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- Silver Wings Ball**  
Jan. 30
- The Club at Silver Hills**  
5:30 p.m. cocktails  
6:45 p.m. dinner
- SMMC Virtual Hiring Event**  
Jan. 19-20
- Howard County Area Honor Rolls will be featured Jan. 14**
- Benefit for Sheri Bailey**  
Jan. 9
- Eagles Lodge**  
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## Howard County Commissioners regular meeting scheduled for Monday afternoon

By IRIS RANGEL  
 Herald Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will convene Monday, Jan. 11 at 3:30 p.m in the third floor County Court Room. This is a regularly scheduled meeting and any members of the public that wish to address the Commissioners Court must complete and turn in the designated form to County Judge Kathryn Wiseman.

Once Citizen Input has concluded, County Treasurer Sharon Adams will review with the court personnel considerations. Following the considerations will be a presentation given by a representative from HealthyYOU Vending. The HealthyYOU Vending machines have been a topic of discussion for the last three Commissioner meetings and the Court is looking to make final decisions this meeting.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will then discuss the approval of invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments. Olson will also present the low bidder for RFB 2021001 for seal-coat projects. There will also be conversation with the court for the approval of Parks Ins. by Hamby Bond.

There will also be possible action taken regarding a Texas State Library & Archives Commission CARES grant award and contract by Library Director Mayour Braswell and commissioners.

During the meeting, the possible approval of a Howard College bond will be discussed by commissioners and Tax Assessor Collector Tiffany Sayles.

County Sheriff Stan Parker will then discuss with commissioners possible action concerning MOU between Howard

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## Pulling together through the snow

### BSPD utilizes AERV to help stranded motorists



Courtesy photo

During the recent snow storm, the Big Spring Police Department took the AERV out to help stranded motorists and get traffic moving again.

By AMANDA DUFORAT  
 Managing Editor

To protect and to serve ... That's the oath taken by police officers as they embark on their mission as a peace officer. The definition of their duties – as with many other roles – is an open ended agreement. To serve a community in which they live on a day to day basis in hopes of keeping

law and order, and to protect when needed ... even in inclement weather. While there are some things beyond their control providing aide with the resources they do have is not a job they take lightly.

As Howard County endured one of the largest snowstorms recorded, in the area, causing many motorists to be stranded on roadways due to the snow accumulation and abundance of accidents. With an estimated minimum wait time of four to five hours for tow companies and emergency personnel to reach vehicles, the Big Spring Police Department loaded up and headed out to offer support in the Armored Emergency Response Vehicle (AERV).

"We saw an immediate need to help our first responders, and we made the decision to get out and help relieve the four to five hour wait in the best way we could," Lt. Brian Gordon said.

The Big Spring Police Department acquired the AERV on loan from the Department of Defense after requesting it through the Law

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## WTVA offering COVID-19 vaccines to veterans through drive-thru clinics

By AMANDA DUFORAT  
 Managing Editor

A few weeks ago, vaccines for Covid-19 began arriving in Howard County. Recently, the West Texas VA facility in Big Spring – George H. O'Brien West Texas VA Medical Center – received 1,000 doses of the vaccine and have begun distributing to qualifying veterans.

The first vaccine was issued to a local veteran on Wednesday morning as part of the first clinic. There will be drive-thru clinics held on Saturdays as well, offering the vaccine for those veterans wanting to receive the vaccine. For those who are enrolled in the VA Health Care there will not be a charge for the vaccine.

"Be patient with us; we are working to ensure every Veteran who wants the vaccine gets the vaccine using the CDC's priority criteria," Cole said.

The WTVAHC is continuing with Veteran telephone town halls, as well as social media outreach and other channels to reach out to all veterans.

"I am awful blessed to be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine here at my VA. As a COVID survivor, I cannot thank the VA enough for allowing me the option to keep myself and my family safe," US Marine Corp Veteran Kenneth Wright said.

The first and second rounds have arrived at the local facility and more area expected as the WTVAHC continues to work with the



Courtesy photo/Kelli Stolle

US Marine Corp Veteran Kenneth Wright is pictured receiving his COVID-19 vaccination at the West Texas VA earlier this week. Kenneth served in the marines from 1964- 1967 as a gunman and has been receiving his health-care at WTVAHCS for over 30 years!

CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and Department of Veterans Affairs on the allocation schedule.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

## COVID-19 Updates

SMMC began community vaccine distribution Friday. More than 300 vaccines have been distributed with 75 administered Friday. SMMC is currently out of vaccines, but expects to receive more next week. To find out if vaccines are available visit the SMMC website.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center has reported 1/08/2021:
- 12 Covid-19 positive patients
- 2 in ICU & 1 vent

- SMMG & SMMC Testing through Jan. 8:
- 2701 tests
- 710 positives for 26.3% positivity rate
- 3 pending

From Dec. 2020 - Jan. 3, 765 patients have tested of which 200 were positive for a rate of 26.2% positivity. 3 tests are pending.

- Howard County has reported as of 01/04:
- 2519 positive cases
- 67 Covid-19 fatalities
- 263 Active cases
- 3628 recovered
- 1439 probable cases

**Outpatient COVID testing in Big Spring**  
 Gregg Street Clinic  
 2301 South Gregg St  
 Big Spring, Texas 79720  
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910 S Main St  
 Big Spring, TX 79720  
 Clinic Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

West Texas Medical Plaza  
 1501 W 11th Place  
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## Obituaries

### Ruby L. Foster



Ruby L. Foster, 93, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at her daughter's residence in Forest Hill, Texas. Private graveside services will be held. You can pay your respects at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021 and from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

She was born June 27, 1927 in Port Gibson, Mississippi to Elvin Carter and Lizzie Carter. Ruby married Bernell Foster Sr. and he preceded her in death in June 1975.

Ruby was a longtime resident of Big Spring and had worked at Webb Air Force Base for many years. After the base closed she worked at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for over 30 years, retiring in

2017.

Left to mourn her passing are two daughters, Marva E. Foster and Judy C. Little both of Forest Hill; one son, Bernell Foster, Jr. and wife, Yvonne of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Samone Evette Foster and Jodi Rene Outland; one grandson Ronald Tyronne Foster of Grand Prairie; seven great-great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren and a sister, Alice Devine of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and three sisters, Bonnie Marie and Bobbie and one brother Leonard Carter; and a host of friends and coworkers, who referred to her as Mrs. Ruby.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

### Charles "Bert" Andries

Charles "Bert" Andries, 92, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2021, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. He will lie in state from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. A rosary will be held at 7:00 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on June 10, 1928, in Houston, Texas to John and Josephine Andries. Bert attended a Sam Houston School in Houston, Texas until the age of 10. His family moved to Overton, Texas, near Kilgore, and he attended Rocky Mount Elementary from 1938 to 1941 and then proceeded to New London High School from 1941 to 1945. The Andries then moved to Kilgore, Texas right after the New London, Texas School gas explosion on March 8, 1937, that killed 269 students, 16 teachers and 8 staff.

Bert attended Kilgore College from 1945 to 1947 where he took many electronic courses. He then went to Texas Technological College (Texas Tech) from 1948 to 1950 all while working for Nelson Electric Co. Instead of graduating, he decided to join the Navy. Bert (a Korean War Veteran) enlisted in the Navy and served from April 11, 1951 through March 24, 1955. He served during the Korean War Era on a destroyer, USS Currier (DE 700) as an Electrical Engineer. Bert was awarded the following medals: National Defense Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; Korean Service Medal; China Service Medal; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; and the Good Conduct Metal. He would volunteer his time at the Boys Club of San Diego when he was in port and stationed there in 1954. Bert probably didn't know that at the time that he would be applying his volunteer talents to the future operations of the Big Spring Boys' Club.

Bert then again attended Texas Tech in 1955 and graduated in 1956. He worked for Cosden Refinery during his summers. Bert was also active with the Boy Scouts in Lubbock, Texas as Scout Master.

They threw him a big graduation party in May of 1956. Bert came to Big Spring in 1956 and was a dedicated long-time member of the Big Spring Lions Club and was a Knight of Columbus.

Bert became director of the Big Spring Boy's Club from 1968 until retiring in 2001. He put in 40 years all together volunteering up through July 2008. He worked some with the Big Spring Boys Club even before he became Director. After he retired, he served as Scout Master for 15 years for the Boy Scouts, the Big Spring Buffalo Council. Bert obtained one of the highest Scouting awards, the Silver Beaver Award.

He loved to fly so much that he was a private pilot. He would fly his own Piper Tri-Pacer and A-11 from around 1960 until 1990. Every now and then he would even take the Scouts and Boys Club Members for a ride.

Bert became very ill and had bouts with his kidneys and became very depressed in early 2012. His brother, Julian Andries asked me (Nicholas Engel) if I would be Power of Attorney for Bert and that we should probably place Bert into Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in May 2012 for his wellbeing and via directives of Dr. Shroff. We felt that Bert would just get depressed again if we left him by himself in his home. Bert was also having problems of not being able to self-medicate properly and to feed himself in his home. He would want to express his deep appreciation for his care provided by Scenic Mountain Hospital and the staff at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

He is survived by his brothers: Richard Andries, Julian Andries, and Gerald (Jerry) Andries; several nieces and nephews; his long time care giver, Teresa Gonzalez; and his power of attorney and good friend, Nicholas Engel.

Preceded in death by his parents, John and Josephine Andries; sisters, Mary Jo Baceal and Whibry Ellis; brothers: Gilbert Andries, Francis Andries, Paul Andries, Ronald Andries, and Donald Andries.

