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Blood drive Friday

According to officials with United Blood Services, the O Negative type blood supply is critically low.

"To help save the lives of trauma patients at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, O Negative is the go to blood type as anyone can safely receive this blood in an emergency situation. Currently, we have less than one half day's supply — well below the needed level of three days" states Linda Grace, Sr. Donor Recruitment Rep with United Blood Services.

A blood drive hosted by UBS and the city of Big Spring has been scheduled for Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to bolster the United Blood Service supply through the holiday season.

"December is one of the most difficult months of the year for United Blood Services to maintain an adequate supply of lifesaving blood to save the lives of hospital patients," Grace said. "Most blood shortages happen during or after major holidays. Two major holidays are quickly approaching — Christmas and New Year's. Both are long four day holidays. Donations

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All that's required is an appetite

H.E.B's Feast of Sharing this Sunday is open to everyone

By **JULIE BASS**
 Staff Writer

Event coordinators and sponsors want to make sure that the public understands that every man, woman, and child is invited to the H.E.B. Feast of Sharing, set for Sunday in the Dorothy

Garrett Coliseum. "This is not just for the homeless or for those in need. This is for everyone in the community. It is just H.E.B.'s way of giving back and saying 'Thank you,'" said Debra Moreno, Feast of Sharing volunteer organizer.

This is the inaugural year for the event and several in the community look forward to its success so that it may continue on for years to come.

People and companies have been See **FEAST**, Page 3



Hometown Christmas
 Jeanie Knocke, left, and Samantha Flores are shown with some of the items collected for the annual Hometown Christmas holiday gift drive.

Program organizers say donations still needed

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Even Santa's helpers need help occasionally.

In its sixth year, Hometown Christmas, a holiday gift program headquartered at Wells Fargo Bank, is in need of gift and monetary donations so it can fill out the wish lists for the people it serves.

Group member Jeanie Knocke said Hometown Christmas has served hundreds of local families since it

was formed in 2009.

"Wells Fargo (Bank) started it," Knocke said. "We work on it all year. We start collecting gifts in January and we keep them in the (bank) storeroom until now."

The group obtains names of needy families through Big Spring Independent School District and other sources, then determine what the children want for Christmas, then gets busy filling that wish list, Knocke said.

It's not just children who

benefit from the group's efforts. Along with toys and clothes for the little ones, Hometown Christmas will also deliver turkeys and hams to their families, along with toiletry, household, and clothing items for needy adults.

Interested people can donate either items or money to the drive — a special account has been established at Wells Fargo to accept monetary gifts. Items can be dropped off at the bank, as well.

Knocke said community

response to the program has been heart-warming.

"We've received many, many anonymous donations," she said. "People have come through with money and toys and all kinds of items. We're very grateful for that."

Gifts will be distributed in the days leading up to Christmas, she added.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 432-263-7331, ext. 235 or email reporter@big-springherald.com

Boomtown parade Saturday in Forsan

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — Sleigh bells will be ringing in the Forsan community Saturday, Dec. 5, when the Christmas in Boomtown parade returns to travel down the main streets.

After a number of years off, the parade returned in 2014 with much fanfare.

"The turnout was amazing," said Jenny Sayles, city secretary and parade organizer. "We had more floats than we hoped for. The community really came out."

More entries are expected for the 2015 parade, Sayles said.

"We expect to have more floats this year especially with the (Forsan) el-

ementary school so close to us now," she said. "We have several classes that are creating a float."

The parade will be led off by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Color Guard. Also participating are the award-winning Forsan High School band, the Young Marines and the Boy Scouts of America. Making special appearances are the Grinch and Santa.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Forsan High School parking lot near the cafeteria and tennis courts. From there, the parade will head down Avenue H and then turn left on FM 461 which is locally known as Three Mile Road.

See **PARADE**, Page 3

The Big Spring man killed in a motorcycle/vehicle collision Tuesday has been identified as **Bradley Gerald Ugstad, 62**. Funeral arrangements for Mr. Ugstad are pending with **Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home**.

