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Empty Bowls UW fundraiser set for Thursday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Empty Bowls — Five Golden Bowls — is right around the corner, but there is still time to purchase a ticket.

Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Christian Church — located at 911 Goliad — 150 people will have the opportunity to not only support the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, but also to enjoy home-made soups and take home a one-of-a-kind bowl.

“This is a great way for the community to show their support for the United Way and at the same time it draws attention to a problem that exists all over the world,” executive director Sandy Stewart said.

The fifth annual event is the result of an idea presented by the Rev. Kenneth McIntosh in 2006 and the support of H-E-B. The main goal behind Empty Bowls is to help raise money to eliminate hunger through the use of local artistic talents.

“The United Way helps several



Stewart

agencies who offer assistance to those who are in need of food and because of that the event fits right into what the United Way is striving to do,” Stewart said.

Those attending the event can choose from seven different soups as well as 150 bowls. Each person attending will be able to take their chosen bowl home as a reminder that empty bowls always exist in the world.

For those still wanting to purchase a ticket, tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third St.

Empty Bowls will serve as the final event for the 2012 campaign, which will wrap up Friday. The goal for this year was set at \$275,000. At this point, the campaign has received a little more than 60 percent of its goal. Promised monies are still coming in at this point and final numbers won’t be available until after the end of the campaign.

For more information, call 267-5201.

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Sandy Stewart admires the Girl Scouts tree in the Christmas Tree Forest at the Heritage Museum during an open house Sunday. Admission to the forest is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. The museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



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Operation Christmas Child kicks off

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

How much Christmas joy can you cram into a shoe-box?

According to local officials with Operation Christmas Child — a project offered annually by the Samaritan’s Purse charity to provide shoe-

boxes full of gifts to children all over the world — the joy of opening the holiday box isn’t limited by size or shape, just the imagination of the donor.

Brenda Franklin, Operation Christmas Child relay center coordinator, said boxes are currently available for donors to pick up at the Big

Spring drop off point of Alan’s Furniture.

“The nationwide push for Operation Christmas Child started Monday and runs through Monday of next week,” Franklin said. “We have boxes available, so all our donors have to do is get their items together and

ready to go, we’ll accept the boxes anytime between now and 4 p.m. Monday.”

Franklin said participating in the annual program is simple, and regardless what country the box of holiday goodies ends up in, it’s sure

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Fair board honors Driver with Relay donation

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

And his impact continues ...

Skipper Driver, a major supporter of the Howard County Fair and Relay for Life passed away earlier this year after a long fight with cancer, but by no means has he stopped making a contribution on the community he loved so much.

In honor of Driver, the Howard County Fair Board decided to donate \$1 from every ticket sold at the 2011 fair to the local Relay For Life campaign. Tuesday afternoon,

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Obituaries

Ralph Edward McLaughlin



Ralph Edward McLaughlin, 84, passed away Monday evening, Nov. 14, 2011, at the Palliative Care Unit at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, following a brief illness. He was surrounded by friends and family.

Ralph, the son of Marvin and Salome Bledsoe McLaughlin, was born April 6, 1927, in Ralls, Texas. He graduated from Kemper Military High School in 1944 and served briefly in the Army before entering Texas Tech, where he graduated with a degree in finance in 1949.

Ralph lived a large and colorful life. He served as president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring ISD school trustee, a member of the Big Spring City Council and Mayor pro-tem. He also served as a long time director of Vista Bank. Ralph was president of the Big Spring Rotary Club in 1960, Rotary District Governor in 1975-76 and International Director from 1991 to 1993, as well as serving on several committees and as the Rotary President's representative – which allowed he and his wife, Billye, to travel and see other countries through the eyes of dignitaries and other prominent people all over the world.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Billye; three daughters, Sheryl Cox and her husband, Dr. Bruce Cox,

of Big Spring, Kae McLaughlin of Austin, and Marianne Weidemann and her husband, Don, also of Austin; and one son, Scott McLaughlin and his wife, Mary Kay of Lubbock. He had six beloved grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Steve Cox and his wife, Tasha of Aurora, Colo.; Josh Edward Cox of Austin; Jennifer McLaughlin Wegner and her husband, Heath, and their daughter, Sophia Elizabeth of Big Spring; Anna McLaughlin of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Jamie and Margot Weidemann of Austin. He is also survived by his sister, Ann Orr of Chicago, Ill. and sister-in-law, Ramona McLaughlin of Lubbock.

He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ralph was preceded in death by his brother, Gene McLaughlin, and a half-brother, Arnett Ware.

There will be a funeral service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1510 Avenue X, in Lubbock, Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., with visitation following in the parish hall. There will also be a committal service the following morning, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the columbarium of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

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

Paid obituary

Petra 'Pat' Arguello



Petra "Pat" Arguello of Coahoma died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Tom Koger, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, officiating.

Petra was born Dec. 10, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas to Pascuala (Gonzales) Ruiz and Bernabe Ruiz. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She worked for 18 years in the cafeteria of Coahoma schools. She was also a homemaker. During her illness, she still showed a strong love for all her family, especially the memory of her mom. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by her husband, Santos Arguello of Coahoma; three sons: Gene Arguello and wife Cherrie of Big Spring, and Mark Arguello and Isaac Arguello of Coahoma; and two grandchildren, Haley Arguello of Coahoma and Gabby Arguello of Fort Worth.

She was preceded in death by her father, her mother, one son, Sonny Arguello, and her grandson, Jacob Arguello.

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

Paid obituary

Jacob Anthony Arguello



Jacob Anthony Arguello, 9, of Coahoma, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Tom Koger, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, officiating.

Jacob was born Nov. 18, 2001, in Fort Worth, Texas to Amanda Lowe Arguello and Mark Arguello. He lived most of his life in Coahoma. He was in the fourth grade at Coahoma Elementary. His favorite hobbies included baseball, football, basketball and

fishing. He will be remembered as having a good personality as he made friends very easily. He lived his life to the fullest.

Jacob is survived by his father, Mark Arguello of Coahoma; his mother, Amanda Arguello of Fort Worth; four sisters, Haley Arguello of Coahoma, and Gabby Arguello, Hanna Mendez and Addison Mendez, all of Fort Worth; his grandparents, Santos Arguello of Coahoma, Pamela and David Elmore of Fort Worth, and Darrell and Cheryl Lowe of Newark, Texas; and his uncles, Gene Arguello and wife Cherrie of Big Spring, and Isaac Arguello of Coahoma.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Petra Arguello, and his uncle Darrell Lowe, Jr.