The family would like to thank the Hospice team that took care of and stayed with Bert during his last moments.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Donnaly. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of W. I-20. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4000 block of Vicky Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500

block of Carol. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6400 block of S. Service Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lamar. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Princeton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Sunset. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Lexington. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **PRISCILLA ANGELITA LUCERO**, 26, of 1702 S. Monticello, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JEREMY PAUL CHIASSON**, 38, of 2507 Joann Drive, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon, assault family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation, interfere with emergency request for assistance, and discharge firearm within city.
- **CHERYL THERESA TOTEN**, 61, of 1706 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DOUGLAS L. WHITE**, 41, of 100 Circle Drive, was arrested on charge of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams), possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams), and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **DARRIN JAY CROOKS**, 61, of 4200 Bilger Street, was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **ALEX JOSE GUZMAN**, 24, of 807 Timothy Lane, was arrested on charges of unlawful possession of firearm by felon and credit or debit card abuse (x2).
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Cedar Drive.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 9400 block of S. Service Road, Coahoma, Texas.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Monticello Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Joann Drive.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80, Coahoma, Texas.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of E. FM 700.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JEREMY PAUL CHIASSON**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on charges of aggravated assault with deadly weapon, assault family/house member impede breath, interfere with emergency request for assistance, and discharge firearm within city.
- **DARRIN JAY CROOKS**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (less than one gram) and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **ALEJANDRO JOSE GUZMAN**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to appear/credit card or debit card abuse (x2) and unlawful possession of firearm by felon.
- **PRISCILLA ANGELITO LUCERO**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHERYL THERESA TOTEN**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DOUGLAS WHITE JR.**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to one gram less than four grams), possession of controlled substance penalty group one (greater than or equal to four grams less than 200 grams), and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

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# Obituaries

## Jessica Rangel



Jessica Rangel, 38, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. Viewing and visitation will be Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a vigil at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jessica was born Jan. 31, 1982. She is survived by three brothers: Johnny Rangel, Jr., Jim Rangel, and Jason; four sisters: Virginia Rangel, Lupe Hernandez, Linda Rangel Franco, and Clara Rangel; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Clara and Johnny Rangel Sr. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

# City of Stanton Council to convene Monday for regular meeting

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The City of Stanton City Council will convene Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Public comments will open up the evening with five minutes per person allotted. Once the public comments section has wrapped up the Council will move on to routine agenda items.

First on the agenda is possible consideration and approval of Dec. 14 minutes. Following will be the consideration and possible action on appointing or reappointing a representative to the Board of Directors for the Martin County Appraisal District.

Council members will also be considering approval of the Quarterly Investment Report for the fourth quarter of 2020. The Council will also look to take action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem and then move to discuss and consider hiring Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineering Firm for the 2021 Seal Coat Project.

Action to hire a CPA for the 2019-2020 audit will also be a possibility during the Monday meeting. The Council will also look to take action on Economic Development Reports and projects before possibly accepting a bid for police department vehicle.

The City Administrator and the Chief of Police will also be presenting their report to the council for consideration and include updates.

Before the Council dismisses for the evening they will look to take action on December bills.

The Council meeting is open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend.

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# COUNTY

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County and Midland Police Department for the use of Howard County Airport driving track. Afterwards, Commissioner

Eddilisa Ray will bring forward conversation regarding commissioner's meeting time.

Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek will also discuss with Commissioners roadway maintenance updates.

Before adjourning for the eve-

ning, County Clerk Brent Zitterkopf will discuss the monthly report.

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# AERV

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Enforcement Office (LESO) program. The LESO program was established by the federal government several years ago as a means of reallocating government equipment to law enforcement agencies for civilian use. The vehicle retails for approximately \$658,000 and comes to the Big Spring citizens at no cost, despite routine maintenance

"We try to stay ahead of the weather, but with this situation we just couldn't. Salting the roads had no effect; salting the roads is to try and prevent ice from forming," Big Spring Police Chief Chad Williams said. "I think people were just as surprised by it (the sudden severity of the roadways). You can reduce your speed but it comes to a point where your tires can not gain traction on anything and that's what creates the issues of people getting stuck and roadways blocked."

In any event of inclement weather, the local police department and emergency services work with TxDOT in an effort to better address any issue or situation that may arise, including increased accidents, stranded vehicles and impassable roadways. With the recent unexpected snowfall amounts and rapidly worsening conditions on New Years Eve into New Years Day, the wait for emergency personnel was sitting at four to five hours. In addition to local law enforcement - Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office - the City of Big Spring, TxDOT, Texas Forest Service, and the DPS helicopter were out providing resources and manpower where they could in an effort to help those who were stranded on roadways. After assessing the scenario and evaluating available resources, Lieutenant Brian Gordon and Lt. Phil Whitten geared up and utilized the AERV to help pull out stranded motorists, including a tractor trailer.

"Not only is this piece of equipment meant for the protection of our tactical officers, but to be used as a rescue vehicle," Lt. Brian Gordon said. "It is most likely to be used for high water rescues, flash floods and things like that, but it worked out very well."

The AERV is a four wheeled vehicle on an international chassis that weighs 38,000 pounds and provides ballistic protection from handgun and rifle fire. The vehicle is equipped with an 18,000 pound winch attached to the front providing many alternatives for the vehicle's use, which helped during the snowstorm to pull out the vehicles of all sizes.

"Being able to use the AERV and help out in the troubled areas was just another piece of the puzzle," Chief Williams said.

Gordon added, "What was bad about this was where vehicles were blocking the roadway exits throughout 87 and I-20. The majority of the people who were stuck on I-20 probably wouldn't of had any trouble traveling down I-20, but what happens is it only takes one vehicle that no one can get to that shuts down that piece of roadway. What do you do in that situation?"

Before heading out on the roadways when a possibility of inclement weather exists, Chief Williams and Lt. Gordon encourage drivers to check road conditions by calling 1-800-452-9292 or visit [drivetexas.org](http://drivetexas.org). While the recent snowfall was a rare scenario for Howard County and West Texas, winter months are approaching and snow is once again in the forecast. Being proactive in these coming months is encouraged and can be a major factor in reducing road closures and weather related accidents.

"In today's day and age we have this idea that emergency services can fix anything and sometimes we can't," Chief Williams said. "Our older generation was very much about having blankets, emergency radio, extra water in their vehicles, and I would encourage people to do that. Maybe even pack extra battery packs so you aren't left without a way to contact emergency services. If road conditions are changing rapidly be prepared to be able to get off the roadways whether that be a hotel, a truck stop or other safe zone."

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Alvin Marin, 83, of Big Spring, died Thursday, December 17, 2020. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM on Sunday, January 10, 2021 with a vigil service at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Monday, January 11, 2021.

Mauricio Hernandez, 66 of Big Spring died December 17, 2020. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Terry Coates, 61, died Friday. A Celebration of life will be at a later date. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith for expenses.

Judy Bair, 66, died Sunday. No services will be held.

Rueleen Freeze, 90, died Monday. Services will be Saturday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jessica Rangel, 38, died Monday. Viewing and visitation will be Monday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a vigil at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Funeral service will be Tuesday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Esequiel Flores, Sr., 65, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## News Release – January 4, 2021

### ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

#### HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2021, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2020, the appraisal district has requested an updated application, or the owner has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. A copy of a current driver's license must accompany the application. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

#### DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

#### PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE-EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRAL

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they became 65 during 2020 or will be 65 during 2021. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral plus interest, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

#### DISABLED VETERANS

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#### AVAILABILITY OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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## DAILY PRAYER

When we have problems, Lord,  
may we bring them to You  
to solve.

Amen

## Shepherds of the flame

The 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, New York were perhaps the most thrilling for Americans. It was the year the US beat Russia in hockey. “I can still see goalie Jim Craig’s face looking for his dad in the spectator crowd, draped with an American flag,” says Gene Deutscher of Temple, one of the torchbearers who carried the flame to the games.

The flame was flown from Mount Olympus in Greece to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. From there a torch relay team of 52 runners, one from each state, Washington DC and the Village of Lake Placid, transported the Olympic Flame from Langley to Lake Placid. Gene represented Texas. “There were 26 men and 26 women. We ran 1,000 miles in 8 days and remained at the Olympics for the entirety of the games. We had passes to all events.” Being chosen as a torchbearer

was kin to being selected to compete in athletic events. Gene is a runner.

He participated in 26 marathons by the time he was 40. He was a hospital administrator in Fort Worth in 1978 when his assistant told him about hearing on the radio that the 1980 Olympics were preparing a team of torchbearers.

He replied that he was too busy. But for months his assistant kept telling him he should try out. Finally he gave in and his assistant sent off for a packet of information.

“It was like applying for grad school,” says Gene. “There were pages of forms to fill out, I had to give a bio and write 3 or 4 essays about why I wanted to do this.”

His assistant said she would fill out all the forms. All he had to do was write the essays. So it was all mailed to Lake Placid’s PO Box 1980.

Six weeks later he heard from the man in charge of ceremonies and awards and was invited to go to the Astrodome in Houston for a 3-mile tryout run.

100 runners from 5 states

showed up. Two or three more months passed and Gene was invited to go to Dallas for an interview. It lasted an hour and a half. Six more months passed and Gene learned he had made the team. He was to be in Lake Placid in August of 1979 to get the layout of the route and familiar with Lake Placid. Gene was 38 at the time. The ages ranged from 16 to 52.

“We arrived in Lake Placid 4 days before the Olympics started. We ran into the village escorted by police motorcycles and other state vehicles. There were crowds of people cheering us and waving American flags. We were elated. It was such an honor to be a Shepherd of the Flame.”

