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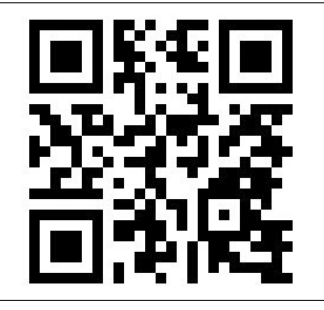

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Man and Woman of the Year 2020
Mark Barr and Joan Beil



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 Pictured above left: Mark Barr holds his Man of the Year award while standing with his wife Stacy Barr, after a short private ceremony. Pictured above right: Woman of the Year Joan Beil stands with her daughters holding her award after a short private ceremony.

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor
 The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has officially announced the Man and Woman of the Year 2020 – Mark Barr and Joan Beil.
 The 2020 Woman of the Year, Joan Beil, has been making an impact on Big Spring and Howard County for almost 60 years now. Beil and her late husband Charles, moved from Oklahoma City to Big Spring 58 years ago.
 While Beil was raising her three daughters, she also taught piano lessons. She also volunteered her time to numerous organizations around town. She was the children’s choir teacher

at the United Methodist Church of Big Spring, a member of the Chancel Choir at UMC, part of the Hyperion Club, Music Club and United Methodist Woman. In addition to her own volunteer efforts, she joined with her husband to achieve the vision for a better community. The couple would attend Rotary events, even though at the time Rotary was an all male organization. She shared her piano talents with the organization by playing during the weekly meetings.
 In addition to serving on existing organizations, she played a vital role in helping to establish and launch new ones. She was intimately involved in the successful establishment of the Big

Spring Area Community Foundation which has proven to be a vital part of the continuing health and future growth of Big Spring.
 Beil’s love for music not only flowed through her home, but out into the community. Her love for music and her desire to grant access to the community to cultural events, she took on the role of President for the Big Spring Symphony Board for two years. It was a challenge, but under her leadership and hard work, the organization thrived financially which translated into the board putting together several successful symphony productions each year for the city.
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Health Department investigates violation of health laws at local eating establishment

Editor's Note: The Big Spring Herald was made aware of the video circulating on Facebook regarding a young man spitting on the grill at a Taco Villa establishment. A press release was issued by the Mayor of Big Spring, Shannon Thomason, and the City of Big Spring Health Officials, in regards to this incident. The mother of the young man also reached out to the Big Spring Herald and shared an apology letter for the community. After reading over the letter, the Big Spring Herald reached out to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and Taco Villa

representatives.
By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor
 The following press release was issued by Mayor Shannon Thomason and the City of Big Spring Health Officials:
 On Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at approximately 7:30 p.m., a video was posted online that led to an investigation into possible violations of health and safety laws at a local restaurant. Local health officials were immediately dispatched to the location and began an investigation

into the video’s content. Officials met with management and owners of the restaurant to determine the extent of any violation that may have occurred and any possible action to be taken by local health officials.
 The City of Big Spring does not issue comment on matters concerning the private employment of individuals.
 Local health officials believe this is an isolated incident and want to assure the public that the restaurant is taking this incident very seriously. Restaurant management has informed local health officials that they are

taking all appropriate action to ensure the health safety of the public including extensive cleaning of the entire facility as well as decontamination and sanitizing of all kitchen equipment. The grill shown in the video is known to have been removed and replaced with a new appliance.
 City of Big Spring health officials will continue working with the business to ensure there are no health or safety issues at this restaurant. This is an ongoing investigation and City officials have no further comment at
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Paws for a Cause - 4D Barrel Race - event coming up to benefit the Happy Day Humane Society

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor
 Saddle up your horses and get ready to ride.
 Paws for a Cause is ready to run Saturday, Feb. 27 with funds benefitting the Happy Day Humane Society. Entries for the event will be accepted up until the first horse runs. The 4D Barrel Race will take place at Cactus Arena in Stanton.
 “I was thinking of different ways to raise money for the Happy Day Humane Society. My family take part in team roping and barrel racing which is how I came up with the Barrel Race fundraiser,” Megan Marshall, event coordinator, said.
 The event will have different division allowing riders of all ages to take part. There will be a youth division as well as adult divisions at the competition. In the youth division there will be a bonus payout, and for all overall winners there will be an 80% payout. Winners will also receive buck-

les and the youth will receive awards for their placement.
 “Our pre-entry will open about a week before the event, but those wanting to come out and compete can show up and register at the event,” Marshall said. “Registration will be open until the first horse runs.”
 According to Marshall, donations and volunteer support are always welcome at Happy Day Humane Society. Funds raised from this particular event will go towards two additional play yards and repair and addition of kennels, for the dogs.
 “Having the ability to have our dogs get out and run around, play and exercise during the day not only does them good, but also helps in the adoption process. With these play yards the dogs are able to get out run around and burn off some energy which means they aren’t too hyper when potential adoption families come to visit.”
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Obituaries

Melba Lorene (Preston) Sykes

Melba Lorene (Preston) Sykes was born in the tiny hamlet of Hale Center, Texas on Monday, Aug. 18, 1930, to Arnett Carey (A.C.) and Docia Fay Preston and was welcomed into the arms of her loving Savior on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, 2021. Her life of 90 and one-half years was marked only by measles as a toddler and mumps when she was in her mid-20s until dementia in her 80s was accelerated by a very brief Covid diagnosis in late 2020.

She was a wonderful wife to Abbott B. (Hap) Sykes, until his passing in December 2012. She was the best mother a daughter or son could ever have. Her children were extremely blessed to call her Mom and Mother.

Having been raised in Big Spring Texas, Melba married Hap in October 1951, and they established their home in Big Spring until they moved to Odessa, Texas, in 1959. By then, their daughter and oldest of three sons were born to them; in Odessa they would have two more sons.

Melba was supportive in all her children's activities and with their father continued a giving ministry in support of spreading God's Word throughout the world that began in the very early days of their marriage. At her passing, she was continuing to tithe to not only her church, Grace Christian Fellowship, but also to a dozen other ministries around the world. For many years, she was active with Women's Aglow Fellowship (now Aglow International). About 10 years ago she provided the entire funding to drill a desperately needed water well in the African country of Zambia. At about the same time, she also fully funded a mobile radio transmitter in the Middle East so that many people groups there could hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Melba was generous not only to the many ministries she supported, but she was also very generous to her family that she loved very much.

Melba's church family and her extended church family were also an important part of her life as she was active with the seniors and care group as well as a home Bible study in Midland. Until the dementia began to become more dominant in her life, one



would see Melba's little blue Honda FIT in her special parking spot every Sunday and could then find Melba in her own particular seat in the sanctuary.

Just before she passed out of this earthly life, her children and beloved son-in-law gathered at her bedside to sing two of her favorite hymns, "It Is Well (with My Soul)" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness." At the last chorus, she entered eternity to meet her Savior and those dear ones who had gone ahead of her. We praise the Lord for her life that was so well lived.

Melba is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Abbott B (Hap) Sykes; her middle son, Stephen Preston Sykes of Odessa, Texas; two of her three siblings - her sister, Quepha Lewis of Springfield, MO and her brother, Carl Preston of Abilene, Texas; and her parents, A.C and Docia Preston of Big Spring, Texas.

Melba is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Dalton of Cloudcroft, NM; her two sons, Barry of Odessa, Texas and Nathan of Providence, RI. Her remaining sibling, an older sister, Margie Weller, resides in Denver, CO. Mom is also survived by her granddaughters, Stephanie and Ken Miller of Fort Worth, Texas and Jessica and Calvin Wiggins of Roanoke, TX; her grandson, Michael and Nikki Dalton of Woodland Park, Colorado; and five great-grandchildren, Rowan Hines, Calvin Wiggins Jr. (CJ), and Zane, Eisley and Ella Dalton. She also leaves behind many dear friends in Odessa and beyond who blessed her life immensely as we know she also enriched theirs.

Melba's family would like to thank her former pastor and now hospice chaplain, Clark Racca; the attentive staff and case workers with Hospice of Midland; and the staff and management of The Courtyards Assisted Living and Memory Care, where Melba enjoyed the last three years of her life. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be designated to Youth Ministry/Grace Christian Fellowship, 3450 Billy Hext Rd, Odessa TX 79765.

A celebration of Melba's life will be on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of Grace Christian Fellowship. Burial will follow this celebration with a graveside service at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send condolences, please sign her guestbook at www.sunsetodessa.com.

Paid Obituary

Patsy Pollock Casey

Patsy Pollock Casey passed from this life, peacefully, on to her eternal home on January 24th at her home in Frisco, Texas. Pat was born March 13, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas, to her parents Edward and Mary Elizabeth Pollock. She was the oldest child of three with her brothers Don and Darryl Pollock.

Pat had a strong faith in Christ. She spent her life taking care of her family. Friends and family recalled Pat as being honest, caring, loving, intelligent and a great listener. She loved animals and nature. Pat loved her family most of all.

Pat loved spending time in the mountains of New Mexico and living on Lake Austin in Texas. She loved to read and listen to music.

She loved hymnals as well as songs from Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and the rest of the Rat Pack. Pat also loved watching movies and her favorite movie was Cross Fire Trail.

Pat married the love of her life, Mickey Casey on July 16, 1956, and they were together for over 60 years in blissful matrimony. They were blessed with three children: Kathleen Canales, Kara Casey



Meyer, and Michael Casey. Pat's legacy will live on through her seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Mickey Casey; her parents, Edward and Mary Elizabeth Pollock; and her daughter, Kara Casey Meyer. She is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Canales and her husband, Chris Canales of Bastrop, Texas; and her son, Michael Casey and his wife, Sheri Casey of Frisco, Texas. Her legacy will live on through her grandchildren, Garrett and Brennan Casey; Alexis and Christian Meyer; and Kristen McMillan, Kandace Williamson and Kate McMillan.

Pat was loved dearly while she was here with us on earth, and she will continue to be loved through time and all eternity.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers a donation be made in Patsy Pollock Casey's name to one of the organization links below. The family will celebrate Pat's life at a later date in a private gathering.

Legacy Christian Academy by visiting www.legacyca.com/give, Select "South Campus Library Fund" for the designation, include a comment "Pat Casey Memorial Fund" so LCA is able to properly acknowledge the gift.

Samaritan's Purse by visiting <https://sampur.se/2Ygp7Di>

Paid obituary

Ronnie Shannon

Ronnie Shannon, 68, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Ronnie was born Jan. 18, 1953.

He is survived by one daughter: Beth Schumpert of Midland; one sister: Marion Wiley of Albuquerque, NM; three grandchildren; and three great

Carlos Aurelio Leal Sr.

Carlos Aurelio Leal Sr., 69, Big Spring, Texas passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27 2021.

Carlos was born Nov. 5, 1951 in Lamesa, Texas.

Carlos is preceded in death by his father, Arturo Leal and mother, Anita Leal, and a sister. Carlos is survived by his five children, May Michelotti, two grandsons of Austin; Carlos Aurelio Leal Jr. of Benbrook, Belen of Richardson, Christina Leal of Dallas, and Francisco Leal of Denton; brothers and sisters, Arturo Leal of



grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Glenna Dennis Fenton and Raymond Shannon; and one brother.

A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Arlington, Perlita Rodriguez of Lubbock, Patricia Romo of Lubbock, Danny Leal of Phoenix, AZ, Linda Torres of Lubbock and Lucy Jackson of Lamesa.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects and condolences online at www.myersandsmith.com

For viewing and visitation (facemasks are required) will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Rosary Vigil at 7 p.m., on Sunday Jan. 31, 2021 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

A family funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn St. Big Spring, TX. Following an outdoor veteran service will be held at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, Texas

Stan Wegman

Stan Wegman, 74, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Check this out, at the library this week

By SANDRA VERDIN

Howard County Library

Tax season has started! The library has received 2020 tax forms, available while supplies last, first come first served, one copy per person. We have the 1040 and 1040-SR instruction booklet and forms with schedules 1-3 and schedule LEP-request for change in language preference. If you are looking for a different form they can usually be found at the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/> by searching on their site. Any additional forms that we print out from the IRS website will be charged printing rates. You can come by the circulation desk to request a copy.

This week's reviews include non-fiction, fiction and mystery titles.