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Paid obituary

Randy Gambrell



Randy Gambrell, 61, of Coahoma, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011. Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born June 6, 1950, in Matador, Texas to Isabell and Buddy Gambrell. He has been a resident of Big Spring since 1983. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He married Melanie Carr on Nov. 28, 1985, in Carson, Iowa. He was a contract pumper and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Gambrell of Coahoma; his mother, Isabel Gambrell of Forsan, one brother, Richard Gambrell and wife Tissie of Amarillo; two nieces and one nephew.

The family suggests memorials to All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue, 5600 E. Co. Rd 51, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continu-

ing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

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Texas news in brief

Killer of 7-year-old San Antonio girl set to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted sex offender is set to die in Huntsville for slipping into a San Antonio apartment in the middle of the night, snatching a 7-year-old girl and raping and strangling her.

Forty-six-year-old Guadalupe Esparza was condemned for the June 1999 murder of Alyssa Maria Vasquez. Her battered body was found in some weeds behind a convenience store near her home.

A babysitter who discovered the child missing identified Esparza as having visited the residence earlier that night and promising to return. The child’s mother told authorities she met Esparza at a bar and he’d been calling her even though she’d given him the brush-off.

The scheduled Wednesday evening lethal injection would be the 13th this year in Texas. At least five other convicted killers have execution dates for early next year.

East Texas bank teller guilty of embezzlement

TYLER (AP) — An East Texas bank teller faces up to 30 years in prison for stealing more than \$100,000 from customers.

Prosecutors in Tyler on Tuesday announced 39-year-old Lori Smith Pickens of Grand Saline has pleaded guilty to embezzlement by a bank employee.

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members of the fair board, along with Driver’s wife Wanda, presented the \$4,175 check to members of the Relay For Life committee.

“We are very grateful for this donation,” event chair Manny Negron said. “We will continue to keep Skipper and his family in our thoughts and prayers.”

The donation will be used

to purchase education material for the 2012 Relay For Life event, as well as help with the services provided by the American Cancer Society, Negron said.

“This donation was made in honor of Skipper,” Howard County Fair Board president Janeice Barnes said. “He is missed greatly by all.”

The 2012 Relay For Life is scheduled for April 20-21 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The walk will take place at Memorial Sta-

No sentencing date has been set for Pickens, who from May 2008 to July 2010 worked at the Grand Saline branch of Austin Bank.

Investigators say Pickens made unauthorized cash withdrawals from numerous accounts. The exact amount of money embezzled was not immediately released by federal authorities.

Grand Saline is 70 miles east of Dallas.

Occupy Dallas, city officials to meet

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings says city and Occupy Dallas officials will meet after a federal judge cleared the way for the city to close the demonstrators’ campsite near City Hall.

Protesters failed to get a temporary restraining order Tuesday to prevent the closure. The mayor though said no action would be taken Tuesday at Occupy Dallas.

Rawlings says city attorneys will discuss the “next steps” with the group’s legal representation Wednesday.

He says public safety and health conditions are a “paramount concern.”

The city last week alleged protesters violated an agreement allowing the campsite. The city noted reports of an alleged sexual assault of a child at the site, the removal of a baby over possible endangerment and trespassing arrests.

Shown in photo on Page 1 are, from left, Nancy Howard, Whitney Wine, Leslie Kitto, Debbye Valverde (Hero of Hope), Manny Negron (event chair for Relay For Life), Wanda Driver (Skipper Driver’s wife), Janeice Barnes (president of Howard County Fair Board), Bob Nichols and Derek Wash.

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to bring a smile to the face of the child receiving it.

“All they need to do is get a shoe box and fill it with different items,” said Franklin. “Things like toys and hygiene items are always a good idea. Please don’t include anything that’s a liquid, like lotion or shampoo, or anything that comes in an aerosol can. No breakables, such as snow globes and things like that. When picking out toys, please don’t include anything that might be considered war related, such as toy guns or knives. Perishables, like chocolate and other food items, should

also be left out.

“Once they have their box filled they can drop it off here at Allan’s Furniture, located at 202 Scurry in downtown Big Spring. We’ll then pack up all the boxes into a crate and send them to the processing station in Odessa.

“These boxes will be the only thing many of these children will have to open Christmas morning,” she added. “Many donors will put scriptures and words of encouragement in the gift, as well, so I feel like we’re helping to deliver a really good message.”

Donors can drop off their boxes at Allan’s Furniture from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sat-

urdays and Sundays, according to Franklin.

“We have to cut off the donations at 4 p.m. Monday so we have time to load them up and get them delivered to the processing station,” Franklin said. “The rest of the time it’s the normal store hours.”

A \$7 donation is requested — but not required — to help with the shipping costs, and can be left inside the box, according to the Operation Christmas Child Website.

Franklin said donors should mark their box for either a boy or girl in age groups of two to four years; five to nine and 10 to 14 years of age. The boxes can be decorated with Christmas paper but the lid

must be able to be separated from the box.

“There is so much power in a simple gift,” said Franklin. “Children around the world get a chance to hear of God’s love through a simple shoe box filled with many different items. It warms my heart to see all the boxes collected and to know we can make a difference in a child’s life.”

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief organization Samaritan’s Purse headed by Frank-

lin Graham, has delivered more than 61 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries.

For more information on the local effort, call 267-6278.

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Pam Yanez, 56, died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Petra “Pat” Arguello, 60, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Jacob Anthony Arguello, 9, died Sunday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Jeanine Huskey, 75, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Larry Mattingley, 59, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Randy Gambrell, 61, died Monday. No services are planned

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OUR VIEWS

A Christmas tree display

Who says you have to wait for the day after Thanksgiving to set up your Christmas tree?

The Heritage Museum and the numerous individuals and organizations who contributed to this year’s Christmas Tree Forest definitely didn’t want to wait.

Whether you are looking for an idea or just wanting to take a stroll through a lighted, decorated forest the museum is the place to do just that.

The forest features more than 50 trees this year which have been decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations throughout area communities.

The Christmas Tree Forest — which is displayed throughout the museum — can be viewed during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission for the forest is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The display will be up through Dec. 21.

This year, two new additions accompany the Christmas Tree Forest — Caboose Water Color show depicting old storefront windows of Big Spring and an extension of the gift shop.

The gift shop has been incorporated into the forest and will be offering Christmas ornaments, purses, new jewelry and other hard-to-find kid gift ideas.

The art showcased in the Cabbose Water color show are available for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the museum.

Overall, with the Christmas Tree Forest, art show and extended gift shop, the Heritage Museum has transformed into the ultimate Christmas stop in Big Spring this year.

There is no need to travel any further.

Take the time to stop in and see all that the museum has to offer.

The museum is located at 510 Scurry. For more information, call 267-8255.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Without You, Lord, we aren’t at our best.
Thank You for loving us.