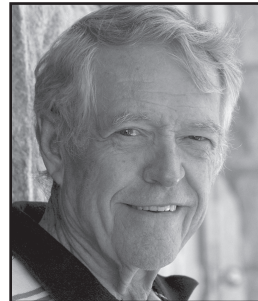
At a luncheon after the Olympics, each runner was presented an Olympic Torch. Gene donated his to Mary Hardin Baylor University in Belton. It’s in a specially contracted display case that makes the torch appear to be floating in mid-air.

The runners have stayed in touch by a newsletter.

“Each of us writes what’s going on in our lives.”

The group has had 3 reunions.

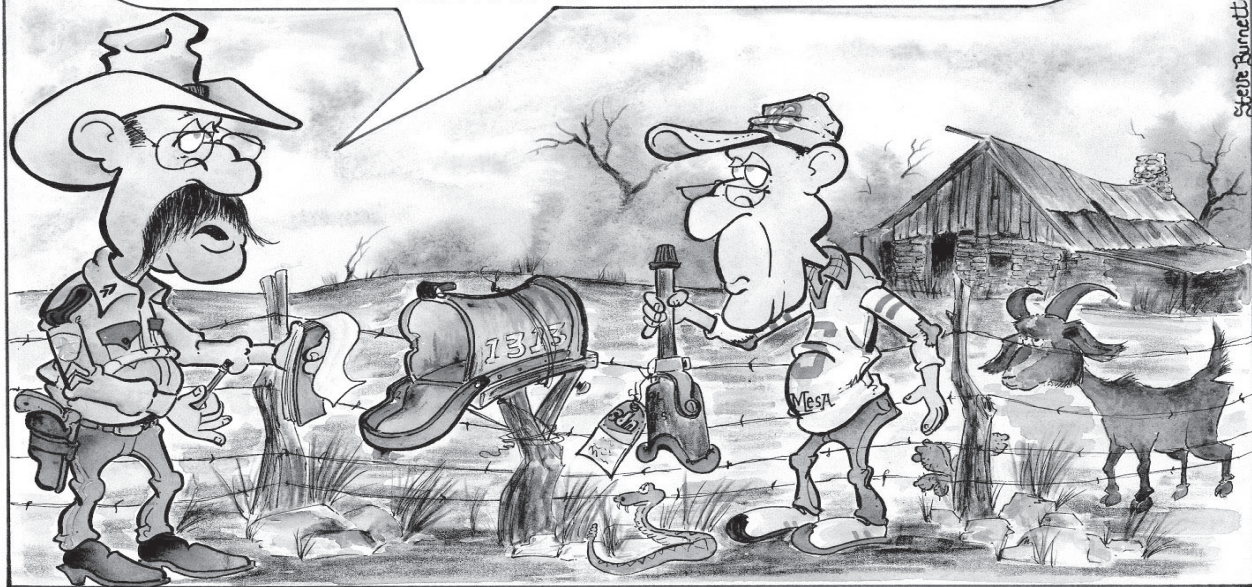
“It was the highlight of my life,” says Gene.



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## The doofus feeling

Purple is a color I am generally neutral about, but it has taken decades for me to elevate it from negative status.

I’m guessing it barely made the grade for inclusion in those tiny boxes of crayons used down to the very last smidge by Early School first graders in 1944.

Somebody claimed that it started out as “red,” but was left in the oven too long. That claim hasn’t been widely held, but it has set me to thinking.

If “too much oven” is responsible for the color purple, the loosely referenced theory might explain a long-held, deep-seated suspicion. Why in the world does there seem to be a tinge of purple on the faces of blushing folks who seem to have majored in bungling? (Thus it may be more understandable why we “doofuses” have reasons to blush so many times. Our pendulums often swing wildly toward “goofiness,” 180 degrees away from prior well-earned “half-baked” accusations rightly hurled our way.)

Heaven knows our first-grade teacher, Miss Lora Evrage, tried her best to “push purple,” admonishing us regularly to “color” grapes and eggplant. She was forever tying our work--no matter how “botched”--to our school colors--purple and gold. (She did so with a world-class smile, the same one remembered by many of our parents who were her students a quarter-century earlier.) She likely thought “purple” needed a “push,” and that gold

could pretty much stand proudly on its own.

I digress, though, wishing to consider the “what ifs” of a color left too long in the oven.

Burned memories accompanying me always will be my own 24-carat “goofs.”

It would be nice if they were confined to my youth. Then, relatives and friends comforted regularly with such words as “you’ll grow out of it,”...“everybody makes mistakes”... and “time heals all wounds.”

Educational credits--including a doctoral degree and a 40-year career in higher education--have done little to protect me from blushes.

It has occurred to me that staring straight and counting to ten before speaking would have allowed me to dodge many bullets.

Granted, too often, my eyes have gone up, down or even sideways and I’ve spoken with warp speed.

Permit me to recount my most recent “goof,” a scene played out upon entering the new year. My wife asked me to “go shopping,” something I’m rarely entrusted to do.

She wanted me to purchase shampoo that typically is used by white-haired folks who tend to have patches of “yellow hair” if spared use of this shampoo (thick and barely porous, akin to catsup leaving the bottle--that is, hard to get it from the bottle, then hard to stop).

I went to the store, where music and sweet smells wafted about. A young lady led me straight to the correct shelf, leaving me to ponder whether I wanted to purchase a single bottle, or three to save \$2.

I chose the latter, hopeful of living long enough to empty all three bottles. (BTW, you didn’t think I was buying the shampoo for wifey, did you? She has other ways to conceal gray patches.)

Drum rolls please. Standing in front of the cashier, I wanted to make certain that I’d purchased the right “goop” to get rid of the yellow.

Without looking up, I mentioned that “cool blonde” on the label seemed an unlikely description for the purple stuff, questioning why they’d ever make shampoo with such an ugly color.

Then, I looked up, my eyes locked on the cashier’s hair. It was dyed purple, every bit as vivid as the purple crepe paper we used to adorn goal posts at Early Longhorn football games. My face grew crimson, perhaps nearing purple.

The young lady, probably worn out by Christmas shoppers earlier, laughed, saying I’d “made her day.” Maybe so, but I’d “un-made” mine. I had no words, but my face said it all.

I hurried from the shop, “Purple Rain” wafting from the store’s speakers.

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# Big Spring Lady Steers have big fourth quarter, defeat Lake View for first district win



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**Above left: Head Coach Eric Tuttle goes over the strategy with his team during a late-game timeout. Above right: Forward Rylen Terrazas lines up for a free throw on Friday night against the district rival Lake View Maidens inside Steer Gym.**

**By SHAWN MORAN**

Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Lady Steers prevailed 47-33 over the rival Lake View Maidens inside Steer Gym in their second district game of the season on Friday night.

“We just needed to get one,” Head Coach Eric Tuttle said. “I told them this was going to be a close game. Every game that we play in district is going to be competitive and hard-fought. I knew we had to win tonight to stay on track for first or second-place. They knew they had to win and they did it.”

Point guard Tristan Smith led the Lady Steers with 15 points, Rylen Terrazas grabbed 15 rebounds, and the duo of Jacqueline Belew and Alex Enriquez combined for an additional 17 points on a night where the Lady Steers grabbed their first district win.

The game began with both teams struggling to put the ball in the basket and only four total points had been scored through the first four minutes of the first quarter. The Lady Steers did not score their first basket until four minutes were remaining in the opening quarter on a play where Smith drove the entire length of the court before laying in. From there, Big Spring outscored Lake View 7-2 to finish out the first quarter behind another Smith layup, one three-pointer by Abby Delgado, and a driving floater from Belew.

Leading 9-4 heading into the second quarter, the Lady Steers continued to play suffocating defense but we’re still finding difficulty scoring. The Maidens outscored the Lady Steers 10-7 in the second quarter and trimmed Big Spring’s lead to two points (16-14) at halftime. Enriquez (also one free throw) and Elaina Arredondo both knocked down a shot apiece from three-point land to make up the scoring for Big Spring in the second quarter.

“We’ve got to start better. We couldn’t score early. It’s been the same thing for about three or four games now. I’m going to keep watching film to see if I can tell what we’re doing differently. We just need to get that going,” Tuttle

said.

Both offenses began to heat up following the halftime break and Smith notched six points in the third quarter. However, Lake View’s Alaysia Capchina was heating up from beyond the arc and was helping her team keep pace with Big Spring by converting on several shots from three-point land.

Lake View once again outscored Big Spring in the third quarter (13-12) and the Lady Steers held a razor thin 28-27 lead heading into the game’s final eight minutes.

Following a made shot that put Lake View ahead 29-28 at the beginning of the fourth, Big Spring went on a 12-0 run to give themselves a comfortable lead throughout the game’s final minutes. The entire team was forcing Lake View into bad passes and turning those steals into quick points at the other end of the court. Belew and Smith both made three-pointers in the fourth and as a team they converted on the free throws they needed to make.

The Lady Steers closed out the Maidens by outscoring them 19-6 in the fourth quarter to give themselves their first district win of the season. It was a much-needed victory to keep pace in the district standings and Tuttle was happy with the way his team closed out this particular contest.

“That’s what wins the ballgame when you can stretch the lead away from your opponent,” Tuttle said. “We extended the lead, we played with more composure, and we took care of the basketball. We made some free throws down the stretch which is big to extend those leads so I’m proud of how they fought and played in that second half.”

**UP NEXT:** Big Spring (8-10, 1-1) will host the Snyder Lady Tigers next Tuesday night inside Steer Gym (7:15).

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## TX Game Warden Field Notes

Special to the Herald

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

### Penny Pinching

A Shelby County game warden followed up on an ongoing investigation of a local individual who had hunted without a valid hunting license when he shot a buck in 2019. The subject confessed to not buying the license to save money for college. Case pending.

