drawing a foul. He tacked on the free throw shot that enabled Forsan to go into the half down by just four, at 25-21.

Fannin, a 6-foot-1 senior, powered the Buffalo offense in the first 16 minutes of play.

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Courtesy photo/Shawn McVickers

Forsan's Kade Fannin battles a pair of defenders for a ball during a playoff game. Forsan's season came to an end on Tuesday with a loss to Farwell in the regional quarterfinals.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Heart of the Hawks ...

Three members of the Howard College cheerleading squad were honored Monday during 'Sophomore Night' activities between the men's and women's basketball games in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Recognized for the work were (from left to right) Megan Wilson, Kenzi Metcalf and Katie Evans. Wilson is a resident of Forsan, while Metcalf and Evans are from Big Spring.

Sands, Grady head to tourney

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Sands High School Mustangs and Grady High School Wildcats kept their state title hopes alive on Tuesday. Both teams hammered on Tuesday. Both teams hammered on Tuesday. Both teams hammered on Tuesday.

Grady claimed a 63-49 win over Meadow, earning a trip to the Region I tournament to face Nazareth. The game is slated for 1 p.m. in Friday.

Nazareth, a perennial state basketball power, moved into the regional semifinals with a 55-38 win over Anton.

Sands, now 24-7 for the year, punched its ticket to the regional tournament with a 45-37 win over Petersburg. The Mustangs will face Texline in the regional semifinals on Friday, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Texline rolls into the tournament fresh off an 84-48 win over Fort Elliott.

Should Sands and Grady both win their regional semifinal matchups, the two would meet in the regional finals on Friday evening to play for a berth in the Class A boys' state basketball tournament. Grady and Sands played twice during the regular season in District 6 competition. The Wildcats, en route to winning the district title, won both matchups.

Grady is 20-5 for the year. The regional tournament will be played Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland.

The Class A state basketball tournament will be held March 6-8 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Lady Steers set to host 'Crossroads' tournament

Some of West Texas' top high school softball programs will converge on Big Spring beginning tomorrow to compete in the 2014 Tournament at the Crossroads event. The tournament is slated to get underway Thursday and run through Saturday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

Thursday's games will consist of pool play matchups. The BSHS girls will be group into

Pool B with the Permian JV, Lamesa and Hawley. Pool A is comprised of Sweetwater, Levelland, Midland JV and Reagan County. The Pool C field includes Colorado City, Lubbock Cooper and Jim Ned, while Pool D is made up of teams from Forsan, Coahoma, McCamey and Wylie.

Forsan will lead off Friday's games at 10 a.m. with a game against Sweetwater on Field 2. Big Spring and Coaho-

ma will also be in action on Friday. The Lady Steers will face Jim Ned at noon on Field 4. Coahoma will square off against the Midland JV at 10 a.m. on Field 4.

Play in both the Silver and Gold brackets will be played Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. The Gold division title game will be held at 7 p.m. on Field I. The Silver division title game is set for 5 p.m. on Field 1.

Ira halts Garden City's playoff run with OT win

The Ira Bulldogs brought the Garden City Bearkats' 2013-14 basketball season to an end on Tuesday night by claiming a 66-62 overtime victory in a Class A Division II regional quarterfinal game at the Junell Center in San Angelo.

Ira outscored Garden City by a 10-6 margin in the extra frame to claim the win.

Garden City had staged a strong sec-

ond-half surge to force the game into OT. The Bearkats outpointed Ira by a 28-24 clip in the second half to tie the game at the end of regulation at 56-56. Braeden led all GCHS scorers with 16 points. Corbin Davis and Dillon Koenning added 14 each.

Ira will take on Grady in a Region II-A semifinal on Friday at Moody Coliseum in Abilene.

Big Spring to play in 'Best' tournament

The Big Spring High School Steers will be competing in the "Best of the West" baseball tournament in Snyder, beginning tomorrow.

The Steers will open with a first-round matchup against Graham at 4 p.m. Big Spring will play two games on Friday, facing Perryton at 10 a.m. and Pecos at 4 p.m.