Amen

I column as I see ‘em and I say we give being nice a try

If you were a music aficionado back in 1977 you may remember a rather catchy and seemingly offensive song written and performed by an artist named Randy Newman that reached number two on the Billboard chart. The song was entitled “Short People” and made many people angry because they felt it was a song that promoted prejudice against people of small stature when the lyrics repeatedly declared “short people got no reason to live.”



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Newman later acknowledged it was in fact about prejudice but was meant to expose the absurdity of anyone who would believe such a thing, and even declared he disliked the song and called it a “novelty song like the Chipmunks.” Coincidentally you may have seen him perform the song on Austin City Limits this past Sunday night.

Now, lest I be misunderstood, let me go on record vehemently declaring my opposition to prejudice in any form or fashion. That being said and my personal integrity sufficiently preserved, I must admit that I do, however, harbor a strong distaste for people of any height that are rude. Now, obviously, everybody has a right to live and I am certainly not advocating, or even implying, rude people need to die. I am, however, an ardent crusader for change in this matter of human rudeness.

There just seems to be an abundance of it making the rounds these days and I frankly don’t like it. I see it far too often. The

line isn’t moving fast enough so make sure you display your aggravation as if the clerk was personally responsible for the computer glitch or the person taking a lifetime to pay. The light changes and within seconds the car behind you produces the universal sign of impatience, the blasting of the horn. Unbelievably the teenager working for minimum wage failed to put cheese on your burger, so make sure everyone in the place knows how incompetent they are and how you have been mistreated. Or here’s the killer ... make the sweet lady who answers the phone for your bank feel terrible by calling her names and making demands that she take off those unfair charges to your account even though she had nothing at all to do with the fact that you are fiscally irresponsible and don’t keep track of your checks and debit card usages and end up spending money you don’t have. And the list of scenarios providing us opportunities to be a jerk goes on and on.

Come on folks let’s give our fellow human beings a little breathing room. I remember many years ago hearing someone respond to a critic with the admonition that “maybe someday you’ll make a mistake and know how it feels.” There’s a compelling story in the Bible about a woman who actually deserved judgment and Jesus admonished those who were self-righteously preparing to stone her to “let him who is without sin hurl the first stone” (my paraphrasing).

Here’s what I say about it. Even though there are some scurrilous and insolent people we all have to deal with at times, maybe we should consider the

clerk, driver, cook or anyone else who isn’t performing up to our standards or expectations may have just found out their mom has an incurable disease. Or they may have been up all night with a sick child but still had the integrity to fulfill their responsibility by going to work. The fact is there could be a thousand other legitimate problems on their mind making their attitude or actions a little more understandable.

Since we can’t control anyone’s actions but our own, I just think it has the potential to make everyone’s life better if we consider those possibilities when something doesn’t go our way and refrain from being arrogant and unleashing a verbal attack on someone who doesn’t deserve it.

How would you like it if someone treated your wife or daughter that way? What if someone called your son that name?

There is a crying need for our society to embrace the “golden rule” and treat people the way they want to be treated. If you will allow me another biblical reference, in Matthew 7 you can read the account of Jesus telling the hypocrites how easy it was for them to see the speck in their brother’s eye while ignoring the plank in their own eye.

Let’s make everyone’s day brighter by showing compassion and understanding in place of rudeness and make our world a sweeter place. You may not agree with anything I’ve said, but I column as I see ‘em.

Eddy Prince is the senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church. He can be reached by email at pastorprince@msn.com.

Bay Area comes down with a serious case of protest fatigue

The Bay Area has come down with a serious case of Protest Fatigue. The 99 percent of Northern Californians who want to go about their business are being jammed with protests and forced to pay for shutdowns imposed by the 1 percent of activists who don’t know the difference between free speech and free camping. There are so many protests here that the group No Justice No BART had to call off a planned demonstration on Nov. 2 in order to accommodate activists planning to take public transit to the Occupy Oakland general strike.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

When President Obama came to San Francisco last month, activists had two venues for protest: anti-Obama action at Third and Howard streets or Occupy SF at Justin Herman Plaza. On Wednesday, students and activists tried to set up the Occupy Cal camp at Sproul Plaza, but campus police seized their tents. Protesters have framed themselves as the victims of authoritarian law-enforcement actions. Everyone knows that if they really wanted to protest a police state, Syria would be a more deserving target. But protest in the bosom of the free speech movement is a lot safer and easier.

Oakland Mayor Jean Quan finally found the backbone to allow police to evict the Occupy Oakland encampment last month. Unfortunately, the howls of outrage that followed were so intense that Quan invited the tent-sitters to return to Frank Ogawa Plaza.

A funny thing happened after

her capitulation. The howls of outrage got louder. Area businesses let City Hall know that the demonstrations were starving their cash registers, voters complained that law-breaking Occupiers were fouling their public square, and taxpayers voiced alarm at the rising cost of police overtime and cleanup efforts.

By Nov. 3, as the Oakland City Council was set to vote on a resolution in support of Occupy Oakland’s “rights to free speech and peaceful assembly 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” author Nancy Nadel was forced to admit she didn’t have the votes.

Protest Fatigue has come to San Francisco, too. Yes, supervisors passed a resolution supporting Occupy SF, but they watered it down with language that allows police to use force in the interests of public safety.

Protest Fatigue also has come to Berkeley.

This is not a university that wants to squelch protest, especially left-leaning movement activists who want to elbow Washington and Sacramento to fork more money onto higher education’s plate.

In 2006, when activists decided to occupy oak trees the university wanted to cut down, they were able to trespass in the trees for 20 months. An Alameda Superior Court judge issued an injunction that barred UC from putting chain saw to timber. But rules that constrained UC administrators did not interfere with tree-sitters, who foolishly equated Berkeley with Guantanamo Bay and lobbed feces at authorities, who nonetheless served them water and energy bars.

The cause was frivolous, the trees are now sawdust, but Berkeley’s reputation for appealing scofflaw protests has lived on. Until perhaps last week,

when campus police removed all the tents and arrested protesters.

Finally, university toffs had sent a message to self-aggrandizing lefties: No more Mr. Nice Guy. _Chancellor Robert Birgeneau had warned activists on their "Day of Action." In a statement, he explained, "We simply cannot afford to spend our precious resources and, in particular, student tuition, on costly and avoidable expenses associated with violence or vandalism."

The word is out after Oakland. Let the tents stay and the cost to taxpayers mount while public safety becomes increasingly difficult to maintain.

"We don't want to arrest our students," said UC Berkeley spokesperson Claire Holmes on Thursday. _No lie. _Unfortunately, some Berkeley students and professors are happy to squander university resources for an amorphous protest that won't help the university or their cause. If anything, Occupy Cal, like Occupy Oakland, is likely to alienate good liberals, who believe that rules should apply to everyone.