### Mama’s Got Your Back

Two Harris County game wardens followed up on a local poaching complaint and discovered a suspect who had harvested a white-tailed doe had done so without landowner consent. The suspect confessed to poaching and when asked to collect the deer meat, was surprised to find his mom had hidden the illegal deer meat under the couch while the wardens visited with him outside the home. Multiple charges and restitution pending.

### Holy Crappie

An Upshur County game warden received an anonymous tip about a substantial amount of fish that had been cleaned and dumped at Lake O’ the Pines near Ore City. The warden and his partner responded and inspected the property where the fish were dumped and discovered that two out of state fishermen were responsible. The two fishermen had been fishing every day for a week and were staying at a motel at the local marina. Further investigation revealed 273 crappie, 173 fish over the legal state possession limit, were taken, filleted and stored in ice chests and freezers on the property. More than 350 crappie fillets were seized and donated to multiple families around the area. Multiple charges and restitution

pending.

### Turtle-y Illegal

A warden was notified about a complaint regarding a local pet store in San Antonio that had a tortoise for sale. Upon inspection of the pet store, the warden seized a Texas Tortoise (a threatened species) that was “given” to the store. Further investigation revealed the store was also selling Mississippi Map Turtles and River Cooter Turtles without a non-game dealers license. Charges pending.

### What’s in the Bag?

A Val Verde County game warden was patrolling the northern end of the county for white-tailed deer hunting compliance when he contacted several subjects who were acting evasive when asked simple hunting related questions. Further questioning revealed the group had been trespassing and duck hunting without licenses or duck stamps in between their deer hunt. The breast-out ducks were found neatly stored in a potato chip bag. Multiple cases and restitution pending.

### See You Later, Alligator

Three game wardens from Johnson, Ellis and Harris Counties and a State Park Police Officer concluded a three-month investigation into an alligator poaching case. In mid-September, game wardens received a tip about an individual living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who had poached an alligator somewhere on the Trinity River at night while bow fishing. After an extensive search, the subject was identified and found to live in Waxahachie. Two of the wardens questioned the individual at his home and, after some time, he admitted to shooting the alligator. The man also told wardens that it happened on a stretch of the Trinity River near Cen-

## Coahoma Bulldogettes defeat Crane 56-48 for first district win



Courtesy Photo

**A Coahoma defender plays tight defense on a member of the Crane Lady Birds on Friday night.**

**By SHAWN MORAN**

Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma Bulldogettes (8-4, 1-0) picked up their first district win of the season on Friday night on a road trip to play the Crane Lady Birds (11-6, 1-1).

MaKynlee Overton led Coahoma with 22 points in the game while Julia Cox pitched in 15 points of her own -

13 of which came in the fourth quarter. Kenzi Canales was the third and final Bulldogette to notch double-digit points scored in the contest (10). Canales also had a strong fourth quarter and scored eight of her 10 points in the final eight minutes.

The game had been tied 31-31 heading into the fourth quarter when Canales, Cox, and Overton took over. The trio combined for 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulldogettes outscored the Lady Birds 25-17 to grab the tough district win.

**UP NEXT:** Coahoma will take the court next Tuesday night on the road against the Stanton Lady Buffaloes (8-4, 1-1). The Bulldogettes will be going for their fourth straight win when they hit the hardwood early next week.

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terville and his friend had been driving the boat and working the spotlight. Further investigation revealed that the friend shot the alligator with a pistol after it had been shot with the bow twice. The head of the alligator, which was buried on his parent’s property, was recovered from the suspect. With information about the additional suspect, a warden and park police officer questioned the friend who also confessed to poaching the alligator. Multiple charges and civil restitution pending.

### Fowl Play

A Knox County game warden received a call about someone hunting without landowner consent, so they partnered with a Haskell County

game warden and responded. After a quick investigation, the landowner requested that the deer hunter remove his belongings and leave the property. Soon after, the wardens stopped on a road that travels through a ranch and saw an unknown vehicle with two men driving towards them. When they made contact, the men told the wardens they had not hunted that morning. One of the wardens found three turkey feathers and blood stuck to the hitch rack at the rear of the vehicle. When asked about the feathers, they denied killing anything. The men were separated, and wardens were able to get a confession from one of them about killing two turkeys an hour earlier.