"Three Days at the Brink" (940.53 BAI B) by Bret Baier with Catherine Whitney centers on November 1943: The Nazis and their Axis allies controlled nearly the entire European continent. Japan dominated the Pacific. Allied successes at Sicily and Guadalcanal had gained them modest ground but at an extraordinary cost. On the Eastern Front, the Soviet Red Army had been bled white. That same month a daring gambit was hatched that would alter everything. The "Big Three," Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin, secretly met for the first time to chart a strategy for defeating Adolf Hitler.

Over three days in Tehran, Iran, this trio, strange bedfellows united by their mutual responsibility as heads of the Allied powers, made essential decisions that would direct the final years of the war and its aftermath. Meanwhile, looming over the covert meeting was the possible threat of a Nazi assassination plot, code-named Operation Long Jump. Before they left Tehran, the three leaders agreed to open a second front in the West, spearheaded by Operation Overload and the D-Day invasion of France at Normandy the following June. They also discussed what might come after the war, including dividing Germany and establishing the United Nations, plans that laid the groundwork for the postwar world order and the Cold War. Bret Baier's new epic history, "Three Days at the Brink," centers on these crucial days in Tehran, the ancient Persian city on the edge of the desert. Baier makes clear the importance of Roosevelt, who stood apart as the sole leader of a democracy, recognizing him as the lead strategist for the globe's future, the one man who could ultimately allow or deny the others their place in history. With new details discovered in rarely seen transcripts, oral histories, and declassified State Department and presidential documents from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Baier illuminates the complex character of Roosevelt, revealing a man who grew into his role and accepted the greatest challenge any American president since Lincoln had faced.

There was a time when Melanie's dysfunctional family was out of sight and mind in "The Girl On Legare Street" (Series BK#2) (F WHI K) by Karen White, and her only worries were her monthly sales figures, what shade of beige to paint her low-maintenance condo, and whether she was ready to make a charming journalist Jack Trenholm a permanent fixture in her life. Those days are over. After receiving a deadly premonition, Melanie's mother, who deserted her more than thirty years ago suddenly returns to Charleston to protect her. But all Ginnette Prioleau Middleton does is remind Melanie of how little they

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Gwendolyn Vanderbilt

Gwendolyn Vanderbilt, 75, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Runnels Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 14th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Allendale Road. No transport was required.
- **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 area of South Johnson and 18th Street. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Runnels. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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this time.

On Friday morning, the Big Spring Herald spoke with Craig VanAmburgh, Marketing Director of Taco Villa, and he informed us that immediate action was taken once the company was made aware of the incident. The following is a response from Taco Villa:

"The incident occurred last night (Thursday) after the store was closed. As soon as we were made aware of the incident we took immediate action. The two employees involved have been terminated. A deep cleaning, sanitizing and fogging of the entire store – not just the two pieces of equipment involved – took place. In addition to the two pieces of equipment involved have been taken out of use and new equipment has replaced them."

According to VanAmburgh, Taco Villa representatives are working with the local health department to ensure all steps have been taken to re-open. The Big Spring location will not re-open until given the green light by the health department.

The mother of the young man involved also reached out to the Big Spring Herald and shared an apology letter on behalf of her son. The letter was also posted across social media platforms as well. The letter reads as follows:

"Good morning I am the mother of the son that committed the incident at Taco Villa and we would like to publish a letter apologizing to the City of Big Spring.

Hello, my name is Bryan Wilkins I was the teenager involved in the incident at Taco Villa. I want to begin by expressing how deeply sorry I am for what I

have done. I never meant to cause this much of an issue. I was being stupid and was not thinking of my actions at the time. I was being immature and thought I was being funny. I realize how this is not a laughing matter. I was not aware of how my actions has not only affected me but Taco Villa itself. I also enjoy eating at restaurants in Big Spring and I too would not want someone to mess with my food in any inappropriate matter. I did not realize the impact it had on the community and why it was a big issue until I looked at it in a customer's perspective. I'm an A B Honor roll student, NHS representative and have never been in any disciplinary trouble ever. I was raised better than the actions that I displayed. I was just a teenager who made a stupid, stupid mistake and did not use my head to process if this was wrong. I want to apologize for my actions once again sincerely. I will be taking on any consequences for the actions I have committed. I went to the district attorney's office this morning to turn myself in and to accept any consequences that I may face. I want to apologize to the community of Big Spring for what I did in the incident, I apologize to the Bobby Cox Corporation, and anyone else that I have offended with the actions I displayed. I want to learn from this experience and grow as not only a respectful young citizen, but also as a human being."

In speaking with District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, the young man involved in the incident did appear in the District Attorney's office Friday morning. While the young man did present himself to the DA, no action has been taken at this time.

"It is to premature for my office to get involved," District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said. "An investigation has to be conducted and paperwork would need to be submitted and then brought before a Grand Jury before any action could be taken. At this time I am waiting to hear from the Health and Safety Inspector."

YEAR

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Beil and her husband have three daughters, Beverly Newsom of Austin; Brenda Payne of Houston; and Charlotte Wilhoit of Atlanta, Georgia.

"She is just so precious and lights up the room when she walks in. The Holy Spirit exudes from every pore," one of Beil's friends stated.

The 2020 Man of the Year, Mark Barr, is a Howard County resident born and raised. He was a 1968 Coahoma graduate. He served as Class President, played football and was captain his senior year and a member of the track team.

In addition to his athletic and academic accomplishments in high school, he was involved with the Howard County 4-H Club. He graduated from Tarleton State University in 1972. After college he moved back to Howard County, but soon left to an-

swer a call from his aunt to farm in Gaines County. He farmed in Gaines County for 27 years, and during that time he met and married the love of his life, Stacy. The couple moved back to Big Spring in 2002.

Community involvement was one of the first steps Barr and his wife took upon returning to Howard County. Barr and his wife began their involvement with the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council and hosted the Denim and Diamonds Street dance in front of their house for two years, which eventually evolved into Cars, Stars, and Handlebars. Since it's beginning the event has raised more than \$300,000 for the patients at BSSH.

Barr has served on the Howard County Fair Board, member of the Howard County Farm Bureau Board, member of the Howard County Appraisal Board and the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo board. He is also a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club and serves Meals on Wheels every Monday for the club. He is also an

active member of First United Methodist Church serving as the Administrative Council Chair. He enjoys hunting and the preservation of wildlife and nature.

Barr served as Howard County Judge for eight years and served on the Permian Basin Region Planning Task Force, The West Texas County Judge and County Commissioners Association and left serving as Vice President.

Barr and his wife have two children; one son Stewart and his wife Stephanie from Frisco and grandsons Erik and Brandon; and one daughter Andrea and husband Rob from Alpine.

The Man and Woman of the Year will once again be recognized during the Virtual Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

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Stan Wegman, 74, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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For those who are not able to make it to the event, donation boxes are also set up around Big Spring at local businesses including Don't Tire, Hulls Meat Market, Big John's Feed Lot and Boyd's Auto Glass. If any other local businesses would like to have a donation box for the Humane Society, contact Marshall on Facebook or call the Humane Society.

"The funds from this event will go toward the play yards and kennels, but we are also always in need of and thankful for food donations and supply donations," she said. "For those wanting to support us, but aren't sure how, I encourage them to call to the Humane Society and just ask how they could be of most help."

For those wanting more information, contact Diedra Hale at

432-517-0521. Those who are interested in making a donation or volunteering can contact Happy Day Humane Society at 432-267-7832. Donations can also be made by PayPal at happydayhumaneociety@gmail.com CC kennel/fence project.

"To be successful at making big changes, it takes commitment and more than one set of hands," Marshall said. "Help us by helping our shelter animals live their best lives till they find their forever home."

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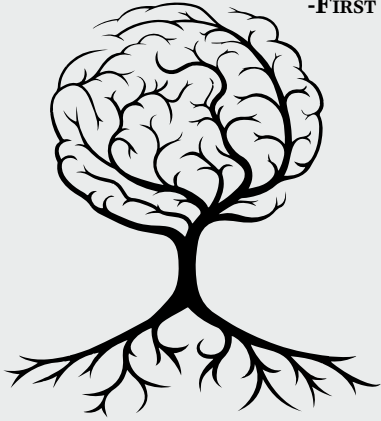
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Rvs on East Texas Mountain

Denny Mortis grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York and came to Texas with the Air Force. While doing flight simulation at Ellington Air Force Base near Houston and going to college he met his wife to be. They were at the same gym together and when Denny saw her he thought, "That's the prettiest girl I've ever seen."

She was from East Texas and while showing Denny some of the sights in 1973 she took him to Lookout Mountain near Jacksonville. He was amazed to find a mountain 715 feet above sea level that offered a 35-mile view. He said, "Lord would I like to have an acre of land here."

Later on Denny said the Lord must have heard him. He and Patti bought their first tract of land on the mountain in 1990 and kept buying tracts as they became available. He now owns 250 acres. His first venture on the mountain was a water slide and

ski slope. The latter was made from a material used at Texas A & M. "It was to give people a feel for skiing before they went skiing in Colorado," says Denny.

He shut down that enterprise when insurance got too expensive. Denny has a Masters Degree and made a living doing financial planning for 25 years. An accident caused a head injury limiting his ability to do that any longer, so for 4 years he worked with his son who owns a stereo and video store. When he was feeling better he went into real estate. He was managing The Reserve at Lake Tyler where HGTV built a dream home on the premises.

Denny had Trade Days on the mountain for 22 years. When the president of an upscale RV company came by and saw the mountain with its magnificent view he told Denny he really needed to open an RV park on the property so people could enjoy looking at the rolling hills and trees. Denny has planted 150,000 loblolly pines.

Denny spent all of 2019 getting the park ready, building concrete slabs and patios, showers, bathrooms and laundry facilities, re-

storing an old rock house on the property and when it was all set to open in early 2020 the Corona Virus made its appearance. "We didn't do anything for the first 6 months of 2020. Then people started trickling in and by September things were beginning to happen. RVers would spend some time here, then tell other RVers about the place, and soon RV Clubs were holding rallies here. We even have some customers who have been here since August. Our minimum stay at Lookout Mountain RV Park is 2 nights because we want people to see the view and explore our 10 miles of trails. The old Rock House has a building attached where up to 20 people can have coffee and watch the sunrise. We have a 2-story barn with a covered porch. There's also a 1959 Edsel on the property."

Denny and Patti spend as much time as possible with their children and grand children who live in Tyler. Denny considers himself a blessed man. Nine years ago a blood thinner he was taking cut off his blood supply and he actually died for a while but was brought back to life with 6 paddle shocks. "Every day now is a fun day," he says.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A Quilt of Valor, a time honored piece

While the organization "Quilts of Valor" is a recent entity, roughly a decade old, its effects are poignant in Howard County and the Big Spring region. If being in the right place, at the right time, plus knowing the right people, wondrous things can transpire. It happened to me by sheer luck and happenstance.

Even our branch of service was a disassociated brotherhood. Amos Crider was a Marine fighting the Korean War, while I was still in elementary school watching the Army's series "The Big Picture" on a Philadelphia TV station.

Our locales were far flung. I from the wetter more humid Atlantic Coast area, while Amos hailed from the arid semi desert of Seminole, Texas. There he and his wife raised nine children. Three girls and six sons. One girl retained her colloquial accent and local twang of her West Texas up bringing. Ne Cee a registered nurse employed at Permian Basin Assisted Living Facility. The other eight Crider children moved away because of marriage and of job offers elsewhere.

Nearly weekly Ne Cee would traverse highway between Andrews and Big Spring to visit her dad. The featureless terrain along the 176 highway spurred the counting of telephone poles or scorpions on the asphalt road to keep from boredom. Sisters Maxine and Faye made several trips a year to visit dad and the old stomping grounds. The sons were seldom ever seen.

Amos and I had a junction in our roads when I was assigned to the same wing of Lamun, Lusk, Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Daily we saw each other in the lounge area by the nurses' desk. In the dining room we sat at neighboring tables.

Amos advanced maturity restricted his movements. I still had the agility and dexterity to expedite simple chores. Getting a cup of coffee from the

beverages area, I could get my wheelchair over and back before Amos could leave his table. Rather than him twitching a finger to and fro. I could wave my entire hand and arm to get the attention of a CNA that help was requested and the motif for shaking the hand. Simple things would beget benefits.