Big Spring's final game will be against Snyder, starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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Lighthearted
Moon

The situation between Jupiter and Uranus will be ongoing through next month, but already we are starting to see reversals: changes in fashion, social trends and politics, including conservatives turning liberal and vice versa. The lighthearted and intellectual Aquarius moon will help us keep a healthy perspective on things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The littlest people are the ones who believe there is such a thing as little people. Truly important people treat everyone with respect. Those who are nasty to their underlings are suffering from low self-esteem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be in a mood to keep things brief. You want to get in, get to the point and get out. If you can't avoid the fountain-of-information types altogether, you can at least avoid asking them any questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even if you have guts, there will be no glory, because no one will be handing out rewards for the things that really matter. Then again, the things

that really matter are usually their own reward.



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowledge-seeking is the order of the day. Choose your topics well. There are some kinds of learning that bring no joy. Also, knowledge cannot bring the peace of mind that comes from wisdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Unacquainted with the rules of polite conversation, there are those who simply haven't been taught which topics to avoid. You'll have to take the reins and steer away from religion, politics, health problems and the like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In order to regale people with stories of your travels, you have to have some first. It's a hot topic for you now, as you dream, research and plan a future adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Complete responsibilities, and clear the decks as early in the day as possible. The afternoon brings intellectual challenges for which a mind tied up in unfinished business will be of little help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If there's one thing you could be to make life easier on yourself today, it's a good listener who is

patient and careful not to interrupt. Listening well will save you from making unnecessary mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When it's time to team up, you'll be chosen quickly. It has something to do with your knack for turning ordinary situations into something of a game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It may feel as though you want to spend every moment with the one you love madly, but that wouldn't be as fun as it sounds. Space and freedom are essential to the health of relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you're genuinely interested in others, they easily open up to you. Avoid getting overly involved, though. You're fine with hearing someone vent a bit, but don't let them dump too much negativity on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People want to please you now, but they won't know exactly how to do this until you clarify your boundaries and expectations. Tell them what to bring to the party, and they'll bring it.

TODAY'S
BIRTHDAY (Feb. 26). The next three weeks bring inspirational influences to keep you

motivated all year long. March brings money and a new financial strategy. Casual relationships don't stay casual when you promise something in May. June is your chance to see more of the world. Excellent company makes for magical travels. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 27, 3, 41, 5 and 33.

MERCURY
RETROGRADE Rx: Friday ends this Mercury retrograde. If you've come this far relatively unscathed, it would be a shame to be snagged by some kind of misunderstanding this late in the game. For successful communication:

1. Interrupt on purpose. Most people interrupt mindlessly because they suddenly feel like expressing themselves regardless of the fact that another person is talking. The only time to interrupt is when it serves the greater good of all involved to do so. If you're going to interrupt, make sure you have an important purpose for doing so.
2. Tuck the phone away. No one can concentrate effectively while splitting focus between a phone screen and a live person. Amazingly, many people don't realize how rude they are being as they try to toggle between the two.
3. Listen to the feedback of your

feelings. Dialog that comes from stressed-out people is usually dysfunctional. Notice what's going on in your body so you can recognize when you're becoming stressed and take the moment you need to calm down.

4. Find the funny. Joking around is not always appropriate, but often humor is the standout ingredient of winning communication.

CELEBRITY
PROFILES: During the 2013 holiday season, balladeer Michael Bolton was featured, self-parody style, rocking a series of Honda commercials. This isn't the first time this Pisces has been involved in advertising; he performed in several ads in the early '80s, mostly for soda companies. Bolton was born when Jupiter, the good-fortune planet, was in Taurus, the sign that rules the voice.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a young man looking for a girlfriend. I have liked this young lady for seven years -- since high school. Our relationship has been on the friend side, although I have shown her that I like her.



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Recently, she started to talk to another young man who has quite a history with girls. He has cheated on the last two of his three girlfriends. I am fine if she dates someone else, but I am concerned that she will end up hurt if she sets her sights on this particular guy.

I do not mind if we don't date, but our friendship is in jeopardy. We used to talk every day during lunch, but now she is talking to another "friend" and ignores me. She told me that she wants our friendship to continue, but she is the one destroying it. I am confused. How do I preserve this

friendship?
-- Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned: Is your friend aware of this guy's history? You can express your concern, but then please back off. She is

apparently willing to be hurt, and if you try to protect her too much, she may end the friendship altogether. You've been carrying a torch for this young woman for many years, and she has yet to return your affections. We think it's time you broadened your circle. This one-sided friendship is not healthy for you.