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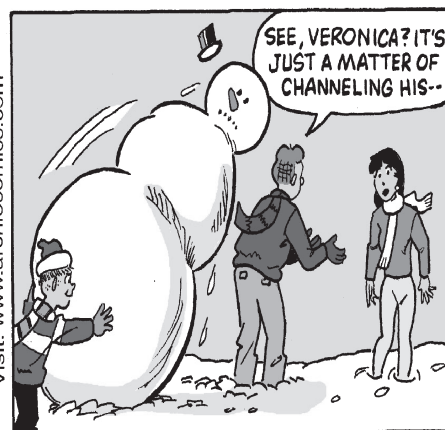
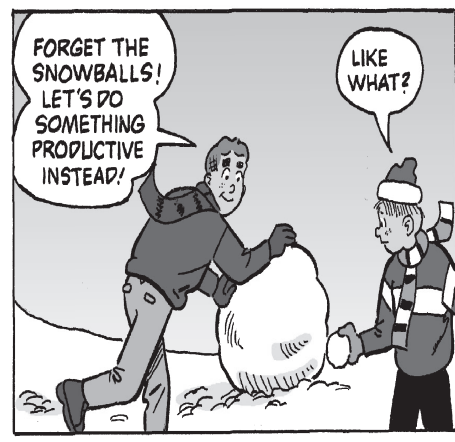
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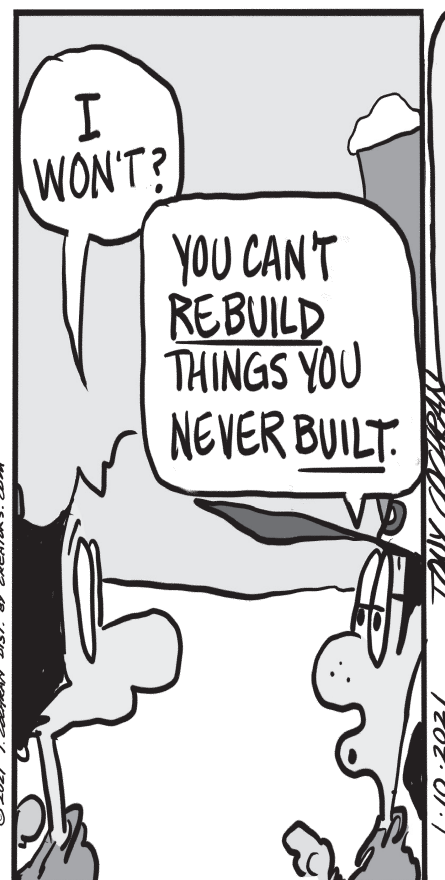
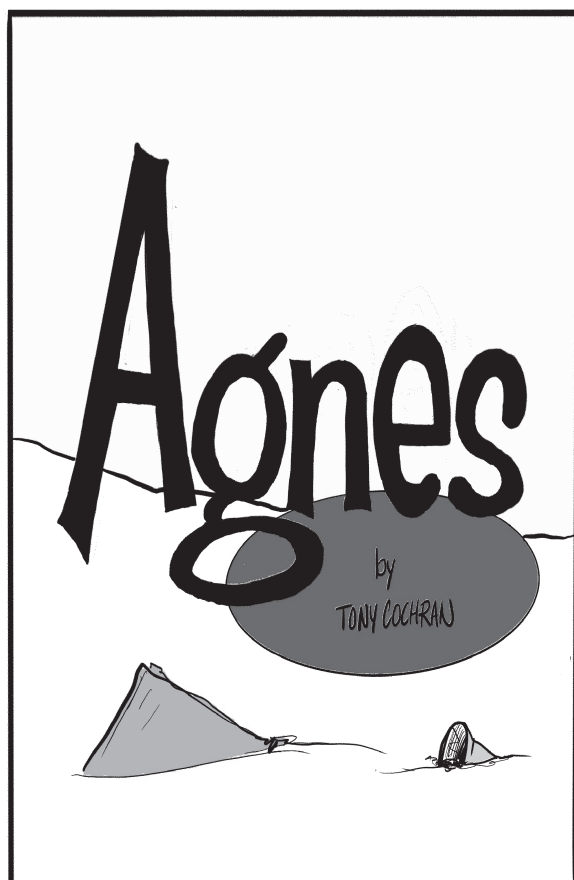
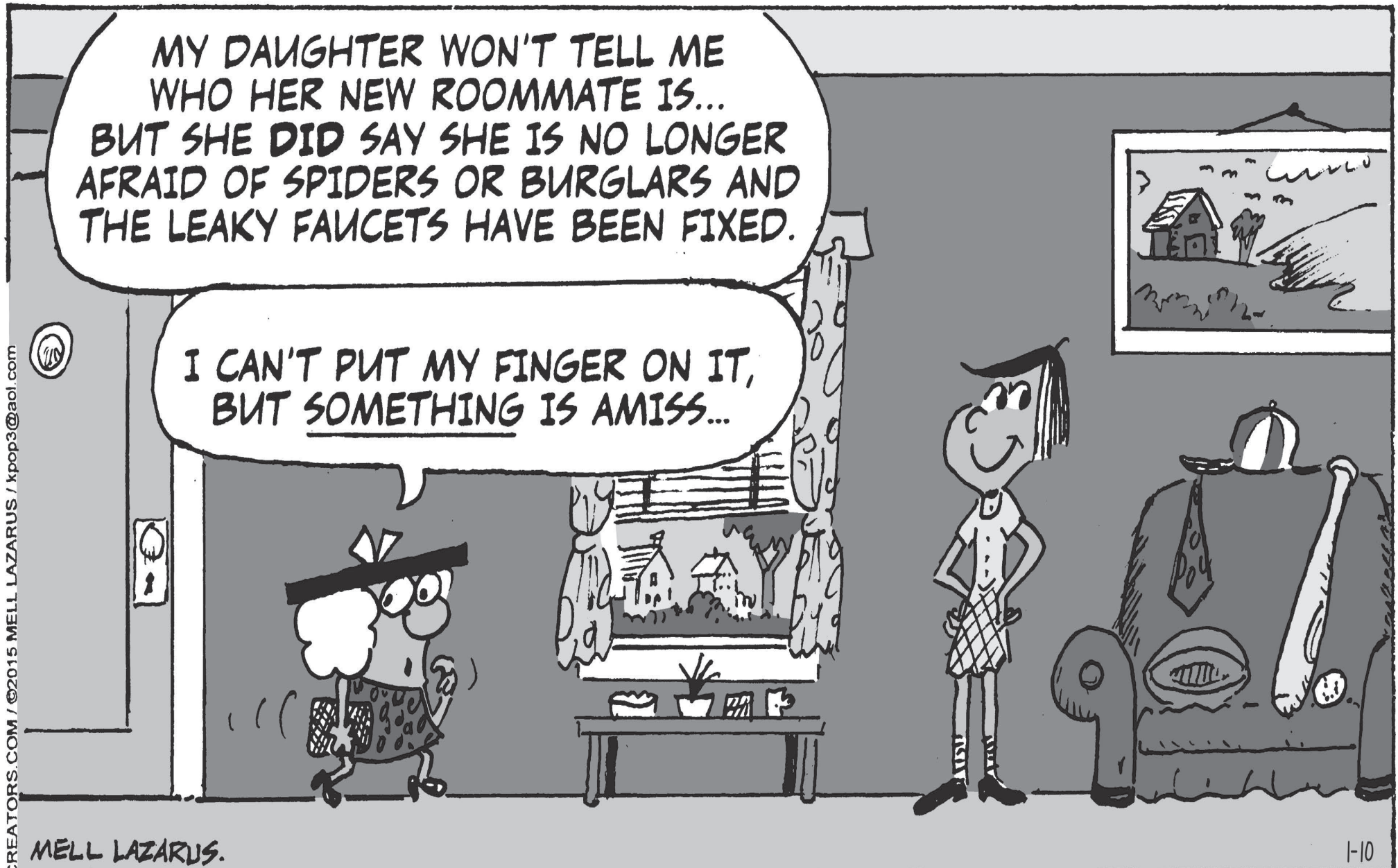
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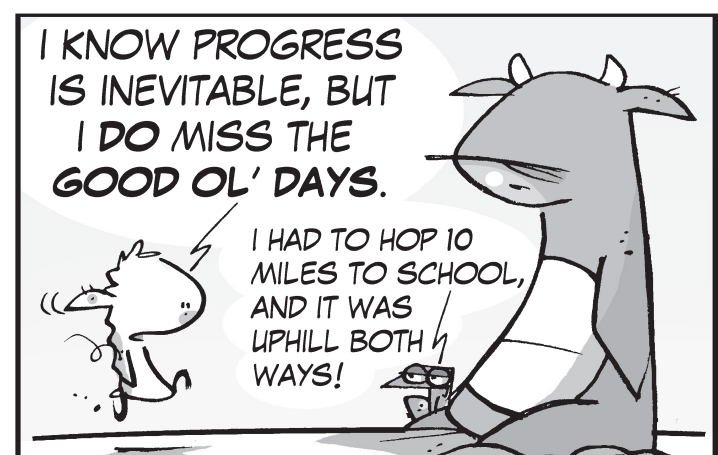
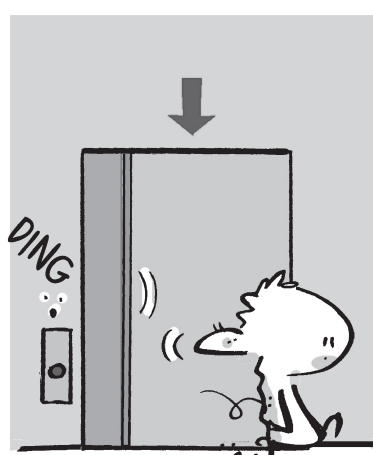
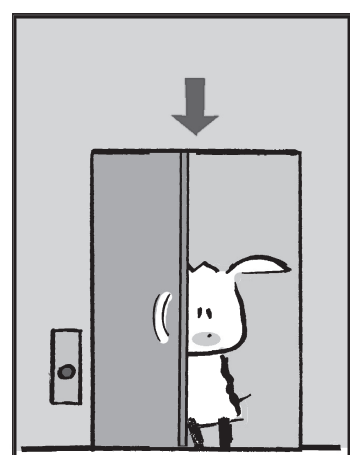
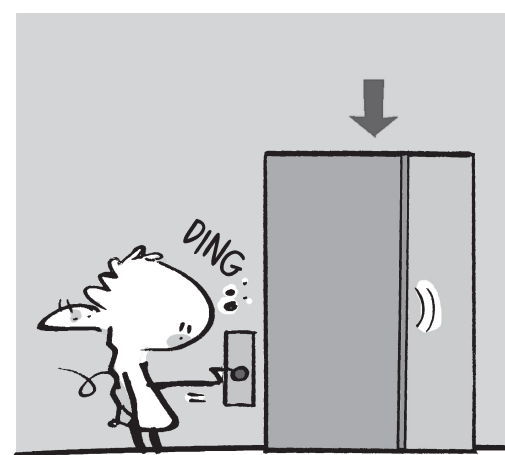
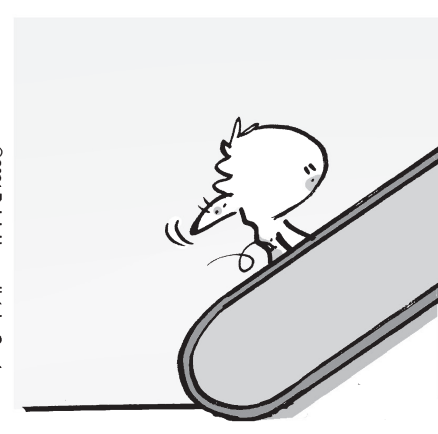
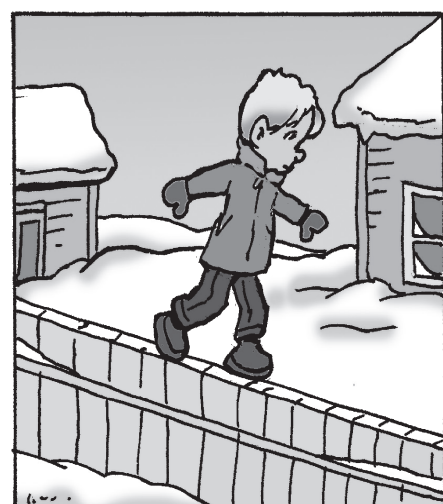
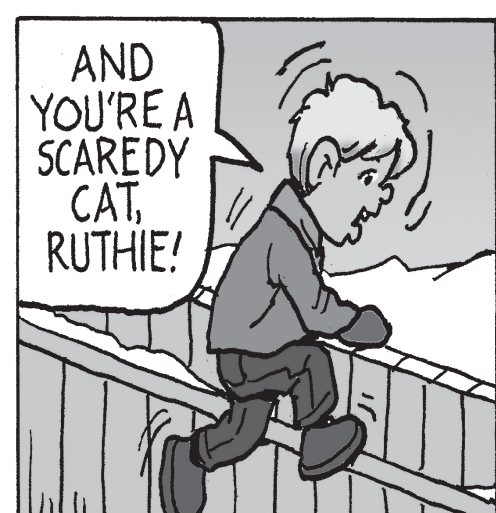
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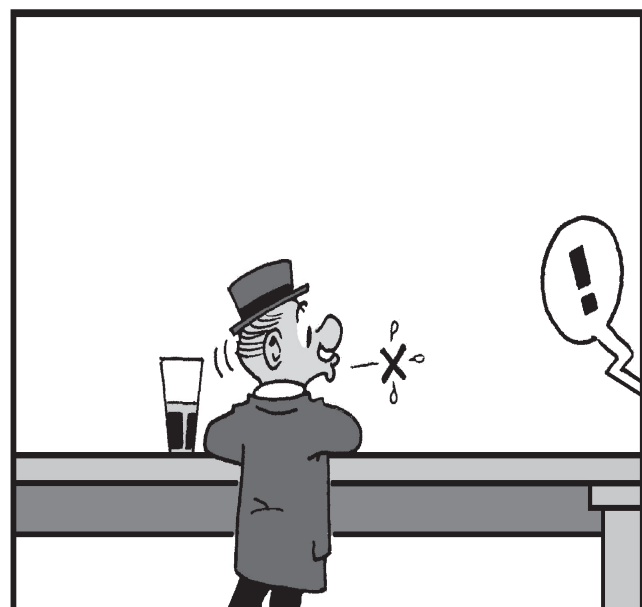


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This week's reviews are all mystery titles.

It's Jazz Fest in New Orleans, and the giant puppets from the Beastmaster Puppet Theatre are out and parading through the streets of the French Quarter in "Mumbo Gumbo Murder" (M CHI L) by Laura Childs and Terrie Farley Moran.