Berkeley administrators lived through the tree-sitter fiasco. They know the hell of an entrenched protest. They know Protest Fatigue. And they see the wisdom in not letting chaos take hold. As Holmes acknowledged, "We looked to the situation in Oakland."

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Police/Sheriff/EMS

Obituaries

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

- ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 19, of 1407 S. Johnson St., was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for assault/family violence threat or offensive touch and warrant from other agency.
- CALEB LEE HALLFORD, 18, of 10 Kenley Lane, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1405 Wood St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
In the 1700 block of Yale Avenue.
In the 3703 Hamilton Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87.

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- ALANA DIANA ZAMORA, 34, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgement/DWI.
- ANGELA D. SIMPSON, 32, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, fail to appear (three counts), expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, no drivers license and fail to display drivers license.
- ISAAC J. TARIN, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a warrant for assault family violence, bail jumping and fail to appear.
- JUAN MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, 22, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on a sentence for possession of

marijuana.

- CALEB LEE HALLFORD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a warrant for indecency with a child sexual contact.
- SHELIA MARIE SCABBY, 32, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance more than or equal to one gram and less than four grams.
- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 47, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- PHILLIP EUGENE BEBEE, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct/ language.
- MICHAEL SCOTT WATTS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final restitution.

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of S. Birdwell. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.W. Third. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N.W. 10th. One person was transported to SMMC.

Jeanine Huskey



Jeanine Huskey, 75, of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 22, 1936, to Sarah and T.E. Osborne in McComb, Miss. She married Alvin Huskey III on Dec. 25, 1973, in Sand Springs. He preceded her in death on April 2, 2011.

She was a medical officer for 21 years at Webb Air Force Base. She was chief of medical supply and medical disinfection for 19 years at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by three sons, Skipper Huskey and wife Ronda of Canyon, Lyndel Fletcher of Craig, Colo. and Kerry Fletcher of Pueblo, Colo.; two daughters, Kathy Chamblee of Gilbert, Ariz., and Dionne Fletcher of Big Spring; one sister, Jane Overman and husband D.W. of McKinney; one brother Don Osborne and wife Sandie of Big Spring; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

Take Note

- A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two family members and their home in a fire Sunday in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at any of the bank's three locations (two in Big Spring; one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.
- An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for

4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

- The 18th Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain is set for Nov. 25 at the Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard in Gail. The courthouse and museum will open

at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for visiting with the children. Christmas music will be provided by local musicians and more. For more information, email lightsforgail@yahoo.com.

- Casa Blanca is the Dine-Out-Days United Way sponsor until Friday. A portion of the proceeds from this week will go towards benefiting the 2012 campaign and the 15 agencies the United Way supports.

- St. Mary's 10th Annual St. Andrew's Day Festival is set for Sunday at 7 p.m. The festival will be open to the community with no admission fee.

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The Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America is having a fundraiser to support the United Way of Howard County. The Scouts will be offering tickets and donations to the United Way.

Tickets will be available along with donations until November 16th. Giveaways will be announced Nov 20th.

The first giveaway is for a golf gift basket, which will include the following items:

- Round of golf for two at the Big Spring Country Club
- 2 - Titleist NXT boxes of golf balls
- 1 - Boy Scout Trails End bag of caramel corn popcorn
- 1 - Bag of 200 golf trees
- 1 - Bag of 15 Practice Golf Balls
- 1 - Bag of 24 Wilson Golf Balls
- 1 - iTech Golf Bag

Second giveaway:

\$100 gift card to Walmart

For more information go to the United Way office located in the Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, or by contacting **Brian Sweeney at 432-212-3577.**

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Why not check this out at the library?

Please be aware we will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 and will remain closed until 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28.

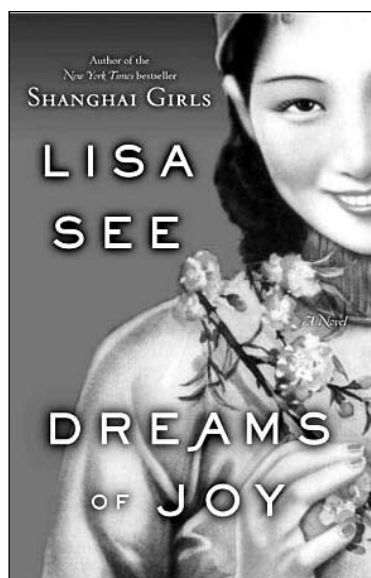
The last couple of columns, I have written that this is the last of the books on CD; then I come out with another column about them. I think they are procreating back in the processing room, as I have even more books on CD to tell you about.

From the author of "The Shanghai Girls," Lisa Lee, comes "Dreams of Joy" (AUCD F SEE L). Lee's book is a continuation of the story of sisters Pearl and May, and Pearl's strong-willed daughter, Joy. Reeling from newly uncovered family secrets and anger, Joy runs away to Shanghai

in 1957 to find her birth father. Devastated by Joy's flight, Pearl is determined to find her. From the crowded city to remote villages, Pearl confronts old demons and almost insurmountable challenges as she follows Joy, hoping for reconciliation. As their paths converge, a tragic episode in China's history threatens their very lives.

"One Day" (AUCD F NIC D), by David Nicholls, has been made into a movie starring Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess. Now is your chance to read the book before seeing the movie (or vice versa).

It is 1988 and Dexter Mayhew and Emma



Morley have just met. But after one day together, they cannot stop thinking about each other. The whole book is a snapshot of their

lives on that day they met. You will see fights, hopes, missed opportunities etc. It is an interesting way of writing a book.

Nowadays, climbing Mt. Everest, while not exactly a walk in the park, is relatively safe. You have your sub-zero parkas and sleeping bags, freeze dried food, guides, walkie-talkies, weather report and so on and so forth. Not so in earlier attempts.

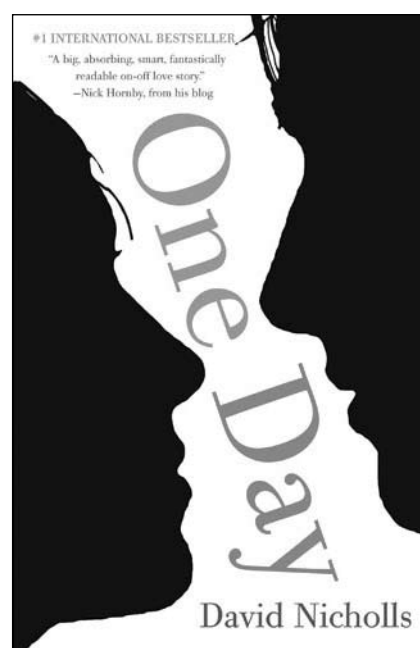
On June 6, 1924, two men set out from a camp perched at 23,000 feet on an ice ledge just below the lip of Mt. Everest's north face. Col. George Mallory, 37, was Britain's finest climber.