Dear Annie: It's happened again. I've left another nail salon because the technician working on me began talking to other manicurists in their language. Am I wrong to find this practice rude? If I am paying

for their time, shouldn't their focus be on me and not on what I assume is idle gossip? One technician even took glances at the TV while using the sanding file on me. I worked for a large company and taught new hires overseas. We asked them not to converse in their language in front of customers. I guess my question is: Should I say something? To them or to the owner? Or should I simply accept that this is the norm in nail salons? -- Spokane

Dear Spokane: This is not a personal conversation where two people are talking in a foreign language and ignoring you. That would be rude. At a nail salon, however, as long as the service is being performed satisfactorily, it doesn't matter what language they are speaking or to whom. Of course, if they are so distracted that the professional quality of their work suffers, this is cause for complaint. You should first ask the technician to focus on

the services being provided, and if that doesn't help, notify management.

Dear Annie: Please post my response to "Miserable Forever." I, too, was married to an abusive man for 30 years.

Dear Miserable: Ask your local women's shelter for assistance in exiting the home, follow-up shelter and counseling. The counseling is a must. We don't realize how much of ourselves we lose during an abusive relationship. We go from living to existing, and it took a long time to get there. You can't go from existing to living again overnight. It takes time and support. Give yourself the time to heal. You are worth it.

The legal matters are important, but they are secondary to getting yourself into a safe and healing environment. It took me two years to get back on my feet and obtain my divorce. It's been three years since I vacated the marriage, and I am just now learning who I

am. No one can take the steps for you or make the problem go away. Don't let fear of the future rob you of the life that is waiting. -- Been There and Survived

Dear Been There: Thank you for your testimonial. We know it will give courage to "Miserable" and others like her. To our Baha'i readers: Happy Ayyam-i-Ha.

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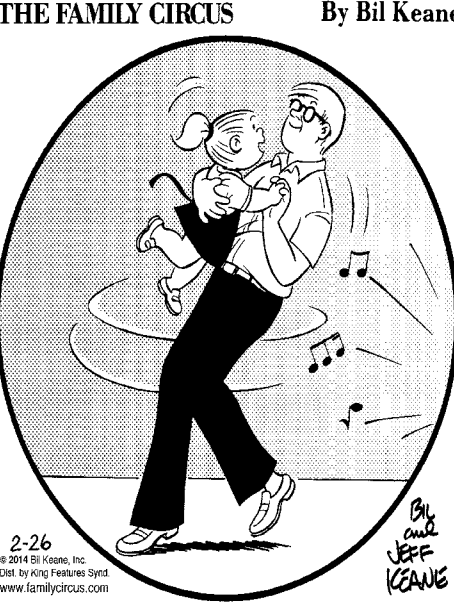
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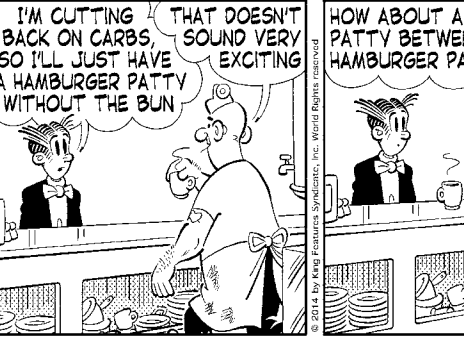