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Obituaries

Joyce Jones



Joyce "J.J." Jones, 75, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 in a Midland hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Joyce was born Feb. 12, 1940, in Nashville, Tenn. to Will and Mabel (Whitley) Jones and married James Jones April 23, 1955, in Big Spring, Texas.

She moved to Big Spring from East Texas during the 1950s oil boom. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 67, the Social Order of the Beauceant, and a Daughter of the Nile. She also loved shooting handguns, sewing and playing bingo.

Joyce was a member of the First Baptist Church

of Big Spring.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 60 years, James Jones; one son, Wayne Jones of Midland; one daughter, Laquana "Q" Lewis and husband, Danny of Somerset, Ky.; five grandsons, Derrick Hill, Kegan Lewis, Nick Jones, Sean Jones, and Cody Jones; one granddaughter, Lakacia Whitaker and husband, Wesley; one great-granddaughter, Charley Hill; and one sister, Doris Evans of Ector, Texas.

She was preceded in death by one son, her parents, and five brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children at <http://www.shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org/en/donate> or the National Kidney Foundation at <https://www.kidney.org/support>.

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

Paid obituary

Mary Jones

Mary Jones, 84, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born to Eddie and Leona Thomas Sept. 22, 1931, in Granbury, Texas, and married Jack Harold Jones Sr. Jan. 1, 1955, in Stanton, Texas. He preceded her in death June 1, 1999.

Mary graduated from Stanton High School in 1947 and worked for Retail Merchants of Big Spring for 45 years, retiring in 2000. She loved to read, was an artist and loved to paint and she and Jack enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include one daughter, Sherri Kinsey and husband, Terry, and a daughter-in-law, Kenda Jones all of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Anna Jones, Jacoby Jones and wife, Chelsey, and Wes-

ley Kinsey; and six great-grandchildren, Ashton Beach, Kendal Jones, Micah Jones, Trinity Jones, Jacob Jones and Emma Jones.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Jack Harold Jones Jr.; one grandson, Christopher Savell; three brothers, Roscoe Thomas, Bernard Thomas and Jack Thomas; and one sister, Emma Bickley.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh St., Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Vicki Stewart, 6 Coachmans Circle, Big Spring, Texas.

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

Paid obituary

Mildred Callihan



Mildred Callihan, 93, of Big Spring, died at her home Dec. 1, 2015. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 31, 1922, in Reagan County and graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in home economics. Mildred later taught school in Las Cruces, N.M. before marrying Ross J. Callihan July 8, 1945. He preceded her in death July 21, 2006.

She was a longtime member of Baptist Temple

Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include one daughter and two sons, Sherri Wigington and husband, Bill, of Big Spring, Larry Callihan and wife, Jackie Sullivan of Boulder, Colo., and Alton Callihan and wife, Ruth Anne, of Medina, Texas; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Geneva Roberts of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist Temple Church, 400 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or to a favorite charity.

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

Ulrich Palacios



Ulrich Palacios died Monday, Nov. 23, 2015 in Gadsden, AL at Riverview Regional Hospital. A celebration of life was held at Southside United Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015 at 11 a.m. at 2438 Cedar Bend Road N, Southside, AL 35907.

Ulrich was born to Juan and Elfriede Palacios on June 28, 1955 in Stuttgart, Germany. Uli served in many congregations and served in various missions such as

KAIROIS (Prison ministry), Way of the Cross, D.A.S.H., East Gadsden Methodist, CR 180

(Celebrate Recovery), and Southside United Methodist. Uli was also involved in other personal ministries benefiting the homeless and other people in need.

He is survived by his five children, Christa of Copperas Cove, Texas, Paul (Amber) of Bryan, Texas, Jonathan of Birmingham, Ala., Anna (Ray) of Anchorage, Alaska, Luke (k9 Coosa), two sisters, Eva Gibbs and Janie Maddux, six grandchildren, three nieces, and a number of great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southside United Methodist Church, note: To be specified for "Uli Palacios Missions". These donations will go directly to the missions Uli served, in memory of him.