But as Carmela Bertrand and her best friend, Ava, are enjoying the parade down Royal Street, they suddenly hear a terrible crash from Devon Dowling's antiques shop. They rush inside to find Devon collapsed with blood streaming down the side of his face. Has he been shot? Stabbed? Emergency services are hastily called, and the police and EMTs show up. After the police examine Devon's body, they tell Carmela and Ava that their friend was murdered with an icepick.

They're shocked beyond belief and now Mimi, Devon's little pug, is left homeless. Carmela and Ava are determined to catch the murderer, but the list of suspects is long. How long do they have before they find themselves on the killer's list?

When Dottoressa Donato calls the Questura to report that a dying patient at the hospice Fatebenefratelli wants to speak to the police, Commissario Guido Brunetti and his colleague, Claudia Griffoni, waste no time in responding in "Trace Elements" (MLEO D) by Donna Leon. "They killed him. It was bad money. I told him no," Benedetta Toso gasps the words about her recently-deceased husband, Vittorio Fadalto.

Even though he is not sure she can hear him Brunetti softly promises he and Griffoni will look into what initially appears to be a private family tragedy.

They discover that Fadalto worked in the field collecting samples of contamination for a company that measures the cleanliness of Venice's water supply and that he had died in a mysterious motorcycle accident.

Distracted briefly by Vice Questore Patta's obsession with youth crime in Venice, Brunetti is bolstered once more by the remarkable research skills of Patta's secretary, Signora Elettra Zorzi. Piecing together the tangled threads, in time Brunetti comes to realize the perilous meaning in the

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woman's accusation and the threat it reveals to the health of the entire region.

But justice in this case proves to be ambiguous, as Brunetti is reminded it can be when, seeking solace, he reads Aeschylus's classic play The Eumenides.

India, 1922: It is rainy season in the lush, remote Sahyadri Mountains, where the princely state of Satapur is tucked away in "The Satapur Moonstone" (M MAS S) by Sujata Massey. A curse seems to have fallen upon Satapur's royal family, whose maharaja died of a sudden illness shortly before his teenage son was struck down in a tragic hunting accident.

The state is now ruled by an agent of the British Raj on behalf of Satapur's two maharanis, the dowager queen and her daughter-in-law. The royal ladies are in dispute over the education of the young crown prince, and a lawyer's council is required. However, the maharanis live in purdah and do not speak to men. Just one person can help them: Perveen Mistry, Bombay's only female lawyer.

Perveen is determined to bring peace to the royal house and make a sound recommendation for the young prince's future, but she arrives to find that the Satapur palace is full of cold-blooded power plays and ancient vendettas. Too late, she realizes she has walked into a trap.

But whose?

And how can she protect the royal children from the palace's deadly curse?

When Miss Julia's longtime friend LuAnne comes to her with a horrifying discovery, she thinks her husband may be cheating on her in "Miss Julia Weathers the Storm" (M ROS A) by Ann B. Ross. Julia invites her along to the beach to keep her from doing anything rash. But when their beloved housekeeper's great-granddaughter finds something more than seashells, the trip may prove to be trouble.

Little Latisha's discovery of valuable treasure, washed ashore by a strong storm off the coast has drawn the attention of the three strangers, who seemed a bit too interested.

In this delightful installment in the series by Ann B. Ross, Miss Julia must rely on her quick wit and strong will to protect Latisha, get to the bottom of LuAnne's predicament, and once again save the day.

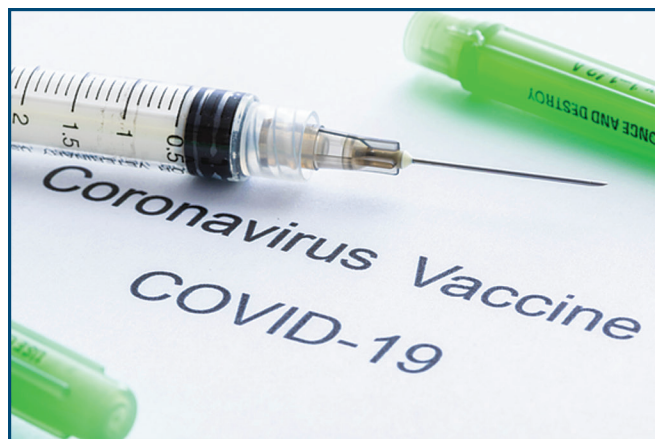
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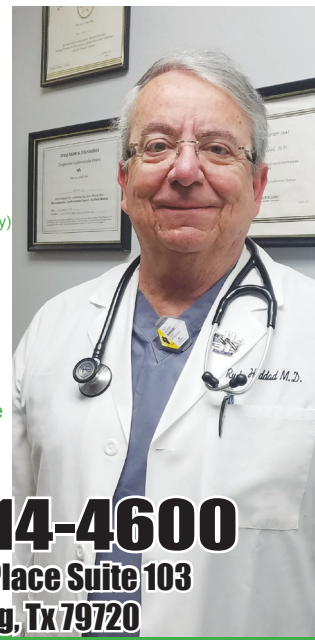
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## The Great Snow falls upon Howard County



Courtesy photo submitted by Jason Miramontes

Jason Miramontes trudged through the snow to build a giant snowman. In Silver Hills near his house, Miramontes reported receiving 15 inches of snow.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The new year rolled in with one of the biggest snowfalls - possibly the biggest - that Howard County residents have ever seen. Throughout Howard County snow blanketed the ground and with kids being out of school and many businesses closed due to the weather and holiday, fami-

lies bundled up and went outside to build a snowman and enjoy the snow while they could. Young and old alike enjoyed playing in the snow and showed off their creativity. Howard County residents will have memories to recall of the biggest snowfalls to hit our area along with numerous photos that were shared across social media platforms.



Courtesy photo submitted by Jenny Sayles

The snow buffalo was created by Shane Sayles who was assisted by Sydni Sayles and Nolan Park.



Courtesy photo submitted by Daphne Glenn

Daphne and Mark Richardson braved the cold weather and put their efforts together to create a western themed Snowman, complete with a cowboy hat and rope.



Courtesy photos submitted by Irene Richardson

Pictured left and above: Irene Richardson and her family received 27 inches of snow - the largest amount of snowfall so far reported in Howard County - and of course, what else do you do when you are surrounded by snow? The only option - snowball fight! The kids and the dogs were taking part in the fun.



Courtesy photo submitted by Pego Ricio

Even the animals took the time to play in the snow. While the snow may have been deep, Ricio's dog seemed to fly over the snow as adventures were had in the yard.



Courtesy photo submitted by Patsy Sanchez

Pictured far left: The Sanchez family built a snowman and showed their support for first responders with a Black the blue mask.

Courtesy photo submitted by Lillian Bohanan

Pictured middle left: During the snow, Lillian Bohanan - who lives in the Northeastern part of Howard County - created a snowman with a little bit of charm and a smiling face.

Courtesy photo submitted by Maria Baltazar DoPorto

Pictured above: The kids were able to get out and build a snowman on New Years Day, after the snow stopped falling.



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### Big Spring ISD

#### Anderson

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ chicken melt, egg chef salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon roll bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks with sauce, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Lunch: Chicken-n-waffles, taco nacho salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Coco puff breakfast bar, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak with roll, chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle bites, cereal and string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

#### Elementary Breakfast

Monday: Yogurt with crackers, assorted fruits, 100% juice box, assorted milk.  
Tuesday: Coco Puff pastry, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.  
Wednesday: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.  
Thursday: Cinnamon sugar donut, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.  
Friday: Blueberry waffle bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk.

#### Elementary Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich with smile fries, egg chef salad, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with roll, taco nacho salad, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Thursday: Hot dog with popcorn, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Friday: Tony's pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

#### High School Breakfast

Monday: Bagel with jelly, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix Cereal Bowl, assorted fruit and juice, assorted milk.  
Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, assorted fruit and juice, assorted milk.  
Wednesday: Apple frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix Cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.  
Thursday: Banana muffin, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.  
Friday: Cinnamon sugar donut, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

#### High School Lunch

Monday: Egg roll with rice, baconburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits.  
Tuesday: Burrito, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.  
Wednesday: Fish sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables.  
Friday: Big steer, burger/walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza.

#### Intermediate Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf graham.  
Tuesday: Cinnamon Sugar Donut, yogurt and elf graham.  
Wednesday: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham.

#### Intermediate Lunch

Monday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.  
Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken tacos, assorted juice and milk.  
Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak.  
Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or

hot dog, assorted juice and milk.

#### Junior High Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf graham.  
Tuesday: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf graham.  
Wednesday: Mini cinnamon bagel bites, yogurt and elf graham.  
Thursday: Coco puff pastry, yogurt and elf graham.  
Friday: Blueberry waffle bites, yogurt and elf graham.

#### Junior High Lunch

Monday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or corn dog, assorted juice and milk.  
Tuesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken tacos, assorted juice and milk.  
Wednesday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or burrito, assorted juice and milk.  
Thursday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chicken fried steak.  
Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or hot dog, assorted juice and milk.

#### Kentwood Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Pancake bites with smile fries, fruit, 1% milk.  
Tuesday: Chicken biscuit, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Hot dog on a bun with chips, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.  
Wednesday: Cinnamon poptart, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.  
Thursday: Blueberry muffin, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Macaroni and cheese with roll, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk, carnival cookie.  
Friday: Coco Puff pastry, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

#### Moss Elementary Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich with smile fries, egg chef salad, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Tuesday: Hamburger on a bun, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with roll, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Thursday: Hot dog with popcorn, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.  
Friday: Tony's Pepperoni pizza wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

#### Coahoma ISD

##### Coahoma K-12 Breakfast

Monday: Waffles with bacon, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Tuesday: Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit or breakfast taquito, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thursday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or cheesy toast with sausage, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Friday: No school.