Once I saw the ambulance crew taking Amos to the hospital twice within a 10 day time frame. Ne Cee corrected me; by telling me he had been to the hospital a total of 13 times that year alone. His deteriorating health required for him to be transferred to an advanced wheelchair, a Geri-chair. This chair has three positions elect with feet on the floor or up right position. A notch for elevated feet and relaxed head and a horizontal position for sleeping. Movements in a Ger-chair can be counted in inches per hour compared to a wheelchair where movement can be measured in yards per minutes

When Ne Cee invited me to Amos February birthday party I envisioned a dozen family members eating cake and punch while singing Happy Birthday. Believing the aforementioned I ate supper in the dining room.

To my dismay only three wheelchairs were present, Lupe's, Cloud's and mine. More befuddling was all nine Crider children, the phantom men were all present. The activities room of Lamun, Lusk, Sanchez that holds about 30 people was super saturated with by count 85 people. Others were at the restroom and at the front door to escort late comers to the event.

The Crider men were easy to identify. All had the same facial features, resembling the elder Crider. All had big bone structure and squared shoulders. Their physiquess resembled the patriarch's. The vice-grip hand shakes identified their gene pool. Their baritone voices emulated dad's sound.

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Something old, something new

Norman V. Horner is a retired educator who doesn't really care whether folks call him "Dr." or not. His distinguished career-plus his 40 articles in professional journals and his leadership in scholarly organizations-suggest that he's been worthy of his degree for a long time.

A Brown County native, Horner earned A.A., B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, respectively, from Tarleton State (then Junior) College, two from the former University of North Texas and his doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Most of us would need help to pronounce-much less understand--all the multi-syllabic words employed by this distinguished educator. He rose from the role of instructor to Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics during his tenure at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls (1971-2006). Mild-mannered and Christ-centered, he is at once humble, modest, agreeable and engaging, even chuckling when folks refer to him as "the spider man."

He has spent a couple of decades searching out spiders near Big Bend Ranch State Park, 100 miles south of Alpine, TX, and 550 miles from his longtime home in Wichita Falls, TX.

Horner has made dozens of trips--often committing entire weekends--to "poking around" the area.

Specifically, his interest has been in Araneology, the study of spiders.

He agrees with Bob Hope's contention that West Texas has

miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles.

In the Big Bend, however, are objects of sheer grandeur, including cascading peaks, unique plants, abundant wildlife, rugged terrain, and, of course, spiders.



DON NEWBURY

Dr. Horner's fascination with spiders began during his master's study.

*Permit me to share his thesis title: "Observation on the Life History of the Brown Recluse Spider, *Loxosceles reclusa* Gertsch and Muliak." That was in 1967, and four years later, his dissertation title was "The Bionomics of the Spider *Metaphidippus galathea* (Walckenaer) and its Significance as a Biological Control Agent in Sorghum."

All this to say the man's "ahead of the pack" of searchers for spiders and has never once been bitten.

Many scientists might side with the Yankee who visited Sweetwater, TX, for the rattlesnake round-up. He bragged about his venture to everyone, and once was asked how many snakes he found. "None," he answered. "When you're looking for rattlesnakes, none is plenty."

Greg Broussard, now a college biology prof, became deeply interested in spiders.

Mentored by Dr. Horner, he made a few trips to the same "digs" where the "spider man" had done most of his "poking." (The family of Dr. Walter Dalquest, revered colleague at Midwestern, donated 3,000 acres of

land where the research center named in his honor was built.)

Broussard found a spider there he couldn't identify, so he showed it to Horner. His mentor assured Broussard that he likely could identify both the name and family of the spider, if given a few days.

But, he couldn't. The spider taxonomist of the American Arachnological Society worked feverishly, sharing the challenge with the top national "spider minds." They couldn't ID the spider, either.

It has been an ongoing process for 15+ years. Finally, the society decided that Broussard had indeed found a new species, as well as a new family. (There now are 120 spider families, with only seven families discovered in the past 88 years--1931, '40, '47, '55, '80 and 2012.)

So, Dr. Horner is exonerated on identification of a "new" spider that has been around for centuries, thus was almost stumped by a student!

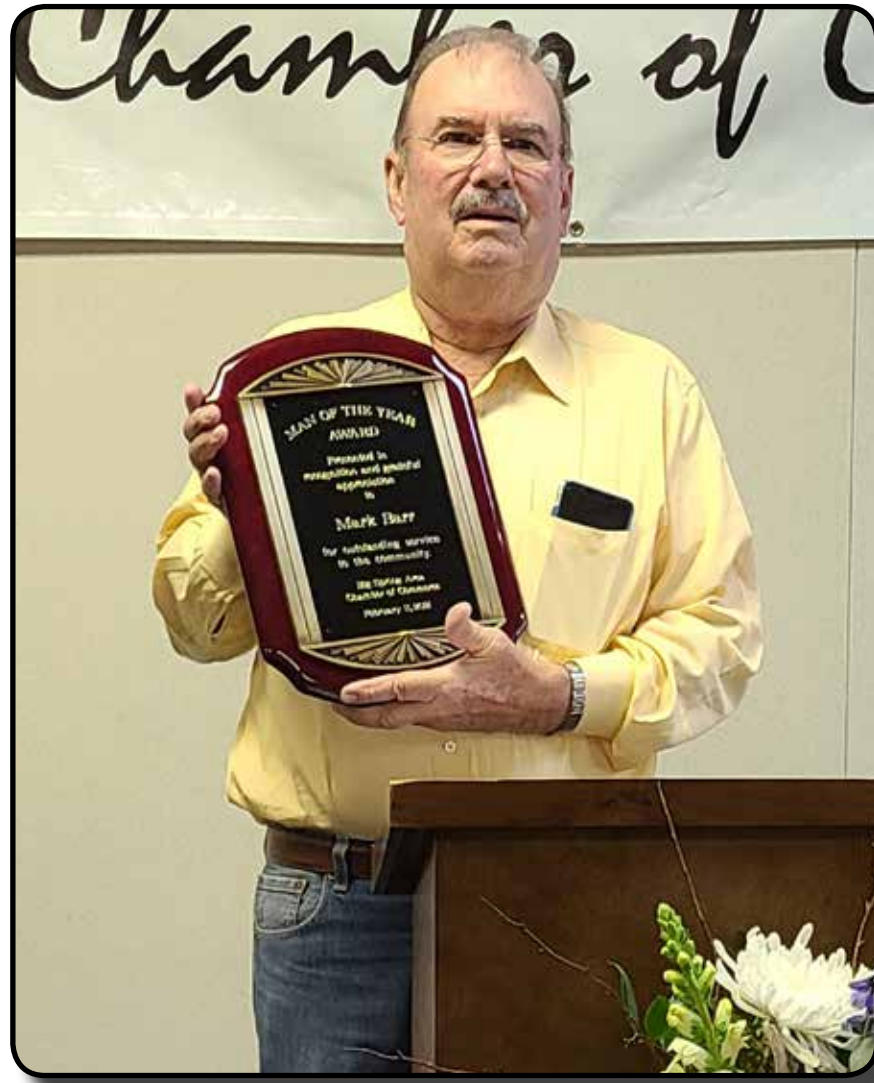
The retiree has won numerous faculty awards and is greatly respected by the American Araneological Society, and other scientific organizations.

In 2012, he and Jane, his wife of 57 years, moved to Hamilton, TX, where they are active in church activities and "tending to their farm."

He still makes periodic visits to the research center that came about because of his intense interest in research there.

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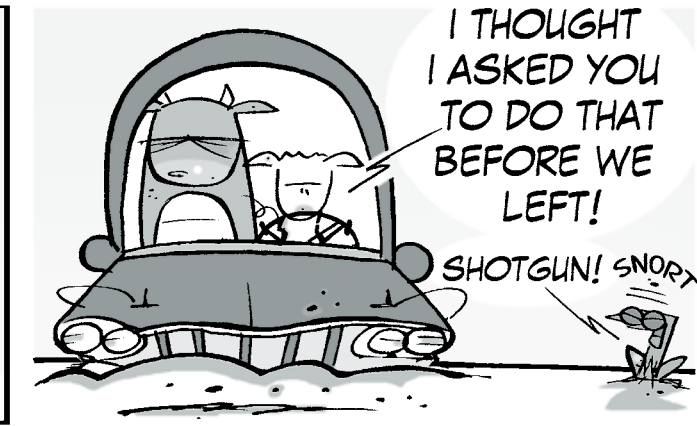
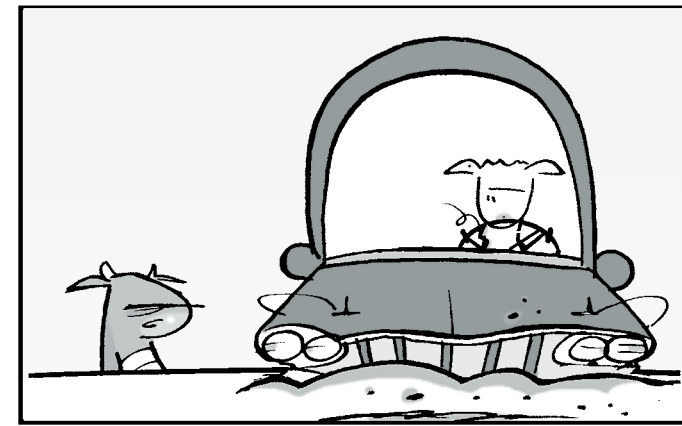
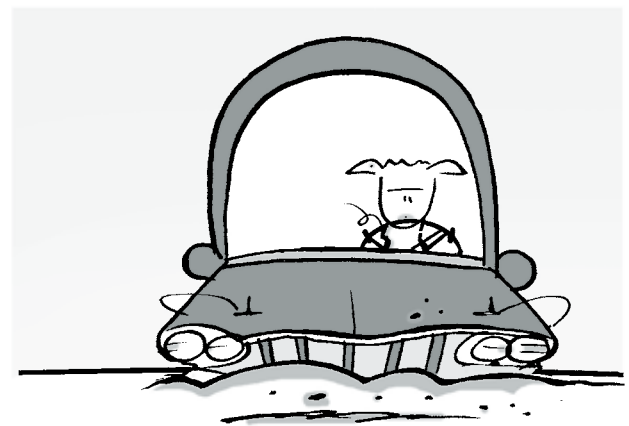
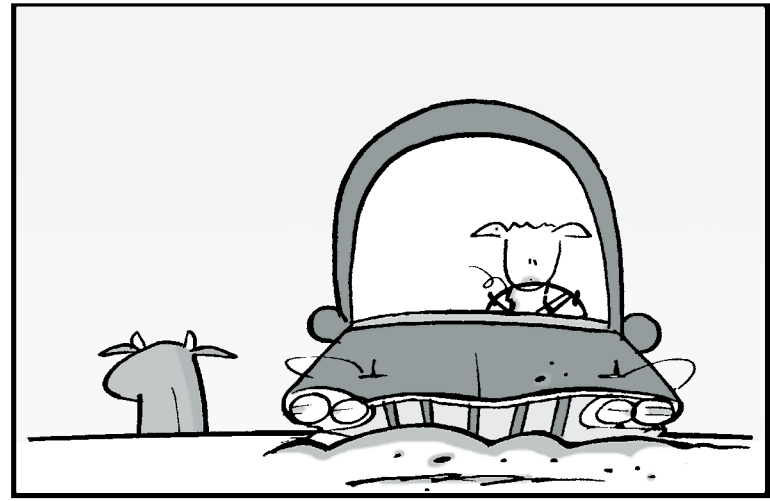
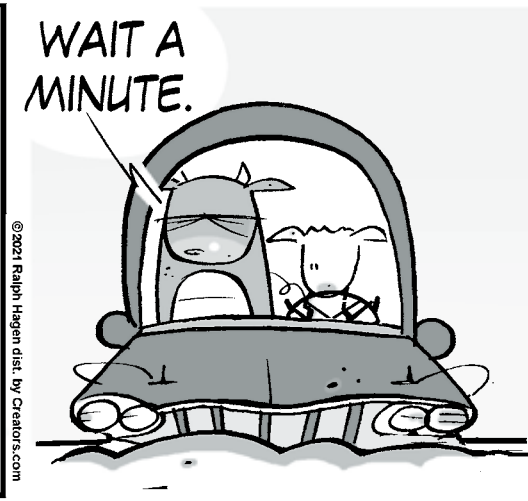
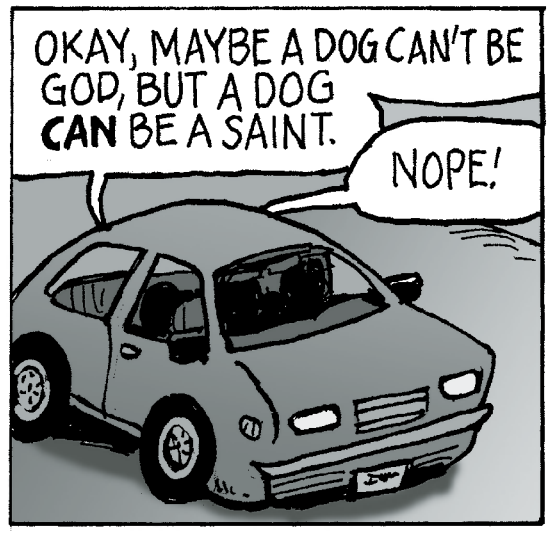
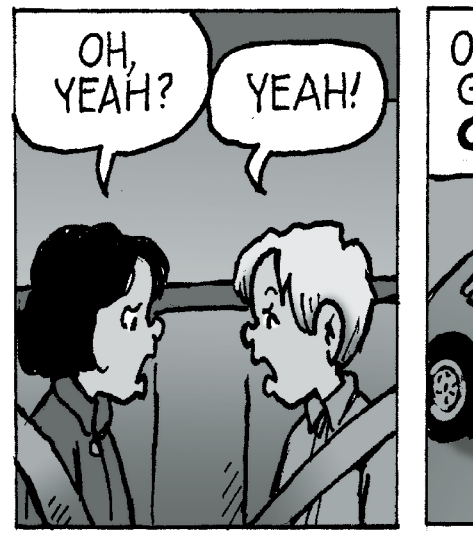
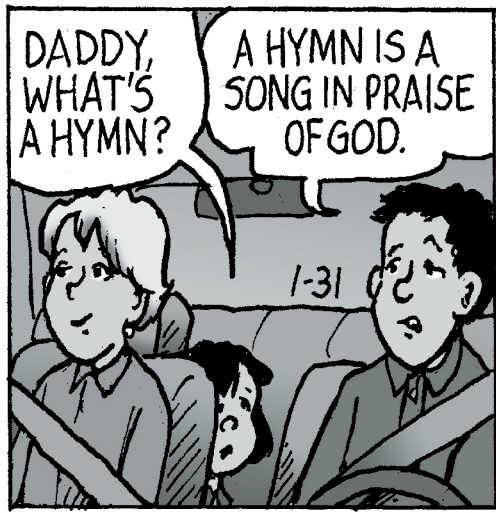
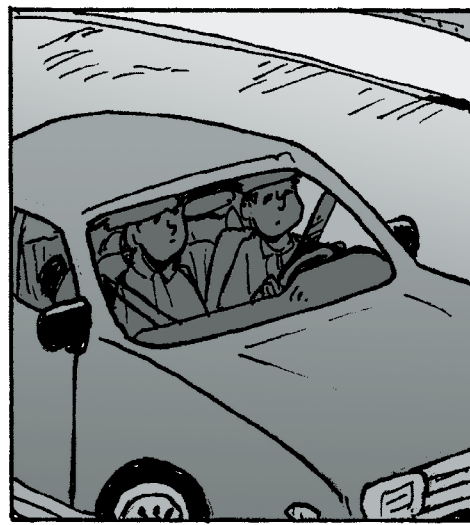
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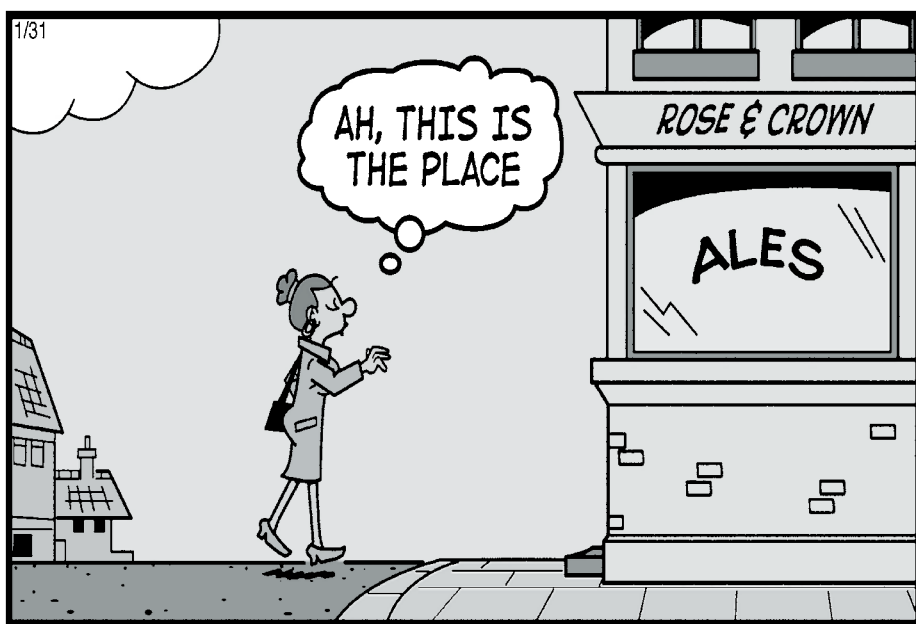
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Howard College softball, baseball teams gearing up for season with first scrimmage