Sandy Irvine was an Oxford scholar with little experience. Neither returned. Author Wad Davis, with more

than 10 years of research in British, Canadian and European archives and months in the field in Nepal and Tibet, vividly recreates attempts to scale Everest.

Davis recounts the efforts of Mallory and fellow climbers to conquer the mountain in the face of treacherous terrain and ferocious weather. Listen to "Into the Silence," (AUCD F DAV W), a classic account of exploration and endurance of the like we shall not see again.

Boyd Morrison's audio version of "The Vault" (AUCD F MOR B) has been processed and ready to check out. Tyler Locke's routine commute on a Washington State ferry is interrupted by a phone call: His father has been kidnapped, and a truck bomb is to go off on board in 10 minutes. When Tyler reaches the truck, he is stunned to meet classical languages expert Stacy Benedict there waiting for him, with the same message, only her sister has been taken. In order to disarm the



bomb, they have to uncover the legendary lost riches of King Midas. Now that I have your interest aroused, check it out and see how it all falls together. It kind of reminds me of the Dan Brown book "The Da Vinci Code," just from reading the description.

Here is a Clare Ferguson/Russ Van Alstyne Mystery for you. The title is "Once Was a Soldier" (AUCD M SPE J) and it is written by Julia Spencer Fleming. Clare Ferguson is three things: an Episcopal priest, a combat helicopter pilot and the close friend/lover of police chief Russ Van Alstyne of Millers Kill (town in upstate New York). On a warm summer evening at the community center there,

five veterans of the war in Iraq sit down to talk about it and make some sense of it. One of them will die. Is it suicide or is it a homicide? The trail of deceit will run from the tiny town of Millers Kill to the upper ranks of the army to the mean streets of Baghdad.

Stuart Woods' books are always a twisty-turny sort. Ed Eagle, Santa Fe's pre-eminent trial lawyer, wakes up on his 50th birthday and finds himself in extreme domestic trouble. Calling upon two private detectives, he begins a campaign to save his law practice, his wealth, his reputation and his self-respect from the machinations of the person closest to him. Check out "Short Straw" (AUCD F WOO S) by Stuart Woods.

We are open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; the internet/video room closes at 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.

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Lost JFK assassination tapes for sale

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A long-lost version of the Air Force One recordings made in the immediate aftermath of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, with more than 30 minutes of additional material not in the official version in the government's archives, has been found and is for sale.

There are incidents and code names de-

scribed on the newly discovered two-plus hour recording, which predates the shorter and newer recording currently housed in the National Archives outside Washington and the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Texas. The shorter recording was thought to be the only surviving version of the tape.

The asking price is \$500,000 for the reel-

to-reel tape, which is inside its original box with a typewritten label showing it was made by the White House Communications Agency for Army Gen. Chester "Ted" Clifton Jr.

It is titled "Radio Traffic involving AF-1 in flight from Dallas, Texas to Andrews AFB on November 22, 1963."

The recording is the highlight of the personal effects from the estate

of Clifton, who was Kennedy's senior military aide and was in the Dallas motorcade when the president was assassinated.

Clifton, who died in 1991, had kept a collection of audio tapes, documents, photographs and video stemming from his years in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. The Raab Collection, which is selling the tape and the rest of the archive, acquired the items at a public sale from Clifton's heirs after the death of Clifton's wife in 2009.

The recording consists of in-flight radio calls between the aircraft, the White House Situation Room, Andrews Air Force Base and a plane that was carrying Kennedy press secretary Pierre Salinger and six Cabinet members from Hawaii to Tokyo when the president was assassinated.

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Lady Steers make it look real easy

Defeat Odessa High 71-24

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

With volleyball season finished for the year, the Lady Steers basketball team picked up a few players who have been busy up to this point. The result was a one-sided basketball game in Steer Gym Tuesday night as Big Spring defeated Odessa 71-24.

Ambra Hill led the team with 21 points and Cerbi Ritchey, in her first game with the basketball team this season, also grabbed a game-high 20 rebounds.

Big Spring jumped out to a stunning 18-8 lead at the end of the first quarter, but they were hardly done impressing the visitors.

The second quartersaw a huge scoring outburst by the Lady Steers as they put 29 points on the board in the frame. By the time the buzzer sounded and the girls headed into the locker room for a halftime break, the Lady Steers had a commanding 47-16 lead and the starters

were pretty much done for the night.

Big Spring held Odessa to just eight points in each of the first two periods, but then they got tough, allowing only eight total points in the entire second half. Odessa scored three points in the final frame against Big Spring's second and third echelons.

Ambra Hill - 21 points

In addition to the two Angelo State signees, four other players scored five or more points for Big Spring in the winning effort. LaShaunte Anderson put up seven points, while Logan Yarbar added five. Mackenzie Stone and Bridgette Tuitt each recorded six points for Big Spring. Tuitt also recorded seven assists. Yarbar, Dyrshae Vanderbilt and Diamond Mayes each grabbed five rebounds in the game.

The 3-0 Lady Steers will next compete Friday when they host Lamesa, with the JV team playing at 4:30 p.m. and the varsity at 6 p.m.

Cerbi Ritchey - 20 rebounds



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

COUNT IT — Big Spring senior Ambra Hill gets off a shot in Tuesday night's 71-24 thrashing of Odessa High School. Hill led the Lady Steers with 21 points.

NBA's locked-out players take their case to court

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA players kept offering economic concessions, and it was never enough to satisfy owners.

So with no labor deal and no place else to go, players decided to take their fight to the courtroom.

The locked-out players, including Carmelo Anthony and Kevin Durant, filed class-action antitrust lawsuits against the league on Tuesday in at least two states, saying David Stern's ultimatums left them no other choice.

Attorney David Boies put the blame squarely

on the owners, saying players were willing to accept a lower percentage of revenues but owners insisted on more.

"By overplaying their hand, by pushing the players beyond any line of reasonableness, I think they caused this. You don't give up hundreds of millions of dollars unless you want to make a deal and that's what the players were doing," Boies said. "I think it was mistake to push it as far as they did."

And it could potentially cost them billions.

The players are seeking "treble damages"

— meaning triple the amount of the more than \$2 billion they would have made under a full 2011-12 season — for what they argue is irreparable harm by preventing them from playing in their "very short" NBA careers.

Boies, who represented the NFL during that sport's work stoppage and now has been brought aboard by basketball's players, said the NBA lockout violates antitrust laws by refusing to allow players to work.

He added that Stern's ultimatum to the now-disbanded union to ac-

cept the owners' last economic model or face a harsher proposal "turned out to be a mistake" that strengthens the players' case because it proves that the collective bargaining process had ended.