Marvin Barnes

Marvin Barnes, 74, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 at Lubbock Heart Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

A lesson on the Holocaust



Courtesy photo

BSI sixth grade student Haily Rameriz looks at her decorated butterfly in the Butterfly Garden at the school.

Patsy Sanchez, Big Spring Intermediate School principal, taught a lesson to all the sixth grade students through their social studies classes based on the Holocaust.

The students were asked to decorate a butterfly and write the name of a child who was sent to the Terezin Concentration Camp, located in what today is called the Czech Republic, between the years of 1942-1944. They were asked to choose a name from more than 100 and decorate the butterfly in their honor.

More than 300 butterflies were placed in the garden. After a few weeks, students were informed about whether or not their child survived. If the child survived, the butterfly remained in the garden. If not, the butterfly was taken down.

— George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 12/4	Sat 12/5	Sun 12/6	Mon 12/7	Tue 12/8
59/36	62/34	58/30	60/34	59/36
Mainly sunny. High 59F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	60	36	Sunny	Kingsville	64	41	Sunny
Amarillo	57	29	Sunny	Livingston	60	38	Sunny
Austin	63	40	Sunny	Longview	59	35	Sunny
Beaumont	59	38	Sunny	Lubbock	61	32	Sunny
Brownsville	68	50	Sunny	Lufkin	60	35	Sunny
Brownwood	59	33	Sunny	Midland	63	36	Sunny
Corpus Christi	64	46	Sunny	Raymondville	67	46	Sunny
Corsicana	60	39	Sunny	Rosenberg	62	41	Sunny
Dallas	60	36	Sunny	San Antonio	63	41	Sunny
Del Rio	66	38	Sunny	San Marcos	61	39	Sunny
El Paso	60	35	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	59	37	Sunny
Fort Stockton	65	36	Sunny	Sweetwater	60	36	Sunny
Gainesville	59	37	Sunny	Tyler	57	36	Sunny
Greenville	59	36	Sunny	Weatherford	59	37	Sunny
Houston	63	41	Sunny	Wichita Falls	63	36	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	51	35	P Cloudy	Miami	81	72	Cloudy
Boston	49	35	P Cloudy	Minneapolis	36	24	P Cloudy
Chicago	40	32	Cloudy	New York	52	40	M Cloudy
Dallas	60	36	Sunny	Phoenix	75	45	Clear
Denver	47	21	M Clear	San Francisco	60	49	Cloudy
Houston	50	28	Sunny	Seattle	54	44	Few Showers
Los Angeles	76	51	M Clear	Saint Louis	46	28	M Cloudy

Moon Phases

First Nov 19	Full Nov 25	Last Dec 3	New Dec 11

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ZACKRAY ALLEN OLYER-RHODES**, 23, of Mathews St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **KRISTA KAY MURHPREE**, 20, of 109 Colorado Ave. was arrested on a charge of assault, family violence, threat or offensive touch.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Colorado Ave.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of E. 12th St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore St. and the 1800 block of S. Gregg St.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.
- **KRYSTAL ANNETTE BUCHANAN**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **SEAN CAMERON FULLER**, 33, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping and fail to appear.
- **KRISTA KAY MURPHREE**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of assault, family violence, threat or offensive touch.
- **TRACY LEE PATTERSON**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for display expired registration, no liability insurance and violate promise to appear.
- **ZACKRAY ALLEN RHODES**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

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Take note

- Cub Scout Pack 305 is hosting a food, cloth and adoption drive on Saturday for the benefit the Happy Days Humane Society at Tractor Supply in Big Spring, 1104 W Interstate 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Yellow Rose Animal Rescue will also be out with adoptable animals during the event.