By SAM YOUNG

Herald Contributing Writer

The final weekend of January brought a very unique occurrence for Howard College athletics, one that could only come on the heels of 2020. That occurrence? Both Howard baseball and softball teams will begin their regular seasons — before either Howard hoops team has started their slate of 2021 games. Truly, these are weird times.

The games on Friday marked the first non-scrimmage, officially NJCAA sanctioned contests for Howard since the Covid-19 pandemic forced all JuCo athletics to halt last March. Just shy of eleven months later, Howard baseball was in Houston at the annual "Tournament of Champions", while the Lady Hawks broke in some new-look changes to their friendly confines at Foundation Field.

Both teams enter the 2021 season with expectations running high. Howard baseball, despite being unranked to start the year, has a strong core built up on both offense and in pitching. Names like Justin Wishkosi, a University of New Mexico



commit, Josh Bostick and Nic Thibodeau will be tough outs all season long. Defensively, Ethan Coombes and Kris Anglin, a future Texas Tech commit, will likely make a formidable one-two punch on the mound ahead of a deep bullpen. The conference also looks wide open, especially with the absence of New Mexico because of state Covid-19 regulations.

They open the season in Houston with a bevy of tough games. The Hawks get three top-ten ranked opponents in their four games, all crammed into just two-days. Not only were Friday tilts against #7 Grayson, a 17-3 loss, and #10 San Jac CC, a 10-7 victory, scheduled, but so too are Saturday dates with #3 McLennan before the "easier" finale against unranked Navarro. If one thing is for sure, Coach Mike Lopez will have a very good idea of how the Hawks stack up against the nation's best after this weekend.

For Howard softball it feels like "same story, different year" as the five-defending Region V champs look to pick up where they were forced to leave in 2020. The Lady Hawks were 15-3, ranked ninth in

the nation, and led by a group of tremendous sophomores before the season was shuttered. While 2019 Player of the Year Amanda Gonzalez, and many of her sophomore class teammates, have moved on, Howard is still loaded for a run to the National Tournament.

Laela Minnich and Barbora Saviola are back to lead the charge offensively after posting +.400 batting averages before the pause last year. Kirsten Martinez also returns inside the circle, likely taking on the "ace" role for long-time coach Kelly Raines.

The Lady Hawks earned the number eight pre-season ranking from the NJCAAs initial poll thanks to a returning/incoming freshman class expected to make an immediate impact as the newest faces of Howard softball. The team is also the second highest ranked squad in Texas, only a few spots off of another perennial power, Tyler JC.

The Lady Hawks opened the season Friday with a pair of offensive displays in sweeping Temple 17-13 and 11-9. Minnich powered the line-up with a grand slam in each game, while Saviola launched three home runs, and freshman Sasha Willems and Abigale Raynos each had round-trippers and RBI. The wins have Howard off and running with a 2-0 record ahead of a road trip to Cisco on Tuesday.

Lady Buffs claim 58-44 victory over Bluecats

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Lady Buffs took to the court Friday evening for a battle against the Coleman Bluecats, and after the four quarters were said and done, the Lady Buffs came out victorious with a 58-44 win to close out the night.

The Lady Buffs came out strong in the first quarter with Spivey, number 3, sinking two 3 pointers, with Evans, number 1, shooting another 3 pointer. As the buzzer sounded marking the end of the first quarter, the Lady Buffs were in the lead 13-10 over the Bluecats.

As the second quarter rolled in, the Lady Buffs didn't let up. As the battle continued Evans would sink another three pulling the Lady Buffs forward and keeping the momentum rolling. Smith, number 34, was able to add four points to help the team along, after taking her free throw. The Lady Buffs were able to take advantage with two more points as Spivey headed to the free throw line after being fouled by the Bearcats. The Lady Buffs dominated the second quarter with a total of 15 points. Heading into halftime the score sat at 28-21.

After halftime the two teams headed back onto the court bringing a fresh momentum. The Bearcats hadn't given up hope just yet, but the Lady Buffs weren't easing up and continued to press hard

keeping the Bearcats from reaching the goal. For the Bearcats, Allen - number 4 - was the only one who seemed to be able to make the shot count as she earned the next 10 points for the team, bringing the Bearcats to 31 points at the end of the third quarter.

For the final eight minutes the Bearcats rallied together doing their best to get the ball to the basket and making every shot count as the minutes fell off the clock. While the Bearcats were pushing hard, the Lady Buffs were pushing just a little bit harder. For the Lady Buffs, Evans continued her three pointers as she had done all night. With the help of Smith and Phillips, number 30, the Lady Buffs were able to pull off the win in the fourth quarter with 14 points keeping them in above the Bearcats 13.

As the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Buffs were able to claim one more victory and reap the benefits of the good things that come from teamwork, determination and good skill on the court.

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have in common-except for their ability to communicate with ghosts.

And now Ginnette is moving into their ancestral home on Legare Street, and she needs Melanie's advice on restoring it and her sixth sense to talk to the dead who inhabit it.

But Ginnette's return has awakened a dark spirit whose strength has been growing for decades-and who is ready for revenge. With Jack's help, Melanie and her mother must find a way to work together to fight the malevolent presence and save what's left of their family.

During the languid days of the Christmas break, a group of thirtysomething friends from Oxford meet to welcome in the New Year together in "The Hunting Party" (F FOL L) by Lucy Foley. It is a tradition they began as students ten years ago.

For this vacation, they've chosen an idyllic and isolated estate in the Scottish Highlands, the perfect place to get away and unwind by themselves. They arrive on December 30th, just before a historic blizzard seals the lodge off from the outside world. Two days later, on New Year's Day, one of them is dead. The trip began innocently enough: admiring the stunning if foreboding scenery, champagne in front of a crackling fire, and reminiscences about the past. But after a decade, the weight of secret resentments has grown too heavy for the group's tenuous nostalgia to bear. Amid the boisterous

revelry of New Year's Eve, the cord holding them together snaps. Now one of them is dead and another of them did it. Keep your friends close, the old adage goes. But just how close is too close?

When Detective Harriet Blue loses the only person in the world who mattered to her, she goes on the hunt in "Liar Liar" (M PAT J) by James Patterson and Candice Fox. She's hell-bent on bringing down her brother's murderer, Regan Banks, a man who has already taken many lives. But Regan has gone to ground. Until the day Harry's phone rings. It's him. "Catch me if you can," he tells her. In the space of a week, Harry has committed theft and fraud, resisted arrest, assaulted a police officer, and is considered a dangerous fugitive from the law. She'll do anything to find this killing machine fast, even if the cost is her own life.

"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures that anyone can have." - Lloyd Alexander

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QUILT

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The entire activity room was crammed with humanity, but also F-O-O-D. There was an absolute smorgasbord of groceries; salads alone had sandwiches of tuna and chicken salad, bowls of potato salad - one mustard and another with mayo topping - another bowl held macaroni salad, chips and dips were passed around. There were three liter sizes of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and trays of cheese and meats were passed around. The Amos Crider birthday party more of a family reunion than a birthday bash.

Lupe residing in the room next to mine, he informed me that come spring I would be getting a quilt. I quizzed myself; What had I done to warrant a quilt? I made no bones about me having my own website at Texas Tech. True, I was an introvert. At age 12 I was sanding cars for repainting. In the Army I was a rogue, a one man show. Working on R&D projects, lived on the high end of technology I mostly worked with unconventional weapons. However, these projects are at my website under the category special research or some such catch-phrase.