"If you're in a poker game, and you run a bluff, and the bluff works, you're a hero. If someone calls your bluff, you lose. I think the owners overplayed their hand," Boies said at the players' association headquarters. "They did a terrific job of taking a very hard line and pushing the players to make conces-

sion after concession after concession, but greed is not only a terrible thing — it's a dangerous thing."

Stern believed this was the preferred strategy of Jeffrey Kessler, another attorney for the players, all along.

"We haven't seen Mr. Boies' complaint yet, but it's a shame that the players have chosen to litigate instead of negotiate," NBA spokesman Tim Frank said in a statement. "They warned us from the early days of these negotiations that they would sue us if we didn't satisfy them at the bargaining

table, and they appear to have followed through on their threats."

Boies acknowledged that the case could take months, but hoped there would be a settlement before too long.

"Nobody can tell you how long it's going to take. We all know it's possible to delay lawsuits for a while, but I think it is in everybody's interest to try to resolve this promptly," said Boies, speaking on behalf of the California filing. "The longer it goes on, the greater the damages that the teams

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Verlander wins AL Cy Young Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Verlander was ready to jump into the debate.

Shortly after winning the AL Cy Young Award on Tuesday in a unanimous vote, the Detroit Tigers' ace took on the far more intriguing question: Will he capture the MVP trophy, too?

"Do I think it's possible? Yes. Would I like to win it? Of course," he said during a conference call. "It's kind of a weird scenario."

No starting pitcher has won the MVP since Roger Clemens in 1986, with Dennis Eckersley the last reliever to get it in 1992. Many say pitchers shouldn't win the MVP, period, contending they already have their own award.

"Pitchers are on the ballot," Verlander said. Bolstering the case for all pitchers, Verlander pointed to the "tremendous effect we have on the day of our game."

His season — he won the pitching version of the Triple Crown, led Detroit to its first division crown in 24 years and drew every first-place vote in the Cy Young race — definitely has ratcheted up the discussion in a crowded MVP field that includes Curtis Granderson, Jacoby Ellsbury, Jose Bautista, Miguel Cabrera and more.

"I'm so different from everybody," he said.

If he doesn't win, Verlander said he'd like to see Granderson, his former teammate, get the award.

Clayton Kershaw of the Los Angeles Dodgers is the favorite to win the NL Cy Young when the results are released Thursday. He won the NL pitching Triple Crown, leading with a 2.28 ERA and 248 strikeouts and tying for wins at 21.

The AL and NL Managers of the Year will be announced Wednesday.

Verlander breezed to the Cy Young, much the way he humbled hitters with his 100 mph fastball, sharp curve and wicked slider.

Verlander led the majors in wins by going 24-5 and topped baseball with 250 strikeouts. His 2.40 ERA was the best among AL pitchers who qualified for the title.

The 28-year-old righty was listed on top on all 28 ballots by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America and finished with 196 points.

Jered Weaver (18-8, 2.41) of the Los Angeles Angels was the only other pitcher listed on every ballot and second with 97 points. James Shields of Tampa Bay was third with 66, followed by CC Sabathia of the New York Yankees with 63. Tigers reliever Jose Valverde, who was perfect in 49 save chances, was fifth with 28.

"Since the end of the season, people have

been saying that the Cy Young is wrapped up," said Verlander, who added he waited until the announcement to celebrate.

Verlander pitched his second career no-hitter, won 12 straight starts down the stretch and helped the Tigers take the AL Central.

In many games, he was simply unhittable. He pitched a no-hitter on May 7 at Toronto, missing a perfect game just by an eighth-inning walk on a full-count delivery.

In his next start, he held Kansas City hitless for 5 2-3 innings. Johnny Vander Meer is the only pitcher to throw back-to-back no-hitters.

Later in the season, the 6-foot-5 star took a pair of no-hit bids into the eighth inning — one of those came on July 31 against Weaver and the Angels, a 3-2 win at

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Lady Buffs take down Grady 42-25

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffs improved their season record to 1-1 Tuesday night, defeating Grady 42-25, earning them a pat on the back by Coach Hillger.

"Our perimeter defense has improved a lot over this last week," Coach Hillger said. "We held Grady to just one out of 11 from the 3-point line. Our kids are working very hard in practice and we are getting better every day."

Cheyenne Galloway led the Lady Buffs with 10 points in the game, while accumulating four rebounds, while Maria Ortiz was right behind her with eight points and three rebounds.

Ali Knight put up seven points for Forsan, but was a dominate force on the boards, grabbing 10 rebounds to lead the team. Mash McDaniell had five points, Raegan Haggard had four and Kayla Tilley had three.

Brittney Hergert and Elizabeth Rhodes each lit up the scoreboard with two points, while Hahniah Willard had one point, three rebounds and two assists.

The Lady Buffs will play Tahoka in Forsan Monday. The game starts at 6:30 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Wanting something (or someone) too much isn't good for you. There's a difference between channeling your passion well and being needy. Relax, and you'll play the game better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Can you drown out a feeling with a thought? You can and do on a regular basis. Today, though, it might be simpler and healthier to let the feeling happen. In a moment, it will be over, and you'll be lighter for the experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll exercise your will over your moods, the environment and whatever oppressive forces are around. You'll do this just to prove to yourself and the universe who really is in charge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be a mess to clean up. And though this is a normal and expected part of life, it doesn't make it any more pleasant. You'll get the job done by handling one small area at a time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love how life always gives you the next thing to do. Today you probably won't see the succession clearly. You'll have to handle the first and second tasks before the second and third tasks become clear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You do need more peace and quiet than other people right now. Just make sure that you're not running away from a problem or isolating yourself out of fear. Solitude will be healing when it's a destination and not an escape.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The old influences just don't excite you like

they used to. There's no time like the present to start a new collection of jokes that make you laugh, pictures that inspire you and sounds that make you want to move your body.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Giving attention to the things you don't want in your life is a sure way to make things hard for yourself. Instead, you will be a master of focus, putting your attention only on the things you want to develop.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Most people will not be able to keep up with your energy level now. They may look like they understand you, but this could be an act. Slow down, and give the other person a chance to follow you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are as inspired by friendship as you are by loneliness. Complexities of character such as this will never cease to fascinate the people around you. You'll attract new fans with your mysterious ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll field unexpected opportunities. It won't be necessary to make a decision now. Keep thinking of your options. Tonight, you'll apply your talents to turning an ordinary event into something

remarkable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are loved, but for some reason, you may not feel like you can safely let that love in. The ones who disappointed you in the past may have something to do with this. Challenge yourself to open up today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 16). Your social scene will sparkle with animated and attractive characters. You'll love the feeling of belonging that grows through 2012. December brings the chance to vault financial obstacles. You'll gain recognition for your talent in May. In June, physical and competitive efforts lead to increased vitality and success. Cancer and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 15, 3, 24 and 1.