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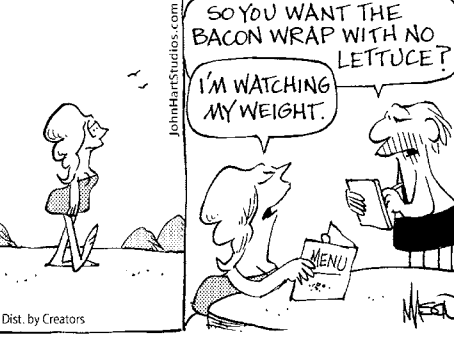
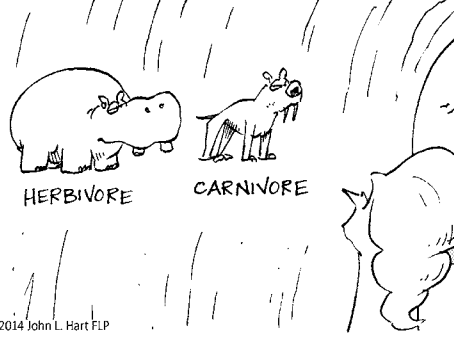
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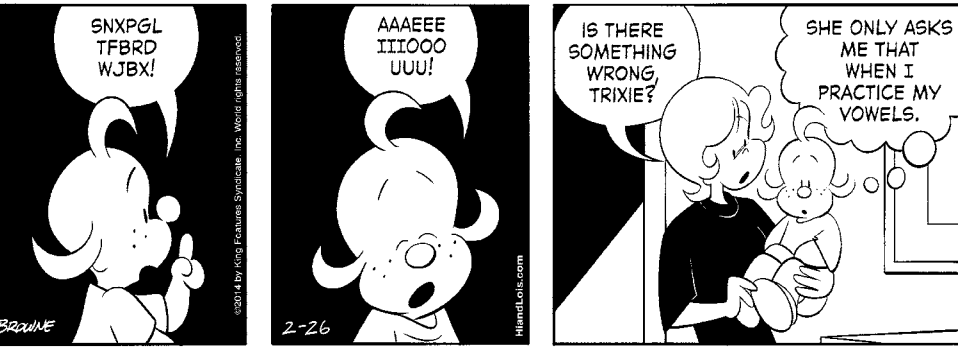
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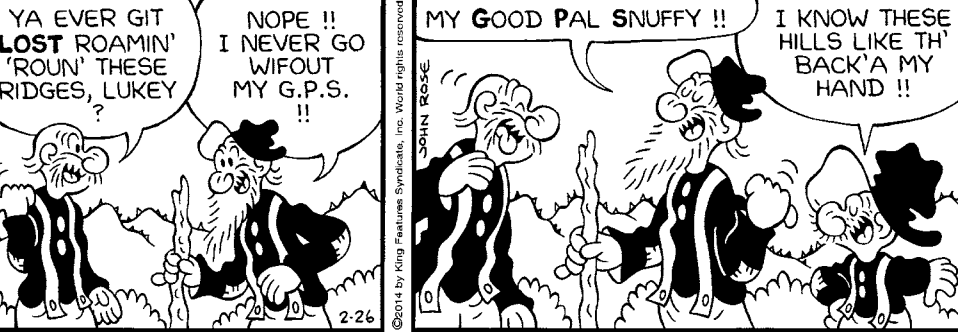
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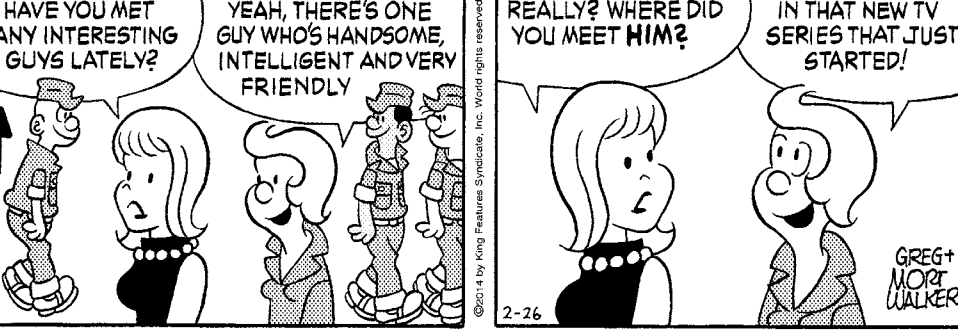
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2014. There are 308 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 26, 1904, the United States and Panama proclaimed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to undertake efforts to build a ship canal across the Panama isthmus. On this date: In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson

signed a congressional act establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. In 1945, authorities ordered a midnight curfew at night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment across the nation. In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb. In 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, astronaut John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, "Exploration and the

pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run." In 1970, National Public Radio was incorporated. In 1984, the last U.S. Marines deployed to Beirut as part of an international peace-keeping force withdrew from the Lebanese capital.