When I received the quilt from Amos daughter Faye, now married and titled as Faye Grandee of West Virginia. I asked her how many quilts have you made? Her response was 216. I pondered that quantity, where was time to cook, do the laundry, sleep or anything else, but the cost of the fabric, thread, etc. Where is married life?

However, before I could retort to ask Faye; she burred out 216 THOUSAND. That would take a nation wide network of seamstress' to sew that quantity of quilts. From this newspapers own account, first responders as well as military are qualified to receive a real do gooders gift.

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Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District 2021 Art Calendar Winners

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District recently held their 2020 art calendar contest for 4th & 5th graders in their District. The schools were sent a powerpoint in their district by the district's education coordinator teaching the students of the importance of water conservation and giving them tips on how they could pitch in to help save water. The students were then asked to take the information and create a detailed picture illustrating what they believed to be an important water conservation message for the public. Participating schools in the District include Forsan, Grady, Sands, and Stanton.

This year's grand prize winner was 5th grader Lisa Enns of Grady Elementary, who submitted a drawing titled "Be A Water Hero". Lisa's artwork is featured on the cover as well as inside the PBUWCD

2021 calendar and she received a \$50 cash prize and certificate for her accomplishment.

Eleven other winners received a \$25 cash prize along with a certificate, and their artwork is published on a monthly page inside of the calendar. They include: Forsan Elementary students Barrett Grigg, Brynlee Mims, Chassidy Phillips, Emily Hallford, Finley Strickland, and Garrett Roach; Sands Elementary students Bella Baker and Mia Connell; and Stanton Elementary students Aaliyah Williams, Abraham Andrade, and Lauren Alvizo.

The PBUWCD would like to thank all of the students who participated in this year's contest. The 2021 calendars are available to the public free of charge at our office, 708 W. Saint Peter St in Stanton. The winning pictures are also posted on our Facebook page.



Lisa Enns - 1st Place Grady



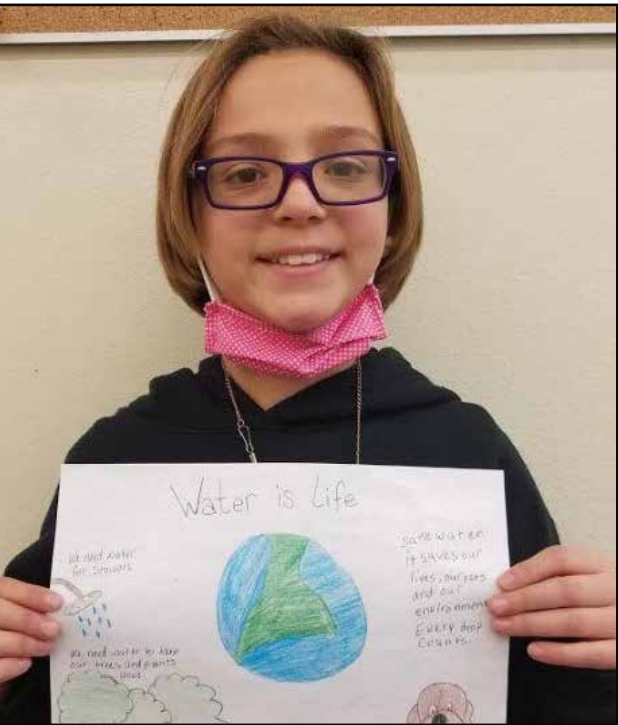
Barrett Grigg - 2nd Place- Forsan



Brynlee Mims - 3rd Place - Forsan



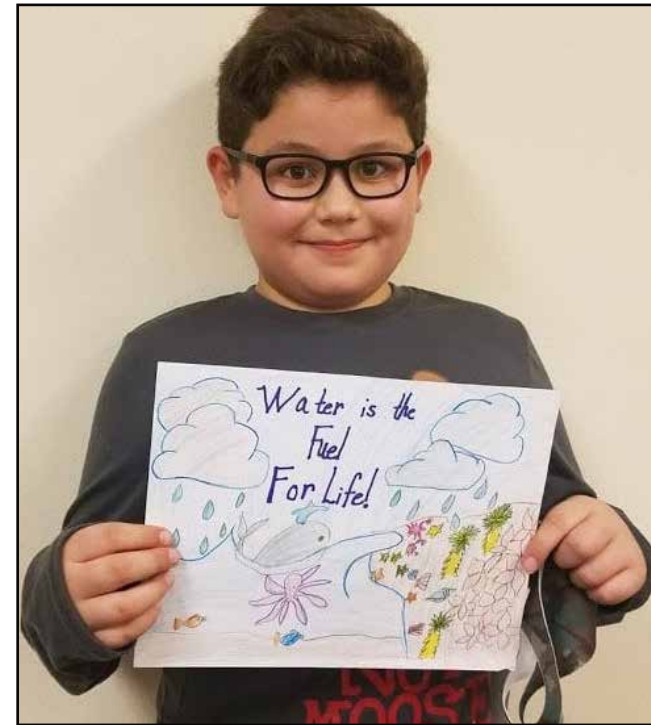
Chassidy Phillips - 4th Place - Forsan



Emily Hallford - 5th Place- Forsan



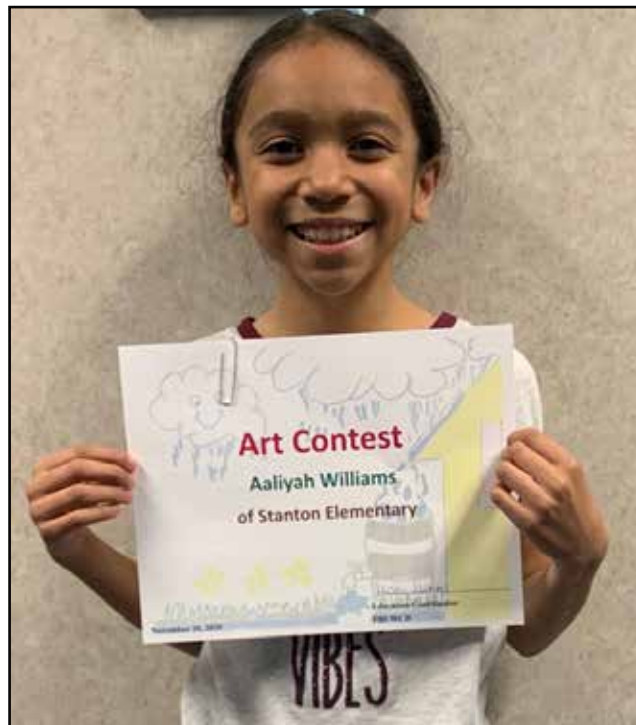
Finley Strickland - 6th Place - Forsan



Garrett Roach - 7th Place - Forsan



Mia Connell and Bella Baker - 8th Place- Sands



Aaliyah Williams - 9th Place - Stanton



Lauren Alvizo - 10th Place - Stanton

Abraham Andrade from Stanton was also a 10th Place winner

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 Tuesday: Sunrise Sandwich or cheesy toast, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken-n-biscuit or breakfast pizza, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.
 Thursday: Oatmeal with cinnamon toast or breakfast strudel with yogurt, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.
 Friday: Breakfast burrito with hashbrowns, 100% fruit juice, fruit, milk.

K-8 Lunch

Monday: Texas Basket or hamburger with fries or crispy chicken salads, zesty cucumbers, strawberries, milk.
 Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack or chicken fajitas or fajita salad, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken alfredo with breadstick or pizza pocket or chef salad, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, marinara sauce, peaches, dessert, milk.
 Thursday: Ranchero wrap with corn or country pot pie or tuna salad, fresh veggie cup, snowball salad, milk.
 Friday: Bulldog chicken bowl or breaded pork chop with mash potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fresh apple slices, milk.

9-12 Lunch

Monday: Texas basket of hamburger with fries or crispy chicken salads, zesty cucumbers, strawberries, milk.
 Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack or chicken fajitas or fajita salad, rice, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cup, milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken alfredo with breadstick or pizza pocket or chef salad, Tuscan veggies, garden salad, marinara sauce, peaches, dessert, milk.
 Thursday: Ranchero wrap with corn or country pot pie or tuna salad, fresh veggie cup, snowball salad, milk.
 Friday: Bulldog chicken bowl or breaded pork chop with mash potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fresh apple slices, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Anderson Accelerated

Monday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nugget and cheddar wrap, egg chef salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Coco Puff Pastry, yogurt with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ pork sandwich, popcorn chicken salad with flatbread, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Meat lovers pizza, taco salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt 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: Breakfast pizza, cereal with string cheese, assorted fruits, assorted milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza, yogurt, cheese and fruit salad, assorted vegetables, juice, assorted fruits, assorted milk.

Elementary

Monday: Breakfast: Maple madness, waffles, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Hot dog with chips, Sunbutter and Jelly sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken nugget wrap with tater tots, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Yogurt with crackers, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Hamubrger, American sub sandwich, fruit and vegetables, milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Strawberry splash pancakes, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, ham and cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetable, milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon French Toast bites, assorted fruit, 100% juice box, assorted milk. Lunch: Tony's Pepperoni Pizza Wedge, yogurt, cheese and crackers, fruit and vegetable, milk.

High School

Monday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Apple Jacks cereal pouch, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: BBQ Pork potato, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk.

Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Vanilla glazed donut, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Trix cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Loaded baked potato, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Banana muffin, pancake bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, assorted fruits and juice, assorted milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, waffle bites with fruit, egg/sausage/cheese burrito, refried beans, Coco Puffs cereal bowl, assorted fruits and juice, milk. Lunch: Big Steer burger, walking taco, hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken sandwich or nuggets, cheese/pepperoni pizza, assorted vegetables, assorted fruits and milk.

Intermediate

Monday: Breakfast: Maple waffle bites, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon rolls, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or walking taco.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Coco Puff pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chili cheese dog.
 Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or BBQ twist-er burger.

Junior High

Monday: Breakfast: Maple waffle bites, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or bacon cheeseburger.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Mini cinnamon rolls, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or walking taco.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Coco Puff pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or beef and tater burrito.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast Crunch pastry, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or chili cheese dog.
 Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon sugar donut, yogurt and elf grahams. Lunch: Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken/spicy chicken, pizza or BBQ twist-er burger.

Kentwood

Monday: Breakfast: Maple waffle bites, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Fish sticks with smile fries, fruit, 1% milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon poptart, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Chicken patty sandwich, fruit, 1% milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Beef fingers, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, fruit, 1% white milk. Lunch: Beef nachos with cheese sauce, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.
 Friday: Breakfast: Breakfast sausage, pizza, fruit, 1% milk. Lunch: Cheese pizza wedge, fruit and vegetable, 1% milk.

Forsan ISD

Elementary Breakfast:
 Monday: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Cereal bars, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.
 Wednesday: Honey buns, fresh fruit, fruit juice

and milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.
 Friday: Mini powdered donuts, fresh fruit, fruit juice and milk.
JH/HS Breakfast:
 Monday: French toast sticks with sausage or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Sausage kolache with cheese stick or cereal, apple slices, fruit juice and milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken and waffles or cereal, mandarin oranges, fruit juice and milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice and milk.
 Friday: Mini powdered donuts with bacon or cereal, applesauce cup, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch:
 Monday: Steak fingers or chicken nuggets with mac and cheese (elementary); boneless bites with mac and cheese (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.
 Tuesday: Hamburger or spaghetti bowl or turkey and cheese sub, ranch style beans, tots, strawberries and bananas, fresh fruit and milk.
 Wednesday: Pizza or crispy chicken salad or PB&J sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, strawberries, fresh fruit and milk.
 Thursday: Wilk Mike's cheese bites or popcorn chicken with roll (elementary); buffalo popcorn chicken bowl (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, carrots, corn, fruity gelatin.
 Friday: Nachos with ground beef or turkey and cheese sub (elementary); crispy chicken bacon ranch jalapeno wrap (JH/HS) or PB&J sandwich, fries, baby carrots, applesauce cup, fresh fruit and milk.

Senior Center

Monday: Chicken fajita burrito smothered in queso, Spanish rice, fruit, milk.
 Tuesday: Beef tips/gravy, white rice, California blend vegetables, cherry cobbler, WW bread, milk.
 Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, baked beans, breaded okra, peanut butter cookies, milk.
 Thursday: Fried fish sandwich, fiesta corn, hugh puppies, scones, milk.
 Friday: Chili with beans, green salad, with tomato wedge, FF dressing, Tapioca pudding, saltine crackers, milk.