- A pig showmanship camp sponsored by the Howard County Livestock Association will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 12 at Howard College. The cost is \$10 and is open to the first 50 exhibitors. Lunch is included in the cost. Topics covered is basics of showmanship, feed and nutrition and daily management. To registrar, e-mail HCJLA01@gmail.com.

- The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will be accepting toy donations through Dec. 9. Please bring new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls (ages 2-18) to 215 W. 3rd St. Call 432-263-7641 for more information.

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- The Feast of Sharing is looking for volunteers to help with the community wide meal that will take place Dec. 6 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Looking for Mr. and Mrs. Claus, servers, greeters, entertainers, etc. Contact Debra Moreno at 432-816-6018.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Direc-

tors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

- Howard County Community Health Center, 1300 South Gregg St., has certified application counselors who will help you apply and enroll in the Healthcare Marketplace during open enrollment. Please call 432-517-4557 to make an appointment to enroll in health coverage or renew/change last year's coverage. The certified application counselor will help you decide what coverage options best fit your needs, as well as what financial assistance you may qualify for.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual as-

sault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- The largest fundraiser for the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Silver Wings Ball will be held at the Hotel Settles, Jan. 23, 2016. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from any board member. To find out more information or to become a sponsor for the event, contact Hangar 25 Air Museum at 432-264-1999.

- An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary

Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspira-

tional message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

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John Roen, 74, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cindy Castaneda, 51, died Monday. She will lie in state today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Her service will begin at 6:00 PM Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dolores Viera, 59, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Marvin Barnes, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

PARADE

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The route heads left on Rex Avenue and then turns left again on Main

St. where it will end at the Forsan Baptist Church.

"We will have refreshments under the pavilion including cookies and hot cider," Sayles said, "People can also

take pictures with Santa and the Grinch."

The town of Forsan is located near Howard County's southern border off of Highway 87.

Staff Writer Lyndel

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drop off dramatically but the need for blood goes up even more dramatically during the holidays."

The drive will be held at the city council chambers, 310 Nolan St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register early, call Stacy

King at 264-2347. Those who make an appointment will be seen first, Grace said.

"A sandwich tray from HEB will be provided for donors along with snacks and water and juice — so don't worry if you don't have enough time for lunch and to donate," Grace said. "Sandwiches will be served."

Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh

at least 110 pounds and be in good health to donate. Donors between 16 and 22 must meet additional height and weight requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must present a Minor Donor Permit Form signed by a parent or guardian. The Minor Donor Permit can be found online at www.unitedbloodservices.org.

— Lyndel Moody

FEAST

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working hard to publicize the Feast of Sharing, organize the different aspects of the day, and get the word out that everyone is welcome and invited to share in the massive community dinner.

There will be face-painting, activities for children, food, singing, dancing, entertainers, and holiday cheer expected throughout the

Dora Roberts Coliseum on Sunday as thousands of people shuffle in, enjoy the entertainment and food, leave and the tables are cleaned and prepared for the next seating.

"This is not a buffet style dinner. We will have people serving the food and drinks at the tables. Once folks are done eating and leave the table, we will clean it and get it ready for the next wave of people to prepare to eat," said Kenda Jones, Feast of Sharing publicity coordinator.

"We are trying to get enough volunteers so that they can work in shifts and no one is stuck working the entire four hours. We want everyone to enjoy the dinner."

The Feast of Sharing takes place this Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the coliseum, located on the campus of Howard College.