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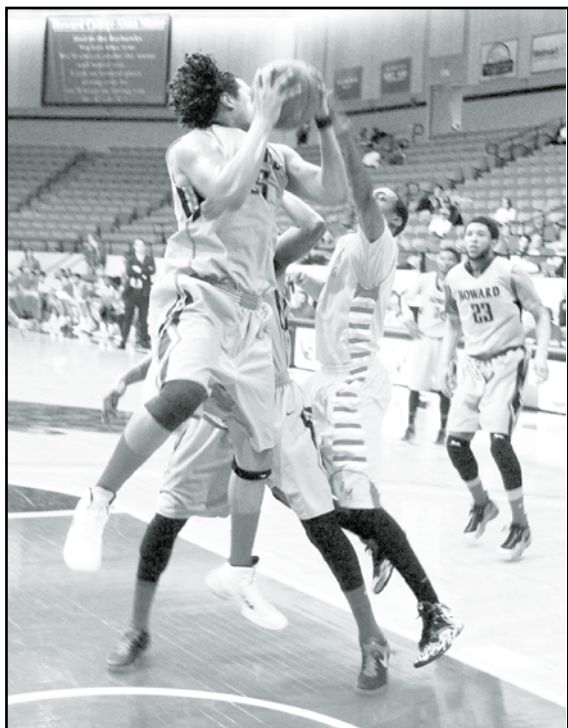
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Game time ...

Demeco Blue and the Howard College Hawks will travel to Snyder on Thursday for their regular season finale against Western Texas College. Games will begin at 5:45 p.m.

FORSAN

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He poured in eight of his 15 points in the first half.

Zane Sanders, who started in the place of Mims, gave Forsan an early spark. He drained a three-point shot from the wing just 1:15 into the first quarter and gave the Buffs a 3-2 lead.

Evans and Fannin followed up Sanders' trey with back-to-back buckets and extended the FHS lead to 7-2. They tacked in additional shots later in the period to built the lead to 13-8.

Farwell sank a running jumper in the closing seconds to trim the Buffalo lead to 13-10.

Forsan answered the buzzer for the third quarter with a torrid start. Fannin scored three times in the initial 1:42 of the second half.

His third shot staked the Buffaloes to a 27-25 advantage with 6:18 left in the period.

Mitchell came up big for Farwell from there. Just 22 seconds after Fannin had erased the Steers' lead, the 6-foot-1 guard pulled up and nailed a trey that put Farwell on top 28-27.

Farwell would never relinquish the advantage.

Forsan made another run at the Steers later in the third. Evans pushed home a high 10-footer at the 3:36 mark of the third to spearhead a small FHS flurry to cut Farwell's lead to 31-20.

Mitchell helped the Steers' regroup. He sank three-point shots on his next two attempts and helped the Steers grab a 39-34 lead at the end of the third.

Mitchell tallied 16 of his game-high 19 points in the first three quarters of play.

Forsan managed to hold its own in the final eight minutes. The Buffaloes matched Farwell point-for-point in the frame by scoring 11 points in the fourth.

Tyler Evans finished the contest as Forsan's top scorer. He netted 17 points in the contest, including a trey from the top of the key in the closing seconds that pulled the Buffs to within five.

With the win, Farwell earned the right to face Memphis in the regional semifinals on Friday, starting at 8 p.m. in the South Plains College

gym in Levelland.

Forsan finished the season at 20-7.

Huckabee said the loss was extra tough for him and the FHS basketball program. Not only did they lose the game, they also lost several quality seniors athletes.

"We are going to miss the awesome leadership of this year's seniors," he said.

The senior members of the Buffaloes' squad included John Tyler Breyman, Tyler Evans, Kade Fannin, Clayton Galoway, Matthew Mims and Zane Sanders.

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BSJHS girls take 3rd in San Angelo

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade girls' track team turned in a stellar effort Saturday at the San Angelo Junior High Track Meet. The Lady Steers rolled up 52 points and finished third in the 15-team field.

Kailey Mathews highlighted Big Spring's outing by winning a pair of

gold medals. She won the girls' 100-meter dash title with a time of 13.12 seconds. She also won the 200-meter event, legging out a mark of 29.32.

Haiven Rushing collected a silver medal for finishing second in the 2,400-meter run. She completed the race in a time of 10 minutes and 14 seconds.

The BSJHS 4x400-meter relay team garnered a third-place finish in its race. The foursome of Reyna Gonzales, Luxie Evans, Alexis Cruz and Jasmine Alvarado turned in a time of 4:51.59.

Chloe Bustamante highlighted a strong showing by the Lady Steers in the 1,600-meter run. Bustamante

finished third overall at 6:35, while Rushing was fifth, at 6:39.

The Lady Steers' 4x200-meter relay team of Evans, Alexis Starr, Mathews and Bustamante placed fifth. Their time in the race was 2:04.88.

The team will run in the Big Spring Junior High Invitational next week.

Big Spring Little League sign-ups set for Saturday

Big Spring Little League will have sign-ups on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

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