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Chamber of Commerce happenings ...

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual Banquet and Business Expo is going virtual. The event is scheduled for Feb. 11 at 1:30 p.m. While the event may still be a couple of weeks away, activity has already started taking place on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, in preparation for the event.

For those who have not yet followed the Chamber Facebook page, but are interested in more details about the upcoming Chamber Banquet and Expo, there is

The networking event which is hosted on an annual basis, due to the pandemic, is taking on a different platform this year, but will be offering the same opportunity for recognition in the community and focus on highlighting the accomplishments in the Big Spring and Howard County communities.

“Although our format may look different for the

annual Chamber Banquet our purpose still remains; promote and celebrate our members,” Manny Negron, Banquet Committee Co-Chair, said.

The 2021 Chamber Banquet and Business Expo will still include normal business such as the passing of the gavel from the outgoing Chamber Board President Mark Richardson to the incoming Chamber Board President Kristy Tyra; an opportunity to recognize the Man and Woman of the Year, Russ McEwen Community Service recipient and those 5 Under 55 individuals.

Earlier this week, the Man and Woman of the Year were announced on the Chamber of Commerce Facebook as well. A small personal ceremony for each was held at the Chamber Offices with each honoree surrounded by a few family members.

The presentations will be included in the Feb. 11 event.

The announcement for this year’s 5 Under 55 - which will be the second round of recipients - has not yet been announced.

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Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring

See RECORDS, Page 4B

Highlighting Howard Co. Business Dazzling Decor - offering unique gift ideas for Big Spring and Howard County residents

By IRIS RANGEL

Herald Staff Writer

For seven years, Dazzling Decor has provided Howard County with unique and customizable home décor and gifts. Dazzling Decor offers a variety of items for its customers that make the best gifts for your home or a loved one.

Several years ago, Dazzling Decor’s owner Genia Phillips had a dream of creating a home décor shop that was filled with items she would enjoy herself. After deciding to take the leap and leave her day job, and with the help of her loving husband Marcus Phillips, Dazzling Decor was created.

“I had always said as we were shopping, I wish I had a store like this to shop at,” Owner of Dazzling Decor Genia Phillips said. “My husband mentioned to me, if I really wanted to open a store, I could quit my job and he would make it happen. So here we are now.”

Dazzling Decor carries several different lines such as Jon Hart, Consuela, Vera Bradley, MudPie, Scentschips, Corkcicle, Mariana, Ronaldo, and P Graham Dunn. If you were to take a stroll inside, you would find items such as handbags, luggage, kitchen serving pieces, candles, scent warmers, drink ware, jewelry, home décor pieces, and towels. Complimentary gift wrapping is also available with any purchase.

Phillips even noted that Dazzling Decor owns a laser that is able to personalize an array of items such as pictures for walls, picture frames, pens, cups, notebooks, keychains, cutting boards, and Corkcicle cups and Yetis.

Dazzling Decor can also print custom personalized notecards, pens, drink ware, and invitations for any occasion.

If you’re shopping for others - or have a special event coming up - bridal, wedding, and baby registries are also available for your friends and family to shop at Dazzling Decor for you.

When the coronavirus sent small businesses everywhere into lockdown for several months, Dazzling Decor - like many other local businesses - struggled to make ends meet. However, Howard County stayed strong and put more effort than ever into helping their small and local businesses keep their doors open.

“I really think most people were trying their best to help all local businesses stay afloat,” Phillips said. “I had people ask if they could get gift cards even though the doors weren’t open, just so they could support us and would use it once we were



HERALD photo/Iris Rangel

Dazzling Decor has been offering an array of gift options and home decor to the Howard County community for the past seven years. Owner Genia Phillips has been pursuing her dream of creating a home decor shop filled with items she enjoys and has enjoyed sharing it with the community.

open again.”

Phillips also mentions that customers from all across the community would call in orders and use their curbside delivery service to help keep the store alive during a time full of uncertainty. Dazzling Decor also offered private shopping for individuals who asked and began to advertise their items on Facebook for customers to order online.

“I’m loving the business and really appreciate all my customers,” she said. “I enjoy getting to meet and know new people and serve Big Spring.”

Dazzling Decor has proven that it can withstand hard and heavy times with help from the community. Adjusting to everyday changes, making ends meet where they need to, and keeping the doors open - Dazzling Decor has continued to make it past every obstacle. Phillips noted that since the small lift of the shutdowns, business has begun to pick up again.

“We’ve had lots of new customers that have never been in before. I think more people are shopping local to keep from going out of town,” Phillips said. “We hope everyone that has come in will continue to see what all we have to offer and will continue to shop local.”

Dazzling Decor is located at 1304 Scurry Street. Store hours are currently Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact 432-264-6000 for any questions.

Iris Rangel is a Staff Writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Will Winter weather pull West Texas out of extreme drought?

Special to the Herald

PBUWCD

STANTON, Texas - Area residents are grateful for the moisture received from the snow and rain over Howard and Martin counties this past month.

However, at the end of December, the U.S. Drought Monitor showed Martin and Howard counties in Extreme Drought. The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District monitors the drought conditions to better communicate the importance of conserving water. Keeping current drought conditions in mind, the PBUWCD would like to offer a few helpful tips on how to save water and use it wisely.

Tip 1 - Insulate water pipes to reduce heat loss, save energy, and prevent them from breaking. Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from bursting or

freezing.

Tip 2 - Check for leaks after any thaws. A change in temperature can cause pipes to expand and contract, which may lead to more leaks.

Tip 3 - Know where your property’s main shut off valve is located. If a pipe bursts or disaster strikes you will be able to quickly shut off the water and save hundreds of gallons of water.

Tip 4 - Adjust your sprinkler timer. When temperatures go down, water requirements for your landscape follow suite.

Tip 5 - Use a bucket to collect the cold running water while you are waiting for the water to get hot. You can then use the collected water for indoor plants or to water your pets.

For more ways to conserve water in and around your home, visit the Permian Basin UWCD’s website at www.pbuwcd.com or stop by our office at 708 W. St. Peter in Stanton.

The Pet Connection's Pet Talk: Where People and Pets Connect

Dog Flippers

By **MELANIE GAMBRELL**

Pet Care Specialist

Many of you might be like myself, get up on a Saturday or Sunday morning, grab a hot cup of coffee and sit down to watch HGTV. One of my go to shows is about house flipping, renovating and flipping a house for resale. But, how many of you are familiar with dog flippers? Sadly, the only thing they have in common with house flippers is the art of making a quick dollar.

Dog flipping and pet flipping is nothing new, yet not many people are familiar with the term or the act of what these thieves are doing. This illegal act is when someone buys from the backyard breeder, gets an animal free off Facebook or Craigslist, preys on free animals that are needing to be re-homed or just steals your pet from your car or yard and then resells and makes a profit off your loss. They

check daily the lost and found pages and you'll see them on several posts claiming that they are the owner or that they will keep the pet until the owner is located. As many families fall victim to losing their jobs or illness, we are seeing more and more pets advertised "Need to re-home ASAP." Unfortunately, these dog flippers aren't looking at giving your pet that forever home, no matter what their sob story might be. All they are looking to do is make a quick buck and profit from your misfortune.

Understand, dog flipping and pet flipping is a criminal act of stealing someone's pet and then reselling or rehoming claiming to be "rescuing" the animals. So many times I've cautioned people about finding an animal and advertising all in the same paragraph, found dog or cat and then trying to re-home it to a total stranger without first finding the owner.

Quoting from WTOC, "The American Kennel Club said reselling, called pet flipping, has grown 800 percent since 2008," and a 31 percent increase has been reported by the AKC since 2012. I am sure those numbers are through the roof now with the way our economy. AKC stated that in 2008 when they started keeping statistics on dog flipping they had only 71 dog thefts. Moving on into 2014 their records showed dog thefts rising to 637.

The most commonly flipped dogs that are stolen are, pit bulls or pit bull mixes, yorkies, shih tzu, german shepherd, pomeranian, chihuahua, and bulldogs. Dog flippers will get the dog however they need to, either by stealing it from your yard or claiming to be the owner of a lost pet. So, once they have the dog in their possession it's game on to resell your family pet.

So how do you protect your family pet? Never brag or advertise how

much you just bought your pet for. If a stranger on the streets asks about your pet and trust me, these dog flippers have no shame in their game. They will give you every sob story they've got, from their dog dying to how they had one that looked just like yours. Protect your pets at all cost.

Remember these pets that they are reselling they could be going to dog fighters, used in labs for animal testing you just have no ideas what and where these family pets may end up.

How many of you read daily on the lost and found posts where the pet owner says, "Well he usually will be gone just a couple days, but he hasn't come home." Beautiful and rare looking dogs and cats can bring home a good living for these thieves. Even if your dog isn't the prettiest in the litter can still fall victim to a cruel fate

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RECORDS

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Michael Robinson, 801 Anne St., Big Spring
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Rd., Big Spring
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W Hwy 80, Big Spring
Elizabeth Salazar, 1808 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas
Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 301, Big Spring
Derrick Dewayne Smith, 703 West 16th, San Angelo, Texas
Leon Torres, 1500 Lincoln, Big Spring
Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, 2526 Fairchild, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:

Zechariah Marshall Akin, 28, and Maeghan Ray Marie Mauzey, 26, both of Big Spring.
Quinton Lee Palmer, 27, and Alysa Nicole Harris, 28, both of Big Spring.
Mark Angel Montez, 22, and Magdalena Petra Medina, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Cruz's Construction & Homes, LLC
Grantee: Santa Rita Builders LLC
Property: Tract 1: Lot 14, block 7, Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper plat on file in the Office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas. Tract 2: Lot 8, block 3, Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to proper plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas.
Date: August 20, 2020

Grantor: Brant Monroe Nichols
Grantee: Steven Nichols
Property: Lot 12, block 1, suburban heights addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof of record.
Date: January 8, 2021

Grantor: Guillermo Willie Alcantar
Grantee: Jesse M. Alcantar and Martha A. Alcantar, a married couple
Property: 0.310, S/90, S/2 of SC 42, BK 32, IN, TR 37, William B. Currie, 90x150 786 Acq 072100, block/tract 32, IN, 0.31 acres known as 1300 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Howard County, Texas
Date: September 21, 2020

Grantor: Linda Lou Walker and Royce Walker
Grantee: R-L Walker Land and Cattle, Ltd.
Property: Tract 1: Being 7.72 acres more or less out of the NE/4 of Section 3, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, a portion of the property conveyed to Royce Walker from L.B. And Elva J. Murphy in that deed recorded in volume 464, Page 502, in the Official Public Records of Howard County, on October 4, 1977; Tract 2: Being 1.97 acres, more or less, out of the SW/4 of Section 31, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds in that 1/2 Interest General Warranty

Deed from Shirlene Rainey to Royce Walker recorded in Volume 1096, Page 724, in the Official Public Records of Howard County on June 17, 2008; Tract 3: Being the N/75' of Lot 1, block 89, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas the same property conveyed from Linda Lou Walker, individually and independent Executrix of the Estate of Dwain E. Leonard to Linda Lou Walker, as her sole and separate property in that Deed recorded in Volume 722, Page 726 of the Official Public Records of Howard County on November 15, 1995.
Date: January 12, 2021

Grantor: Scott Eugene Neitzel
Grantee: Crystal Kay Hodgkinson
Property: Being all that certain tract or parcel of land, together with all improvements thereon and being Lot 4, block 20, North Park Hill Addition, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, as shown on the Plat of said addition which is of record in Envelope 80-A, of the plat records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: December 5, 2020

Grantor: Lyco Financial Inc
Grantee: Ellis Ray Cooper and Lisa Cooper
Property: Being all of Lots Nos. 7, 8, in block No. 5, Wasson Place, an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in envelope 104/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 8, 2021

Grantor: Angel A. Rodriguez
Grantee: Vicente Rodriguez
Property: Acres 0.321; TS 5-6BK 11 Jones Valley 100 x 140 813 0.321 acres also known as all of Lot 5 and 6 in block 11, Jones Valley Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas, according to the proper map or plat of record in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas.
Date: December 6, 2020