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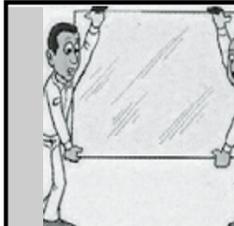
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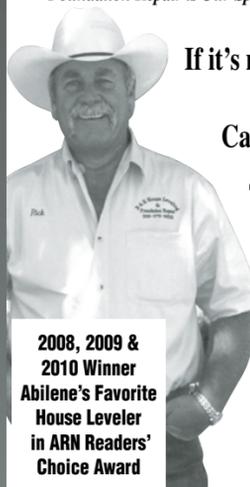
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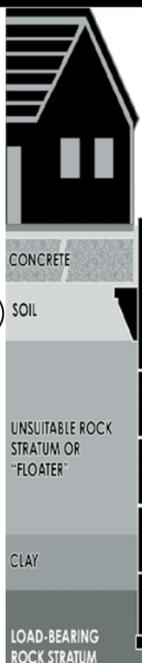
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You used to listen to your adviser and act on all you learned. This same person will come to you for advice. Try not to act so surprised. Good teachers are students. Good students are teachers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you're adept at sensing the needs and feelings of others, somehow it's difficult for you to connect with your own and requirements, let alone get them met. Pisces can help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't miss the magic that's happening now by focusing too far into the future. Of course every day is unique and special in its own way, but today features one of the more memorable moments you've had in a while.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are distances between even the closest of friends that will never be bridged, but you still keep trying because you never know when you'll be able to close another gap.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Pets have much to teach their owners about patience, loyalty and playfulness. Whether or not you have pets, you'll be inspired by the animal kingdom -- and you'll feel in better touch with your inner animal as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your cosmic gift of the day is enhanced powers of visualization. See yourself completing the tasks you know will contribute to your success. While you're at it, you may as well see yourself having an easy time

Tomorrow's Horoscope

of it!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your soul lights up when exposed to beauty. Art, nature, the best of humanity -- if it resonates with the stuff of life, you feel more alive just observing it. If you can actively participate in it, all the better!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone fits in somewhere. You suspect it's harder for you now because of your uncommon talents and unusual interests -- you might be right. Luckily you have the Internet to help you look for your tribe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As long as you don't allow yourself to be distracted by people who are typically negatively focused, you'll naturally gravitate to fine roads and fair weather.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's an art to understanding and sensing the right quantity for things. You possess keen judgment and will know how much to use and when to stop. This will help in everything from cook-

ing to work to love.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In every endeavor there is a point of diminishing returns. You may have already passed it but you keep going. Either you enjoy the process too much to stop, or you're still not convinced the yield has been tapped.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It will be easier than you think to tame the chaos. There are but one or two elements that are out of balance and once you eliminate or offset them the rest will be cake.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 3). Broadcast your desire. Talk about what you want. When you take things public you'll come to a better understanding. You'll see how some of what you thought would make you happy won't work, and you'll also home in on what is going to work while attracting the right people to make it work. This is your year to speak up. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 40, 8, 15 and 29.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I somehow managed to get into the job I wanted before I was even close to being ready for it. I'm in way over my head and it's making me miserable. What do you have to say to an overly ambitious Capricorn?"

Capricorns are attracted to challenge, the more impossible the better. That doesn't mean they are happy about it. Many driven, successful people feel like giving up every single day. The difference is that they don't, as a rule, act on the feeling. Instead they see it as a normal response to the work at hand, and they move through it and past it.

Being able to quickly shake off your doubts and fears just takes practice. Realize that these thoughts running through your head -- for instance, "I can't take this anymore. It's a worthless endeavor. Why did I think I could do this?" -- are just thoughts. Thinking them doesn't make them true. Anyway, they probably didn't

even come from you, as so much is floating in the ether. Mentally cast your net for a different, more buoyant thought. Once you stop identifying with everything that goes through your mind, you'll realize you have numerous options about what to think, and you'll choose more supportive ideas.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Sagittarius Amanda Seyfried joins the all-star cast of "Love the Coopers," a film sledding into position as the must-see holiday comedy of the year. As Seyfried experiences the glory of her solar return during the Christmas season (and has five fiery luminaries in Sagittarius), this is usually a time of tremendous good fortune for her. Seyfried's natal moon is in Leo, the sign of entertainment.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My granddaughter, "Tara," is 27 and a single mother of a 4-year-old daughter. I have been the child's caregiver since birth, and we are very close.