##### Coahoma K-8 Lunch

Monday: Country fried steak with gravy or Bulldog meatloaf or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, milk.  
Tuesday: Meat and cheese chalupas or enchiladas or taco salad, salsa, zesty cucumbers, beans, rosy applesauce, milk.  
Wednesday: Chicken tenders with biscuit, gravy or hamburger or crispy chicken salad, broccoli, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, dessert, milk.  
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti with breadstick or pizza or popcorn chicken salad, garden salad, carrots, fresh apple slices, milk.  
Friday: No school

##### Coahoma 9-12 Lunch

Monday: Country fried steak with gravy or Bulldog meatloaf or tuna salad, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, milk.  
Tuesday: Meat and cheese chalupas or enchiladas or taco salad, rice, salsa, zesty cucumbers, beans, rosy applesauce, milk.  
Wednesday: Chicken tenders with biscuit, gravy or hamburger or crispy chicken salad, broccoli, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, dessert, milk.  
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti with breadstick or

pizza or popcorn chicken salad, garden salad, carrots, fresh apple slices, milk.  
Friday: No school.

#### Forsan Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Cereal cup, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal apple slices, fruit juice, and milk.  
Tuesday: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.  
Wednesday: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Sausage, egg and cheese tornado or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.  
Friday: Maple mini pancakes, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk (elementary); Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch: Monday: Chicken and cheese taquitos or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary) chicken boness bites with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or PB&J Sandwich, ranch style beans, corn, applesauce cup, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Steak fingers or cheese sticks with marinara or turkey and cheese sub, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, strawberry and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.  
Wednesday: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberry cup, fresh fruit and milk.  
Thursday: Popcorn chicken with roll (elementary) mini corn dogs (elementary) Buffalo popcorn chicken bowl with roll (JH/HS) chicken parmesan (JH/HS) or turkey and cheese sub, tots, baby carrots, fruity gelatin, fresh fruit and milk.  
Friday: Nachos with ground beef or Wild Mike's cheese bites or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

#### Sands

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Bread drumstick, biscuit, sweet potato fries, white potatoes, grapes, milk variety.  
Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken smackers, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, diced peaches, cookie, milk variety.  
Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie, cucumbers, pinto beans, oranges, milk variety.  
Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pulled pork sandwich, chips (high school), savory green beans, garden salad, apple slices, milk variety.  
Friday: Breakfast: Sausage kolache, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Pizza sticks, steak fries, baby carrots, whole fruit, milk variety.

#### Senior Center

Monday: Beef stew with vegetables, white rice, peaches, jalapeno cornbread, milk.  
Tuesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, pears, biscuit, milk.  
Wednesday: Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, Mandarin oranges, chips and salsa, milk.  
Thursday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, applesauce, cornbread, milk.  
Friday: Steak sandwich, lettuce tomato/mayo packet, potato salad, onion rings, lemon pudding, milk.

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## Chamber of Commerce happenings ...

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce is planning for the 2021 calendar and making changes where needed in order to allow for networking opportunities to continue to take place in a safe manner for Chamber members in the community.

The first event on the calendar is the annual Chamber Banquet.

After discussion and careful consideration, the annual event will be going virtual.

The virtual banquet and expo is scheduled for

Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m. More details will be released as they become available.



To find out how to get involved in this year's banquet, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 432-263-641.

In addition, for those looking to join the Chamber or find out how to get involved with community events, follow the Facebook page for the Chamber or call Debbye Valverde, Executive Director to discuss possible options.

For the time being, the Thank You Presentations have been put on hold, but are expected to resume as soon as safely possible.

## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.9 Billion in December, to end the year

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.86 billion in December, 5 percent less than in December 2019.

The majority of December sales tax revenue is based on sales made in November and remitted to the agency in December.

"December sales tax collections continued recent trends, with receipts from most major economic sectors significantly down from a year ago," Hegar said. "Retail trade was the principal exception, with the strongest gains coming from online general merchandisers, building materials and home improvement stores, warehouse clubs and supercenters and sporting goods and hobby stores."

"Collections from discount retailers also were up, while collections from department stores, clothing stores and other specialty retailers generally were down. Receipts from the wholesale trade sector also were slightly up, due to strength in sales by

building materials vendors. Historically low interest rates and pandemic-motivated behavior changes continue to spur a boom in single-family housing starts and home renovations.

"Receipts from restaurants, en-

of revenue in December 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$439 million, up 2.7 percent from December 2019;

motor fuel taxes — \$278 million, down 10.6 percent from December 2019;

oil production tax — \$197 million, down 45.5 percent from December 2019;

natural gas production tax — \$86 million, down 25 percent from December 2019;

hotel occupancy tax — \$26 million, down 48.5 percent from December 2019; and

alcoholic beverage taxes — \$84 million, down 28.5 percent from December 2019.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch.

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entertainment venues and personal service and tourism-related businesses continue to be depressed. Receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors also were lower year over year as drilling activity remained subdued."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2020 was down 5 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources

## Highlighting Howard Co. Business Capturing a moment - Mexia Photography

By **IRIS RANGEL**

Herald Staff Writer

A picture is worth a thousand words... and Mexia Photography is here to capture those delicate moments. Owner of Mexia Photography Claudia Mejia began her photographer journey in 2012. Mejia left the high-pressured career of a surgical assistant to follow her dreams, make a life transition, and become a photographer and full-time mother of three.

"We were part of a Jeep club at that time and when we'd go on Jeep trips I'd take photos of all the Jeeps doing some rad rock climbing. That's when I knew I wanted to start my photography journey. "There's nothing I enjoy more than chasing sunsets and capturing timeless moments," Mejia said.

Mejia is a south Texas native and relocated to west Texas in 2012 - the same time she decided to begin her new career. Flipping through the Mexia Photography portfolio you will find the beauty of west Texas and the areas around it.

"I feel very proud to be able to offer my services for Howard County and surrounding areas. I have been blessed to meet and work with many wonderful people," she said.

Mexia Photography offers services for families, weddings, and even rodeos. She notes that her biggest supporter, cheerleader, and talented assistant is her husband "Oz." According to Mejia, her husband Oz also has several roles at Mexia Photography including a second shooter at weddings, a drone pilot, and a creative resource when blocks of creativity occur.

"As the person looking through that viewfinder I am invited to be a part of such beautiful and intimate moments. One of the most rewarding things about photography is being able to express my creativity through art. Every

the pandemic, onto brighter horizons where new knowledge is learned and expressed through her art. There was also mention of plans in this upcoming year to open a small office and studio to offer a variety of sessions.

"At this time, I am no longer feeling the impact of the pandemic thanks to my clients that have been very flexible and understanding. Without their support we would be taking an even longer break. Something that the pandemic taught us is communication is key," she continued. "I look forward to offering more indoor sessions this upcoming year, shooting the weddings that had to be postponed, shooting at the local rodeos, attending workshops to expand my knowledge and portfolio as well."

Capturing memories that will last a lifetime is what Mexia Photography is dedicated to working towards. Photography can encapsulate moments in time for future generations to discover and admire the tales of the past, present, and future.

"As photographers of Mexia Photography LLC, we strive to expand our knowledge in all aspects of photography, but most importantly we strive to capture moments that our clients or soon to be friends will cherish forever," Mejia said.

Iris Rangel is a Staff Writer for the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.



Courtesy photo

**Claudia Mejia - owner of Mexia Photography - is looking to capture the special moments for Howard County residents and the surrounding area.**

time I am able to capture raw moments of my clients I am reminded of the reason why I love photography," Mejia said.

When the ongoing pandemic hit, the photography business was one of the many to be impacted. Mejia mentions having to take a break from photo sessions and the postponement of multiple weddings that were meant to take place for the safety of everyone involved. But, Mejia looks forward, past the effects of

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### District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Bank of America NA.A  
 Defendant: Kenneth L. Scott  
 Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
 Date: December 31, 2020

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**RECORDS**

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Plaintiff: Robert Fitzgibbons Jr.  
Defendant: Kristina Fitzgibbons  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: January 4, 2021

Plaintiff: Aries Gilbert  
Defendant: Octavio Alfonso Licon and MVT Services, LLC d/b/a Mesilla Valley Transportation  
Type of Case: Injury/Damage – Motor vehicles  
Date: January 4, 2021

Plaintiff: Unifund CCR LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company  
Defendant: Jeffrey L. Reed  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: January 4, 2021

Plaintiff: Discover Bank  
Defendant: Olga O. Solis  
Type of Case: Contract – Consumer/Commercial/Debt  
Date: January 5, 2021

Plaintiff: David Lagan as representative of the Estate of Sharon E. McDade  
Defendant: EOG Resources, Inc.  
Type of Case: Civil Case – other  
Date: January 5, 2021

Plaintiff: Garlanda Pearson  
Defendant: Billy Pearson  
Type of Case: Divorce – No children  
Date: January 6, 2021

**Warranty Deeds**

Grantor: Joshua Arriola, independent executor of the estate of Rebecca C. Arriola, deceased  
Grantee: Yvette Hernandez  
Property: Lot 11 & 12 block H, Moore Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; street address: 1000 and 1002 NW 2nd Street.  
Date: December 14, 2020

Grantor: Erma Dean Baker, individually and as independent executrix of the Estate of Bill T. Baker  
Grantee: Brittany Daves  
Property: The North-half of a 0.37 acre tract out of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 48, block 32, Township 1-North, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, said. 0.37 acre tract more particularly described by metes and bounds.  
Date: September 4, 2020