Grantor: HBWebb Investments LLC
Grantee: Heath Webb and Brandi Webb
Property: Being a 7.64 acre tract perviously called a 7.629 acre tract out of the SW/4 of Section 31, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas said described by metes and bounds.
Date: December 11, 2020

Grantor: Jim Koerber
Grantee: Michael Wayne Muller
Property: Lot No. 3, block No. 26, Cole and Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County Texas according to the proper map or plat thereof of record in Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 12, 2021

Grantor: Antonio Martinez AKA Antonio Martinez Sr.; individually and as heir of Mary Louise Martinez deceased
Grantee: Frank Garza Jr.
Property: Being all of Lot 1, block 6, Hillcrest Terrace,

an addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the corrected plat thereof of record in Plat Envelope 55/B Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 12, 2021

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Kyle Ware
Grantee: Bardley Scott Shelton
Property: Lot No. 9, in block No. 6, of Worth Peeler Addition (Section 3) to the City of Big Spring, in Howard County, Texas, according to the map of plat thereof of record in Plat 81/B, Plat Records in the office of the County Clerk in and for Howard County.
Date: January 8, 2021

Grantor: Thomas Orance Smith Jr. and Sabrina Ann Smith
Grantee: Thomas Artzer
Property: Lot 1A, block 30, Bauer Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas according to the plat filed in Envelope 205/A, Plat Records of Howard County, Texas, formerly known as the S/50' of the SW/4 of Block 30, of Government Heights to Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 8, 2021

Grantor: Brad Shelton aka Bradley Shelton and Bailey Shelton
Grantee: Kaven Stephens and Debra Stephens
Property: Being a 1.0 acre tract out of a 4.0 acre tract out of the N/2 of Section 33, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds.
Date: January 8, 2021

Grantor: Margaret Sumner, individually and as heir of Bobby G. Sumner, deceased; Bobby Whitfield, William Sumner and Robert Sumner, heirs of Bobby G. Sumner, deceased.
Grantee: KBAB Properties LLC
Property: Being all of Lot No. 3, in block No. 3, Settles Addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County, Texas according to the map or record in Envelope 93/B, Plat Records of Howard County Texas, save and except the West 7 1/2' thereof conveyed to the City for alley purposes recorded in Volume 178, Page 266, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 14, 2021

Grantor: Deanne Joan Reynolds also known as Deanna Joan Reynolds individually and as independent executrix of the Estate of Joan Marie LaFond, deceased
Grantee: Sean Geoffrey Gorby and Michael Gorby
Property: Being all of Lot. No 7, Save and Except in the N/10' and the W/40 of Lot No. 8, in block 8 No. 13, Edwards Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring Howard County Texas according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 41/B Plat Records of Howard County, Texas.
Date: January 14, 2021



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The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E 4th St. to consider proposed changes to the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance including screening, parking and parking in public right-of-way, building setbacks, and administrative amendments.

The Big Spring City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E 4th St. to consider proposed changes to the Big Spring Zoning Ordinance. The proposed changes address carports and accessory uses; recreational vehicles and mobile/manufactured housing; short-term rentals; screening, parking and parking in public right-of-way; building setbacks; and administrative amendments.
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#249 James Griego
#405 Diara Johnson
#225 Barry Murphy
#317 Linda Huckabee
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#303 Bob Emerson
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Notice to Creditors
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Virginia Ruth Miller, deceased were issued on November 12, 2020 in Cause No. P-15091, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Jill Willbanks.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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AUCTION Monday, February 1, 2021...9:00 am

LOCATION: Garden City, TX (Glasscock Co.) From Intersection of Texas 158 and Ranch Road 33, west 3 miles on Texas 158, south 3 miles on CR 125, west 2 miles on CR 130, north 1 mile on CR 137. Follow Signs. OR From Stanton, Intersection of I-20 and Texas 137, south 27 miles on Texas 137, east 6 Miles on CR 130, north 1 miles on CR 137. Follow Signs

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AUCTION Wednesday, February 3, 2021....9:30 am

LOCATION: Plains, TX (Yoakum Co.) From Intersection US 82/380 southwest 10 miles on US 82, then 4 miles north on CR 165. OR from Plains, TX 11 miles west on US 380, then 4 miles south on CR 165.

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LOCATION: Big Spring, TX (Martin Co.) North on State hwy. 87, 8 miles to CR 34, East on CR 34 and 3.5 mile to Sale Site.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gary David Blount, deceased were issued on December 30, 2020 in Cause No. P-15109, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Janice Blount.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

C/O Janice Blount
2211 Lynn Drive
Big Spring, Tx 79720

DATED January 27, 2021

/s/ C.E. Mike Thomas III
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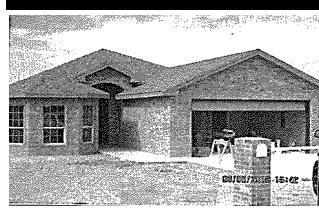
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Date/Time: Tuesday,
February 16, 2021, at 2:00
p.m., for the following:

1. RFP # 21-017 Parkway /
Willard Land Sale

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 204 S. Johnson St., Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

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THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST POPULAR ART MUSEUMS IN THE WORLD. IT IS LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC MONUMENT.

ANSWER: MUSEE DU LOUVRE

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Extra glue stick 2. Leaf missing 3. More grass around tree on left 4. Another tree trunk and branches drawn on right

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1573: FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS SANCTIONED IN POLAND WITH THE SIGNING OF THE WARSAW CONFEDERATION.
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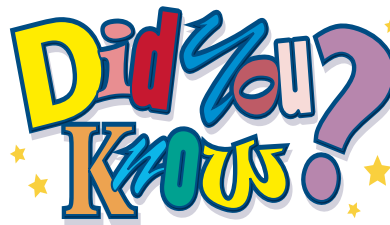
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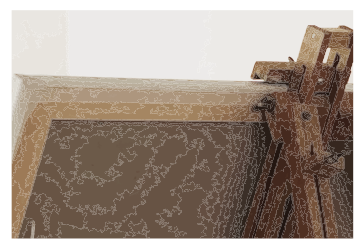
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ARTISTIC ABILITY AND CREATIVITY ARE TWO DIFFERENT TRAITS. GOOD ARTISTS MUST HAVE A COMBINATION OF BOTH TO BE SUCCESSFUL.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EASEL

ANTIQUE WORD SEARCH

E A R C A D E O L H E U Q O R A B K R U
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H E D C T B B G O E G Z K S E D L H Y L
N C N C N M G O U T D R A O B E D I S W

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ABATTANT
- AMBROTYPE
- ARCADE
- ARMCCHAIR
- ARMOIRE
- ART DECO
- BALUSTER
- BANDING
- BAROQUE
- BEVEL
- BIEDERMEIER
- BRONZE
- CAMEO
- CERAMIC
- CHIPPENDALE
- CLASSICAL
- CUPBOARD
- DECORATIVE
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- NOUVEAU
- PANELLING
- POTTERY
- SIDEBBOARD
- WARDROBE



The bidding tells the tale

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 4
♦ K 2
♣ A 7 5

WEST **EAST**
♠ K ♠ 10 9 4
♥ 9 7 2 ♥ A J 8 5
♦ J 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 5 4
♣ Q 10 8 3 ♣ K J 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 8 5 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 9 6 4

The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ Pass 2♣ Dble
Pass 2♠ Pass 3♠
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — three of clubs.

One of the great things about bridge is that every once in a while, even if you've been playing a very long time, you see something you've never seen before. Take today's deal, which cropped up in a local duplicate game.

At most tables, South wound up in two or three spades after East opened one club, West raised to two and North doubled. At those tables where North raised South's two-spade response to three, it was critical that South find a way to avoid losing five

tricks. Only one declarer succeeded.

The play was virtually the same at every table. Declarer won the opening club lead with dummy's ace and played the king of diamonds. East won, cashed the king of clubs and led the jack of clubs to West's queen. West then shifted to a heart, East taking the king with the ace and exiting with a diamond to South's queen. Declarer thereupon led the queen of spades, hoping West had started with the K-x. West's king was taken by the ace, but South later lost a spade to East's ten for down one.

The declarers who failed to make nine tricks in spades missed a key inference available from the bidding. While East could certainly open one club on a three-card suit, West was hardly likely to raise clubs without four-card support.

Once East was credited with just three clubs, there were only three distributions he could have started with: 4-3-3-3, 3-4-3-3, or 4-4-2-3. East therefore could not have the low doubleton spade the unsuccessful declarers were hoping for.

Since the contract could not be made if East had the king of spades, South's only legitimate chance for nine tricks was to play West for specifically the singleton king. Accordingly, the lone successful declarer led a low spade from his hand after taking the diamond queen and ended up with a ton score for his efforts

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS 22-Jan. 19).



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Conversation comes from the subconscious. This is why you sometimes are very surprised at what you say. For instance, today a thought occurs to you for the first time just as it leaps from your tongue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your critical eye will be helpful in many tasks of the day, but use it judiciously. It won't always be appropriate to offer an opinion. And when working alone, save the critical phase for after the creative brainstorming.

CAPRICORN (Dec.

bitterness got pushed to the back wall. It's still there, though without potency, as faded as an old spice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 31). No one teaches the bird to make a nest. You, like the bird, will tap into those instincts that came part and parcel with the collective knowledge of Mother Nature and build a beautiful structure of protection, solace and nurturing. From there, you'll sing yourself to the sky, attracting the right company to share it with. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 31, 5, 17 and 49.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This Mercury retrograde has changed the rules of communication to a randomized algorithm. Don't let that frighten you. This isn't a limitation so much as a twist. Sure, things may not land as intended, but that's where the thrill comes in. The greater the risk, the better chance you have

at reaching straight into a person's heart -- or offending deeply. What if you used it as an opportunity to try something different? Take stab at making someone laugh or skip boring small talk to get right to the point of the interaction. Flirt with a new vernacular. How brave you are will correlate with the way you want to be seen and understood by another person.

It's the same with moods as it is with playground swing sets. There is no way to widen the range without widening it in both directions. You cannot swing very high forward without also experiencing the stomach-dropping dip and opposite backward rush. Accept the high-low reality, and then consider giving up any struggle or resistance to the backward ride. Why dread what is only setting you up to soar into the sky?

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Moon of Focused Power

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Resolve issues quickly regardless of how small and inconsequential they may seem. Otherwise, tiny tangles of troubles in the corners of your mind will have a way of slowing your thought processes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the map disagrees with the ground, even the best cartographer in the world knows which is at fault. You'll be given instructions. Feel free to forget them all in favor of reacting to what's going on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The day brings a happiness trifecta: something to do, someone to love and an event on the horizon to look forward to. Your appreciation of life's balance makes this steadiness all the sweeter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The picture looks better when

the image is defined. Bringing more light to it isn't necessarily bringing more clarity. You need the darkness, too. It's the interplay of light and shadow that provides definition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You tend to take any responsibility as seriously as if you were getting paid to fulfill the order. However, your attitude can get a little lax with your responsibilities to yourself. Fight this. Show up stronger for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Through meditation, you can sweep out your mind, though, like most things that get swept, it only stays clear for the few moments it takes to set the stage for a glorious torrent of ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you may not currently have all the tools you need to make what you want to make, start anyway. While you're already moving, you'll learn what you need and who has it.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dementia or Decluttering?

Dear Annie: It's just an idea, but maybe "Missing My Things" husband has dementia, not compulsive decluttering.

A few years ago, I discovered too late that while I was out grocery shopping my 77-year-old husband found a storage bin labeled "Smith Family Mementos" in a closet, went through it and threw most of it in the garbage before I got back. I didn't notice anything was missing until days later, long after the garbage truck had come and gone.

My husband was in the early, undiagnosed and unrecognized stages of Alzheimer's disease. Apparently, as he lifted each photo, each handwritten letter, each diploma and report card out of the bin, he didn't recognize the person or remember the event associated with it, so he threw it away. Not long after, I started finding other important items in the trash, such as old military uniforms and important medical records.

Dementia doesn't just affect memory; it also affects judgment and time perception. With each passing day, dementia patients live more and more in the present only.

Since my husband's been diagnosed, I've moved proactively to clear our house of small but important items by shipping them off to relatives for safekeeping or putting them in lockable filing cabinets and lockboxes that I get from Office Depot.

I hope this suggestion keeps other families from losing their precious heirlooms and important records to the awful disease of dementia. -- Learned Too Late

Dear Learned Too Late: Thank you for sharing your experience to inform readers of the warning signs of dementia. And I'm struck by your knowledge and acceptance, without blame, of your husband's disease. Your wisdom is appreciated.