HOLIDAY COPING STRATEGY: Why settle for getting to 2012 unscathed? Instead, resolve to have the best season ever! Here's how Aries, Taurus and Gemini can deal with holiday stress, from "Rock Your Stars, Your Astrological Guide to Getting It All":

ARIES: While I would advise many signs to be more assertive and honest with family, I find that Aries is usually

already more honest and assertive than necessary. I say, lie and defer. Try gentle. Try non-confrontational. Try a little flattery and sweetness before you duck out. I mean, really, is it that important that your opinion be asserted in situations that typically only come up once a year?

TAURUS: Find out the itinerary and then relax. When things get hectic and many different people and personalities are involved, adhering to a schedule, or at least to an order of events, helps you maintain your sanity.

GEMINI: You hardly need a coping strategy, since you revel in the hilarious fragments of conversation, the lively exchanges of advice, gifts, food and wit — the rest of the signs can learn from your lighthearted "live and let live" attitude.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The

decisions made by comedy king Lorne Michaels have had a profound impact on the world of entertainment and have shaped the careers of comedians such as Steve Martin, Adam Sandler, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell, Amy Poehler and too many more to mention. And though experience has taught Michaels well, his Scorpio instincts undoubtedly deserve equal credit for his remarkable success.

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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 4
♥ J 10
♦ J 10 9 6 5 3
♣ 10 2

WEST
♠ J 8 6 5 2
♥ Q 8 4
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ 7

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

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

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of spades.

The Rule of Eleven usually offers a greater advantage to the defenders than to the declarer, but it is nevertheless a two-edged sword that either side can utilize.

Assume West leads his fourth-best spade, the five, against three notrump. South deducts that number from 11, which tells him that North, East and South together have six cards higher than the five.

Since South sees two of those cards in dummy and three in his own hand, he knows that East has only one card higher than the five. Declarer follows low from dummy and wins East's ten with the ace. He then plays the K-Q of diamonds, which West, of course, ducks.

South has only one certain entry to dummy — the king of spades — and if he uses it to establish the diamonds, he will be unable to cash them later. So South leads the spade seven at trick four, and, after West follows low, he finesses the nine.

The finesse, fortified by the Rule of Eleven, succeeds. Declarer then leads the jack of diamonds and — with the spade king still in dummy as an entry — makes the contract.

Declarer should play this way even if he has never heard of the Rule of Eleven. But if he is familiar with the rule and knows when and how to apply it, he will find bridge much easier to play.

Note, however, that if West is alert, he can defeat the contract. He should anticipate declarer's planned spade finesse and thwart it by playing his jack when South leads the seven! This play restricts dummy to one entry and renders the contract unmakeable.

In cold analysis, the jack of spades is clearly West's proper play. He knows South has the spade queen because East failed to play it at trick one. Since the jack is subject to a finesse in any case, West should play it in an effort to limit dummy to only one entry.

Tomorrow: A recommended procedure.
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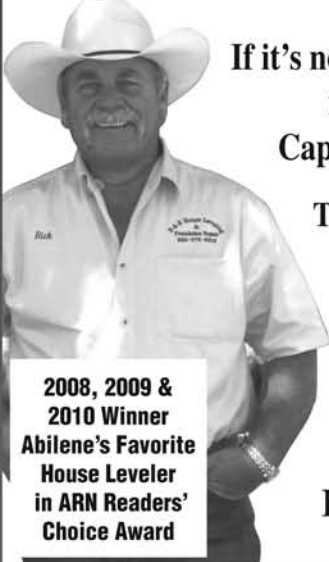


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11:30 PM	News Nightline	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	King	MythBusters	Movie: Jurassic Park III, Tea Leoni	Blue			Random	NFL Live	SportsCenter
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2011. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn, 79, died at his home in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms as minority leader of the Democrats.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral on an 84-day mission.

In 1981, the Senate confirmed Dr. C. Everett Koop to be surgeon general. On the ABC-TV soap opera "General Hospital," Laura Webber (played by Genie Francis) married Luke Spencer (played by Anthony Geary).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 83. Blues musician Hubert Sumlin is 80. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 76. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 72. Actress Joanna Pettet is 69. Actor Steve Railsback is 66. Actor David Leisure is 61. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 60. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 53. Rock musician Mani is 49. Country singer-musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 48. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 48. MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 47. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 47. Actor Harry Lennix is 47. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 45. Actress Lisa Bonet (Boh-Nay) is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 42. Actress Martha Plimpton is 41. Actress Missi Pyle is 39. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul (ahk-SAH'-nah by-OOL') is 34. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (JIHL'-ehn-hahl) is 34. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 32. NBA player Amare Stoudemire is 29. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 27. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey ("Heroes") is 16.

Thought for Today: "An American who can make money, invoke God, and be no better than his neighbor, has nothing to fear but truth itself." — Marya Mannes, American critic (1904-1990).

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ACROSS

1 Knocks flat

6 Rich soil

10 Soda-can features

14 Employee's last words

15 Soprano showcase

16 "We're in trouble"

17 Jacket material

18 Calf-length skirt

19 Averse to work

20 Ulterior motive

23 Golfer's goal

24 Trusted teacher

28 Skier's lift

32 Sleuth for hire

35 Video-game parlor

37 Tarzan's transport

38 Pres. advisory team

39 Layered cake

40 Swimmer's unit

41 Laundry drop

43 In the past

44 Tend (towards)

46 Rubbernecked

47 Fancy costume party

50 "You can have this"

51 As originally found

52 Musical sense

54 Voting method

61 Commando weapons

64 Snootiness

65 Elton John's instrument

66 Whittle down

67 How some get lunch

68 Map detail

69 IRS pros

70 Prince William's prep school

71 Cubicle fixtures

DOWN

1 Piece of dinnerware

2 Prefix for distant

3 Prompted

4 Legendary pirate captain

5 Expensive

6 Actress Hedy Abbr.

8 Assistant

9 Go-to guy

10 New Orleans school

11 "Eureka!"

12 Dickens pseudonym

13 Timid

21 Back of the neck

22 Pick up on

25 Professor's protection

26 Pearl producer

27 Flow back

28 Japanese straw mat

29 Sturdy work shoe

30 Opposite (from)

31 Turn informer

33 Trump ex

34 Limo passenger

36 Take out

40 Scientific research setting

42 "Yeah, right!"

45 Send to school

46 Thick chunk

48 Warm greetings

49 Spills the beans

53 Brisk

55 Civil disturbance

56 "It follows that..."