Grantor: Debra L. Lusk  
Grantee: Raul Marquez  
Property: The E/2 of the N/2 of Lot 11 and the E/2 of Lot 12, block 25, original town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 22, 2020

Grantor: Kirsten Arriaga  
Grantee: Johnny Ray Holland  
Property: Lot 3, block 4, Bauer Addition, located in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 23, 2020

Grantor: Troy Koenig  
Grantee: Bobby Porras and Amanda L. Porras  
Property: Tract 1: Lots No. 4, 5, and 6, subdivision "C" in block No. 3, Fairview Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring; Tract 2: A certain parcel of land 10' in width Northward and Southward by 140' in length Eastward and Westward abutting the South boundary line of Lot No. 6, subdivision "C" in block No. 3, Fairview Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring  
Date: December 14, 2020

Grantor: Thomas White by and through his agent and attorney-in-fact for David White  
Grantee: Bouhala Belaid  
Property: The surface estate only of a 0.51 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Section 45, block 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co. Survey Howard County, Texas more particularly described by metes and bounds.  
Date: December 23, 2020

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien**

Grantor: Gary Paige aka Gary D. Paige and Cathy Paige aka Cathy J. Paige  
Grantee: Josh Urias and Cynthia Rodriguez  
Property: Tract 1: Being lot No. 7, block No. 7, Hall addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat of record in Envelope 48/A, plat records of Howard County, Texas; Tract 2: Lot 8, block 7, Hall Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in the Plat records in the office of the County Clerk in Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 18, 2020

Grantor: Byron Harris  
Grantee: Boyce M. Archer-Pauchet  
Property: Lot 30 in block 4, Wasson Place, addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas

Date: December 21, 2020  
Grantor: Stephen Loftin and Marissa Loftin  
Grantee: Rigo Alejandro and Juana Elena Alejandro  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 14, in block No. 4, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 1, to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat record in envelope 63/B, plat records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 21, 2020

Grantor: Jimmy De. Lemarr and Irene Lemarr  
Grantee: Calina McCafferty  
Property: Being Lot 10, block 1, Monticello Addition an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in Envelope 71/B, Plat records of Howard County, Texas; more commonly known as 1102 College Avenue.  
Date: December 21, 2020

Grantor: Laurel Voight a single person and Charlotte Shelton, a single person  
Grantee: Johnnie Carl Riley and Rachel Anne Riley  
Property: Being all of Lot No. 2, block No. 21, College Park Estates, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 26/B, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas

Date: December 22, 2020  
Grantor: Jaz Land, LLC and Mitchell Liberty Fund, LLC  
Grantee: Daniel F. Mondier  
Property: Lot 14 out of all that certain tract, parcel, and piece of land out of and part of Section 43, in block No. 33, TSP, 1-South, certificate No. 2055, T&P Ry Co. Survey, in Howard County, Texas and more particularly described by the plat and survey.  
Date: December 16, 2020

Grantor: Jaz Land LLC and Mitchell Liberty Fund, LLC  
Grantee: Godfry Anyona Onyinkwa and Jane Mogiti Anyona  
Property: Lot 1 out of all that certain tract, parcel and piece of land out of and part of Section 43, in block No. 33, TSP 1-South, Certificate No. 2055 T&P Ry Co Survey in Howard County, Texas and more particularly described by the plat and survey.  
Date: December 16, 2020

Grantor: Jaz Land, LLC and Mitchell Liberty Fund, LLC  
Grantee: Jose Elias Caballero  
Property: Lot 4 out of all that certain tract, parcel and piece of land, out of and part of Section 43, in block No. 33, TSP 1-South, certificate No. 2055, T&P Ry Co Survey in Howard County, Texas and more particularly described by the plat and survey.

Date: December 16, 2020  
Grantor: Jaz Land LLC and Mitchell Liberty Fund LLC  
Grantee: Eric Acosta Arguijo  
Property: Lots 6 & 7 out of all that certain tract, parcel and piece of land, out of and part of Section 43, in block No. 33, TSP, 1-South certificate No. 2055, T&P Ry Co. Survey in Howard County, Texas and more particularly described by the plat and survey.  
Date: December 16, 2020

Grantor: CDR Investments Inc.  
Grantee: Roderick A. Fair II and Ashley A. Guerra  
Property: Being the W/2 of Lot No. 8 and all of Lot. No. 9 in block No. 31, Cole and Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the amended plat of record in Envelope 21/B, plat records of Howard County, Texas.  
Date: December 22, 2020

Grantor: Barry Cole Smith and Hannah Smith  
Grantee: Charlotte Ann Shelton  
Property: Lot 1, block B, Section 1, Stone Creek Subdivision an addition to the City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper map or plat  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Lunar Tides of 2021

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've no interest in being mistaken for the next person...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People tend to underestimate how much action is required. You are "people," too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This current version of you might be "easygoing" and a "team player," but make no mistake...

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a helper. This attention that you give on the regular, it just doesn't feel right to be on the

receiving end of it. But try to relax and accept it anyway. People need to give, and it's your turn to take it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). For whatever the reason, this plan isn't coming together. You can see a few ways it's going wrong...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There, in the distance -- do you see it coming? Consider the classic slapstick fight move: The aggressor charges...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't spend your time competing. Spend it dominating the game. The difference is your focus.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you

knew less, you took greater risks, being unaware of the danger involved. Now that you've tasted your share of consequences, your willingness to give anyway is more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have no idea from whence your next good fortune will herald. Don't try and predict it. Instead, enacting is the next right choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do not set targets for results that are beyond your control. Keep asking yourself what can be done to help this

along. Set targets for what you can produce, actions you can take, miles you can move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Magic is created in the minds of those who believe and the minds of those who want to believe...

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The math seems wrong, but it so happens that average thinking and average action equal less-than-average results every time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 10). Your new era is marked by a paradigm shift. Right away, this causes a wave of lucrative business... that's not even the best part.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Cosmic gusts are just like the earthly ones -- indiscriminate. The wind can blow flags and flowers and garbage.

This week, a cosmic wind is coming to clear the boards, sweeping the bad energy away but also the good.

There's nothing to fear in this; we need the clean slate. But there are things we can do to stormproof our emotional lives.

The early week brings the new moon in Capricorn, an ideal moment to consider how you'd like to remember this recent doozy of a cycle. Make your notes. Decide what to let go of. Stick that outside somewhere. Also decide what to cherish, what to build on.

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Annie's Mailbox

Hoarding Isn't Logical

Dear Annie: My sister is 75 years old. She is a hoarder. She has lived at home her whole life and started accumulating junk soon after my dad died 10 years ago.

My sister took care of my mom, who was in a wheelchair until she died two years ago at age 93. I spent thousands of dollars between the time when my mom became ill and when she died, driving a 50-mile round trip every day for six years to help my sister take care of her.

Recently, I took a tumble at the dog park and fractured my kneecap. I asked my sister whether I could borrow one of Mom's wheelchairs for a while. She told me to go look for one at Goodwill.

I figured that her mounds of precious junk must be more important to her than my many years of loyalty, and I don't want to ever visit her again. And she can't visit me because

she can't bear the thought of getting rid of her broken-down Buick to buy a new one.

Do you think she would get help with her problem if I stopped seeing her, or would she just be happy alone with her stuff? -- Snuffed Out by Stuff

Dear Snuffed Out by Stuff: Hoarding is a form of obsessive-compulsive disorder. The disorder does not operate in the realm of logic. You can't reason with it. And you shouldn't take it personally -- because as much as it might seem to you that your sister is choosing her stuff over you, she's not really choosing anything at this point.

If you want to stop visiting her for the sake of your own well-being, I applaud the boundary-setting. But it sounds as though you want to stop visiting her because you hope it would spur her to get help. If that's the case, you want to control the uncontrollable, and you'd most likely end up even more frustrated. Instead of basing decisions on how they might or might not impact her hoarding behavior, base your decisions on what's healthy for you.

Visit the hoarding section of the International OCD Foundation's website (https://hoarding.iocdf.org) for information on what causes people to hoard and how you might be able to help.

Dear Annie: I recently filled a pre-

scription for cough syrup that called for a 10-milliliter dosage. We do not use liters in this country. I had to go online to convert the amount to teaspoons. Could you give a shout to physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists to let them know how dangerous this practice is to the patient? -- Irked

Dear Irked: I did some research to figure out why the pharmaceutical industry would use the metric system in the United States, where it might as well be Greek to many people. According to the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs, a nonprofit standards development organization, the International System of Units, known as SI, is better for designating dosages than the U.S. customary system. The reason is consistency. While the U.S. system has 300 different units, the SI has just seven base units. From the NCPDP: "The use of multiple volumetric units (e.g., teaspoons, tablespoons, droppers-ful) and multiple abbreviations ... (increases) the likelihood of dosing errors."

That said, the most important thing is that the patient understands how to take the medication he or she is prescribed, and it's health care providers' job to see to that. The next time you pick up a prescription, ask your pharmacist for help with converting the dosage.

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Newsday Crossword

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Crossword grid with numbers 1-63 indicating starting points for clues.

Answer to previous puzzle: TTOP LBJ CREDS VANE YAO SOARE SHEPARDGRISSOM TIL MESSI SEPIA ATAVIST TSP STL RIPE AGAPE HOT SWIRL ERMINE CARPENTERCOOPER ALEAST NESTS PLS TREND ETSY RAT POV RETSINA ITOTO ECOLE POW SCHIRRASLAYTON SKIRING SEE OOZE ASSTS HSN NEEB