Dear Annie: Here's an idea for people to pass the time while staying at home: Get a journal and write down memories of your childhood and your life today. Fill it with memories of your family, parents, grandparents, etc., and interesting things about them that future generations would not know without your journal. You are never too young or too old to start this. Many of us are senior citizens and a lot of families don't talk about times gone by with the younger generations.

been lost with my dad's family. My mother's family lived in my state. I sent out letters to all my mother's nieces and nephews requesting information about names, birthdates, marriages and children in exchange for me putting it all together and sending them copies.

One of my mother's sisters was still living and was able to provide me with the names of her grandparents and great-grandparents. I started researching on the internet in 2000 and was put together my maternal family from my great-great-grandparents forward, which I shared with everyone who wanted a copy. By putting my family trees on Ancestry.com, I was able to establish contact with an aunt and several cousins. One cousin who grew up and lived in the area where my maternal grandparents resided has shared many memories with me of my grandparents' lives. I just wish I had looked into this earlier. Unfortunately, by the time we realize how little we know about the older generations, the people are gone. These journals would enlighten future generations to good times and hardships. -- 81 and Wishing I Knew More

Dear 81: What a great idea. It gives each of us a moment to recognize all we have accomplished and survived while creating something for future generations.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Color close to silver
- 4 Weight-bearing bone
- 9 Latter-day cheaters
- 13 Underwater defense
- 15 Real creep
- 16 Inspiration appreciation
- 17 Garth Brooks, by birth
- 18 Sore
- 19 Traditional Alaskan basket material
- 21 Sci-fi staple
- 24 Prevent from crashing
- 26 "Inventin' jokes ___ easy": Rocky Balboa
- 27 "Cool" that's made a comeback
- 30 Whom Ebert called "that twinkly professional Irishman"
- 31 Consigns
- 32 Bar display
- 33 ___ style (esteemed Chinese calligraphy)
- 34 "Truly?"
- 36 Open divider
- 37 End that's often clipped
- 38 Flyspecks
- 39 Seasonal occasions for pool diving?
- 41 Ancient New Testament character
- 42 Blackwood product seen on stages
- 43 Rome's ___-Shelley Memorial House
- 44 Sobersided
- 47 Top Grammy-winning female artist (27, 1991-2012)
- 49 Not buying it
- 53 "Alpine" abodes
- 54 Angry Birds and Bonsai Barber, categorically
- 57 Snow the heat, maybe
- 58 Misting
- 59 British river named for where it starts
- 60 "Meatballs" on a circuit diagram
- 61 Common rack range
- 7 Patisserie article
- 8 Kingston trios, often
- 9 Impressively muscular, from a "puffed-up" word
- 10 Twits
- 11 Toronto-to-Columbus midpoint
- 12 Marvel debut of '63
- 13 Reign over
- 14 They take the edge off
- 20 Puts away childish things
- 22 Does a hip-hop dance
- 23 Where curlers work
- 24 Sanskrit word for "seat"
- 25 Medieval military governments
- 28 Fortes
- 29 They get stabbed with toothpicks
- 30 Scratch
- 31 Hold
- 35 Two shovels for "work available," for example
- 40 Where a bundle is won in *Rain Man*
- 43 Submits for approval, perhaps
- 45 Dislodges
- 46 Top of the heap
- 47 Horde head
- 48 Green type
- 50 Term akin to "rabbi"
- 51 Name shared by an eminent astrophysicist and another "astro-" notable
- 52 Former aier of 20Q and *Bingo America*
- 55 Pagan leader
- 56 Pastime inspired by JRR Tolkien

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Answer to previous puzzle

M	A	J	A	P	H	A	T	P	M	P
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PET
Continued from Page 4B



Courtesy photos

and end up in a dog fighting ring. Dog flippers or pet flippers don't just limit themselves to just domestic pets, they will also go after reptiles and exotic birds to make their living.

Protecting your animals is your responsibility, you are their voice and their protector. Here are some ways to help protect your pets from falling victim to a dog flipper.

- Always microchip your pet
- Keep the microchip info current
- Never let your pet roam free
- Keep your pets inside and supervised
- Install security cameras
- Never advertise any pet for free
- Notice reoccurring names on social media offering to foster or take lost and found dogs
- Notice usually markings on your home or curb placed their by dog flippers. Possibly paint markings or a flag or cloth hung in a tree.
- Watch how a lost or found dog interacts

with "the owner" if they say it's theirs

Show proof, vet records, pictures, etc.

Never, never leave your pets unattended

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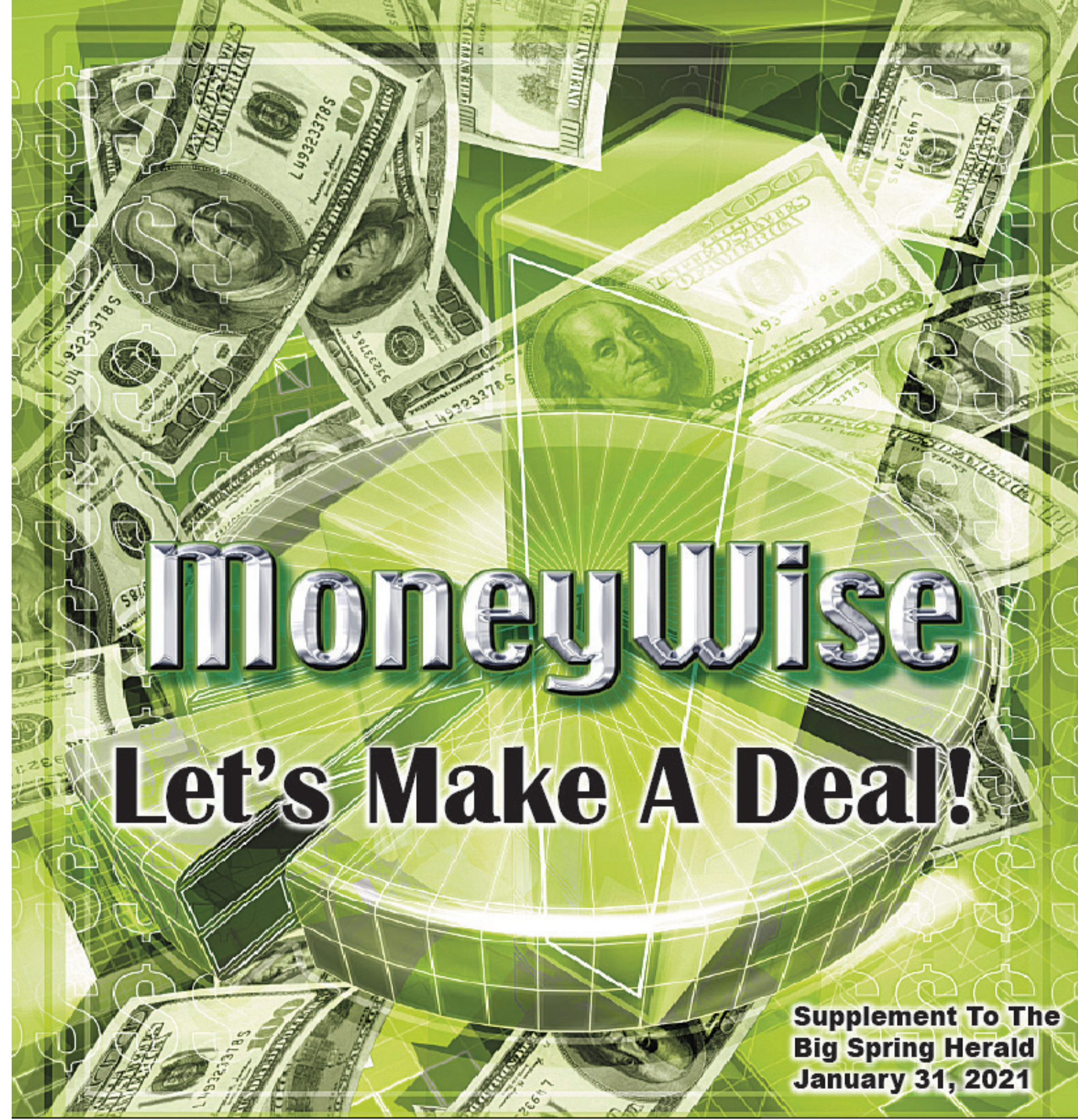
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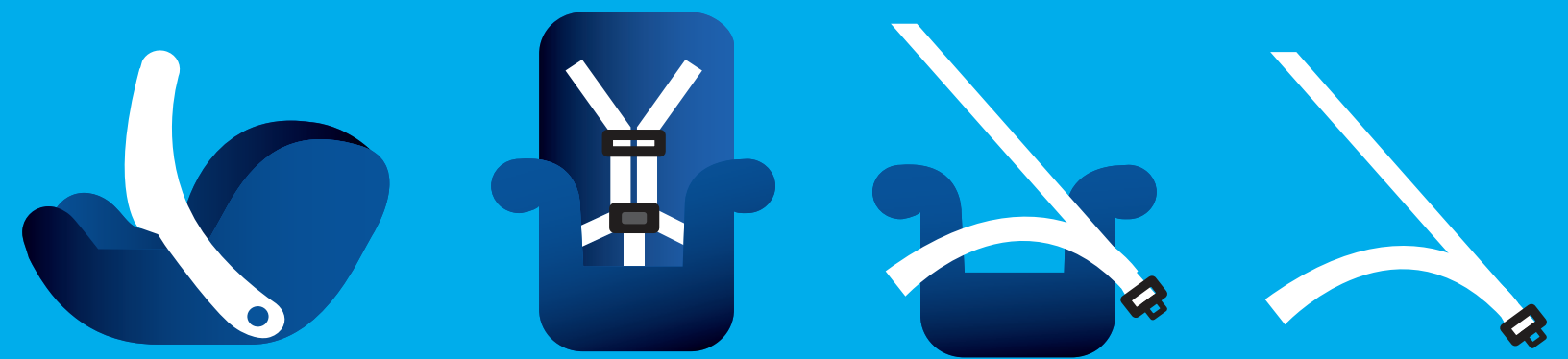
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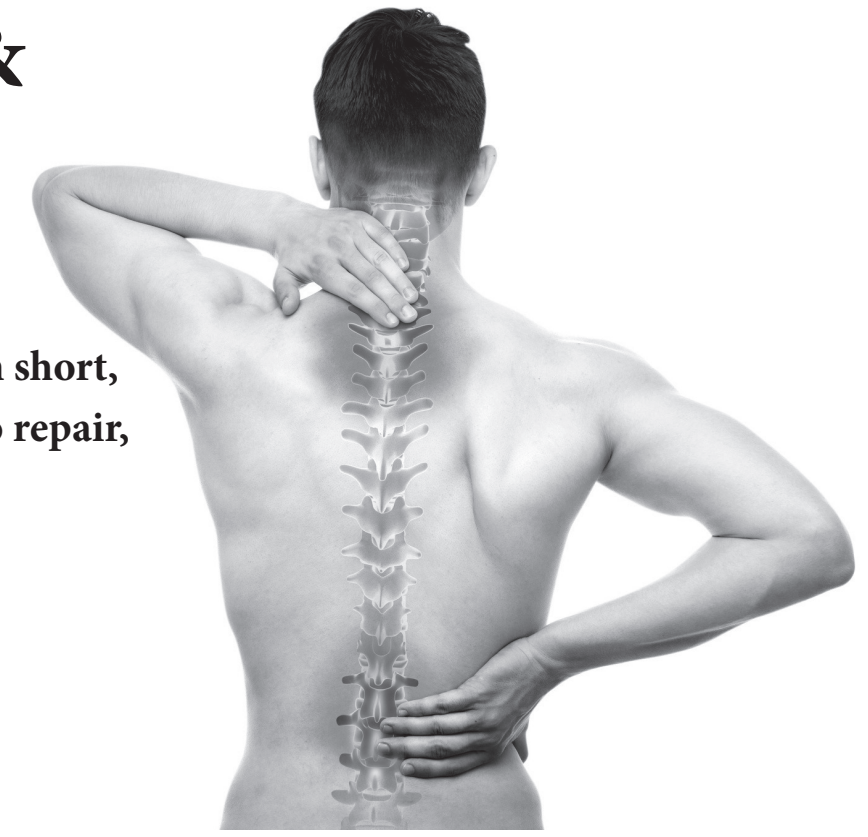


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