57 Bit of dialogue

58 Glasgow girl

59 Short race, for short

60 Small fry

61 Merchandise ID

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Court

Ian Thorpe claims to be better swimmer

will face, the greater the damages that the players will suffer, and perhaps most important of all, the longer basketball fans will be deprived of basketball. So we hope that this will move quickly.”

He insisted the players have shown their willingness to negotiate throughout.

“You can’t negotiate by yourself,” he said. “You can only negotiate if you’ve got somebody who’s willing to sit down and negotiate with you.”

The two suits — one filed in conjunction with the players’ association in the Northern District of California and another filed in Minnesota — likely were filed with favorable venues in mind.

The Minnesota district court has been favorable to the NFLPA during litigation dating to the 1980s.

The federal court in San Francisco is under the jurisdiction of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, considered the most liberal of the 13 circuit courts.

The NBA already has filed a pre-emptive lawsuit in New York seeking to prove the lockout is legal and likely would push for cases to be moved there to gain the

legal home court.

Though Stern has ridiculed the players’ “losing” strategy, Boies said he believes NBA players have a stronger case than NFL players did. Their decertification, he said, could have been argued as a sham because they walked out on the bargaining process before it was technically over and brought litigation.

He said Stern’s actions left NBA players without options beyond seeking legal relief.

“Here you had an ultimatum from the owners that made absolutely clear that the collective bargaining process was over,” he said, adding that Stern’s threat is quoted in the lawsuit. “That’s not collective bargaining, and so you have a very distinct set of facts here.”

The California filing says that in 2007, Stern met with union negotiators and demanded the players reduce their revenue share from 57 percent to no more than 50 percent and “insisted on a much more restrictive salary cap, which would restrict the market for player services.”

Stern threatened at that meeting, according to the lawsuit, that the league was “prepared to lock out the players for two years to get everything” that the NBA owners sought and that “the deal would only

get worse after the lockout.”

The league locked out its players on July 1. Tuesday marked the 138th day of the lockout and the players’ first missed paycheck.

The season was scheduled to start Nov. 1, but already games through Dec. 15 have been canceled — a total of 324 or 26 percent of the season.

The league’s latest proposal, which was rejected by the players on Monday, called for a reduced 72-game season to start Dec. 15.

Although the NFL was able to get its recent labor dispute resolved quickly enough to lose only one preseason game, the NHL lost the entire 2004-05 season, and the NBA’s last work stoppage led to a 50-game season in 1998-99.

Boies said players will not seek a preliminary injunction to lift the lockout. Because the lockout “arguably grew out of prior collective bargaining discussions,” Boies said he believes it would be very difficult to get a court to immediately halt the lockout and such a path would delay the case.

Anthony and Chauncey Billups of the Knicks, NBA scoring leader Durant, rookie Kawhi Leonard and Grizzlies forward Leon Powe were listed as plaintiffs in the complaint filed in conjunction with the

players’ association in the Northern District of California against the NBA and the owners of its 30 teams. That case has been assigned for now to U.S. Magistrate Judge Donna M. Ryu in Oakland, Calif.

Timberwolves forward Anthony Tolliver, Pistons guard Ben Gordon, free agent forward Caron Butler and Derrick Williams — the second overall draft pick by Minnesota in June who has yet to sign a rookie contract because of the lockout — were listed as plaintiffs in another lawsuit filed against the league and owners in Minneapolis, where NFL players had some level of success in a similar court proceeding this summer.

Boies said there might be other, similar cases to those filed on behalf of NBA players in California and Minnesota. The ideal scenario, he said, would be to bring them all together in the Northern District of California.

The plaintiffs represent various types of players affected by the lockout — those under contract, free agents and rookies.

They argue in the Minnesota filing that the lockout “constitutes an illegal group boycott, price-fixing agreement, and/or restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman Act”.

SEOUL (AP) — Ian Thorpe thinks he’s a technically better swimmer now, in the early stages of his underwhelming comeback, than he was during the first phase of his stellar career.

Thorpe, who set 13 individual world records and won five Olympic gold medals before he quit competitive swimming in 2006, is making a comeback in a bid to qualify for next year’s London Olympics.

He has not won any medals in World Cup meets in Singapore, Beijing and Tokyo, at times trailing well behind fellow competitors.

“I am not disappointed at all,” Thorpe said in Seoul on Wednesday.

“I expected when I first raced, it wouldn’t be that fast. It’s pretty natural for anyone who spent any time out of the pool. I would have liked to have swum a lot faster, but at the moment, it’s not realistic.”

The 29-year-old Australian said there’d been “incredible progression” in swimming while he was out of the sport.

“When I compare myself with how I used to swim 2005 or 2006, technically I am swimming better,” Thorpe was quoted as saying by the Yonhap news agency. “I have to do a lot more training with that technique. I am not someone who focuses on trying to be No. 1. I focus on what I can do and focus on making sure my preparation is as good as possible.”

Thorpe compared his comeback with trying to start a car after a long time in the garage.

“It doesn’t matter how good the car is; it’s still going to be difficult to start and I am experiencing this,” Thorpe said.

“There are some things I think I am better at, and some things I need to improve on. But most importantly, I’ve rediscovered love and passion for my sport. I don’t think I can underestimate the value of that as I continue my preparation.”

Award

Attention

From Page 7

Detroit.

“I felt like it was a statement game,” Verlander said. “A lot of people had eyes on that game.”

Verlander also led the majors with 251 innings, all while issuing a career-low 57 walks. He pitched four complete games, including two shutouts.

This was the ninth time there was a unanimous winner of the AL Cy Young and first since Johan Santana in 2006, when he won the AL pitching Triple Crown. Verlander said he remembered watching Santana that year.

“That’s a big league pitcher,” Verlander recalled telling himself. “That’s a stud.”

This was the fourth time a Detroit pitcher won it, with Denny McLain earning the award in 1968 and tying for the honor in 1969, and reliever Willie Hernandez winning in 1984. McLain, in 1968, and Hernandez went on to win the AL MVP awards, too.

A four-time All-Star, Verlander became the first former AL Rookie of the Year to also take the Cy Young. This win included a \$500,000 bonus to his \$12.75 million salary in 2011.

Verlander said he started his push this year in spring training. He’d gotten off to bad starts in previous seasons and decided to be “results oriented” beginning in exhibition games.

Verlander has started his off-season workout program, and plans to wait until January before throwing again. He went to the New England Patriots-New York Jets game Sunday night with teammate Rick Porcello and said a football was being passed around, but he avoided the temptation to toss it.

The only thing missing from Verlander’s pitching resume is a World Series title. He is 3-3 with a 5.57 ERA in eight career post-season starts, and went 2-1 in the playoffs this year as the Tigers reached the AL championship series before losing to Texas.

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