When Tara lost her job, we allowed her to move in, with the understanding that she would get another job and pay us rent that we would put aside for a down payment on her own place. But it's been seven months and she hasn't showed much interest in finding a job. Tara doesn't contribute anything for the household, nor does she offer to help much around the house. She gets \$50 a month in support money from her deadbeat ex, which she uses for cigarettes and gas.

We have set several deadlines for Tara to leave, but we know that she would end up living in her car or on someone's sofa. I am worried about the child. I have threatened to ask for custody, but my husband and I are almost 70 and on a fixed income. I don't really want to raise another child.

I feel trapped in my own home, and it's causing conflict in my marriage. I don't trust Tara's judgment.

I'm afraid if we ask her to leave, she will take the child and we will never see either of them again. They may not even survive. We have tried counseling, but it didn't help. What can we do? -- Anguished Grandmother

Dear Grandmother: You keep setting boundaries that you are unwilling to enforce and Tara knows it. However, your fears are not completely unfounded, so we understand why you feel trapped. Where are Tara's parents? Could they contribute to her care? Are there other family members who would take her in on a temporary basis in order to give you a "vacation"?

You are doing a wonderful thing to raise this 4-year-old in a stable environment. While there are limits on motivating Tara, most states provide help for raising a young child. Your state or county may have specific resources in your area, and you can check with your local Department on Aging.

Dear Annie: I read "Drained and Frustrated," and wanted you to know that Medicare pays for most of a 100-day nursing home visit if you have had a qualifying three-day hospi-

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People many times consider themselves a "failure" because they couldn't take care of a loved one. But nursing facilities have many things to offer their residents, along with support for the family. To "Drained and Frustrated": Don't expect your mother to be happy with your decision. But you can have a life beyond caregiving, and your mother will be

well cared for. Who knows, she may even make a friend or two. -- Nurse Manager at a Long-Term Skilled Nursing Facility

Dear Manager: Hundreds of readers wrote to correct us on confusing Medicare and Medicaid. We should have known better. We appreciate your clarifying that, along with providing encouragement to "Drained." Our thanks to all who wrote.

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♠ 10 7 5 4 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ A K J 10 6
♦ A Q
♣ Q 10 6 4 3

The bidding:
1♥ West 2NT East
3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass

Opening lead — ace of clubs.
The opening lead is often the most critical play of a hand. Over a period of time, most players give away more tricks on the opening lead than on the next 12 tricks combined.
The reason for this is not hard to find; it is obviously easier to defend effectively when you can see 26 cards than when you can see only the 13 cards in your own hand before dummy comes down.
The best guide to the opening lead

usually comes from the bidding. In the course of reaching their optimum contract, declarer and his partner frequently exchange revealing information about their hands, which the defenders are then at liberty to turn to their advantage.
Examine this case where West, in considering his opening lead, should deduce from the bidding that North-South are likely to hold at least eight clubs (probably divided 3-5 or 4-4). This reasonable assumption leads to the conclusion that East has at most one club and can ruff the second round of the suit.
Accordingly, West leads the ace of clubs and continues with his highest club — the nine — as a signal for East to return the higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits after he ruffs.
Without the suit-preference return of the nine, East would have a difficult guess as to whether to return a spade or a diamond at trick three. But thanks to the nine play, East has no problem returning a spade after ruffing the club.
West takes the ace and leads a third club, and South loses the first four tricks before he can even gain the lead. With anything but the ace-of-clubs lead, declarer would have no difficulty making the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Garrett Wigington
Big Spring High School

Garrett is a senior and is in the top percent of his graduating class. He takes a rigorous course load which includes dual credit and AP courses. Garrett is a member of the National Honor Society and student council. For the past four years, Garrett has been involved with the school's athletic program. In his third year as a varsity football team member, Garrett served as the team's captain and quarterback.

Garrett was also the homecoming king nominee this year and voted a class favorite by his classmates.

Garrett plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock and major in pre-medicine. He is the son of Chris and Kelly Wigington.

Congratulations, Garrett!

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