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Filling the Empty Bowls



Adrian Calvio, left photo, and Toby Keel, right photo, get their fill during the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser Wednesday at Howard College.

Cornyn calls for 'pause' in refugee crisis

By AMANDA ELSTON
 Managing Editor

Texas' senior senator says the United States should proceed with caution in dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis.

During a phone conference Wednesday, Sen. John Cornyn addressed the Syrian refugee crisis as well as ways to combat the growing world presence of ISIS.

"The best answer to the refugee crisis is a credible strategy in Syria and in Iraq which will allow people to live in their own homes and their own home country," Cornyn said. "This has been going on since the beginning of the Syrian civil war. Unfortunately, the millions of people who have been displaced both internally and in surrounding countries like Turkey, Jordan, and Lebanon are finding it necessary to escape to places like Europe and the United States."



Cornyn

On Monday in a letter to President Barack Obama, Governor Greg Abbott announced that Texas is refusing to take any more Syrian refugees in the wake of the terrorist attack in Paris. Cornyn and other Republican officials across Texas, such as Ted Cruz, have backed Abbott and the other governors closing their borders across the coun-

See CORNYN, Page 3

College slates auditions and feast

By JULIE BASS
 Staff Writer

Howard College dance team auditions are this Saturday.

Dancers need to report to room 140 in the Hall Center for the Arts. Auditions will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Trish Matchen will conduct the auditions.

She instructs those trying out to bring required materials with them.

Bring a 30-second to one minute solo with music.

Bring answers for the following questions:

- What can you tell us

about yourself that shows you are a hard working potential troupe member?

- What positive activities, volunteer work and/or team work have you been involved in?

- Tell me about a time you had a problem and how you solved it.

- What leadership responsibilities have you had in the past?

- Do you have any choreography experience? In what forms of dance?

Dancers need dance clothes, dance shoes, hair pulled back and stage make-up.

Women need to wear leo-

tard/jazz pants with dance shoes. Men should wear t-shirts with sweatpants or basketball like shorts with dance shoes or socks, organizers said.

For more information, contact Matchen by email at tmatchen@howardcollege.edu.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, the Howard College fine arts department will present the Madrigal Feast, a holiday dinner theater.

"Guests shall be treated with a delightful meal and sundry entertainment by the Royal Court, wandering minstrels and troubadours,"

states a news release from the Howard College fine arts department.

Tickets are \$30 per individual, \$50 for a pair or \$200 for a table which seats eight.

The dinner theater will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 3 in the Howard College Hall Center for the Arts.

To reserve tickets, contact Cynthia Weeks at 432-264-5161. You may also email cweeks@howardcollege.edu.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 432-263-7331, ext. 232 or by email at life@big-springherald.com

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2, 4, 6, 8, BSI kids calculate

Courtesy photo

Members of the Big Spring Intermediate School math team clown around for a bit during their first math meet Saturday at Trinity Midland Classical Academy in Midland, Texas. This was the first ever competition for the BSI team, which earned second place overall in calculator and third place overall in mathematics. For individual results and more photos, see Page 4.

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BSI student Tan snags 1st in calculator

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Intermediate School student Marco Tan placed first in a calculator event at the math meet held Saturday at Midland Classical Academy in Midland, Texas.

This was the first competition for the Big Spring Intermediate School math team which earned second place overall in calculator and third place overall in mathematics.

In individual standings, Tan also earned 2nd in mathematics and 4th in number sense. Trinity Robertson placed 5th in mathematics, Emma Miracle placed 6th in mathematics, and Kortney Moore placed 7th in number sense.

The BSI math team is composed of:

Calculator — Nathaniel Barreras, Joshua Hernandez, Austin Allen, Iain Preston, Jordan Mitchell, Zareth Castillo, Ananya Limaye, Madeline Slack, Sam King, Isaac Gonzales, Marco Tan, Kelby Olivarez, Nicholas Garcia, Jordan Edmondson, Anaeli Mendez, Adonis Hurrington and Aolani Mendez.

Number Sense — Katelyn Haynie, Kortney Moore, Jason Hale, Yuki Li, Trinity Robertson, Zoie Joslin, Noel Rosa, Serena Alvarado, Chole Paredes, Marco Tan and Emma Miracle.

Mathematics — Katelyn Haynie, Kortney Moore, Jason Hale, Yuki Li, Trinity Robertson, Zoie Joslin, Noel Rosa, Serena Alvarado, Chole Paredes, Marco Tan, Emma Miracle, Nathaniel Barreras, Joshua Hernandez, Austin Allen, Iain Preston, Jordan Mitchell, Zareth Castillo, Ananya Limaye, Madeline Slack, Sam King, Isaac Gonzales, Marco Tan, Kelby Olivarez, Nicholas Garcia, Jordan Edmondson, Anaeli Mendez, Adonis Hurrington, Aolani Mendez, Genevieve Beddinger and Cheyenne Horton.

The math team is instructed by Stephanie Rincon, Gail Adlesperger and Ryan Ward.

— Lyndel Moody



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Paris attacks leave parents, schools with tough questions

BOSTON (AP) —The deadly attacks in France left schools and parents around the world grappling with what to say to children, and how to say it.

When classes resumed this week, many teachers struggled to decide whether to discuss what happened in Paris. Parents wondered whether to talk about the violence or how to explain it. From country to country, the topic was tackled in different, and similar, ways.

Many schools held moments of silence to honor the hundreds of people who were killed or injured while out simply enjoying a Friday evening. Some held open discussions about terrorism and the Paris attacks. Teachers of younger students often tried to shield them from the topic.

At Miami's George Washington Carver Middle School, teacher Sindy Garcia started her eighth-grade social studies class with a moment of silence and then showed a video designed to teach students about the attacks. During a discussion afterward, some in the class asked what ISIS stands for and why the group wanted to attack France. The Islamic State militants have claimed responsibility for the attacks.

"I tried to give them just enough facts that they're informed but not enough to overwhelm them," said Garcia, the school's department head for social studies. "They'll know the number of deaths they'll know the number of injured, but I won't show more than that."

At the Lycée Franais de New York, students were called into assemblies by grade to discuss the news and their reactions.

"We took a really careful approach," said Elisabeth King, a spokeswoman for the French-language school in Manhattan. "It's really about listening and alleviating fear."

A French newspaper, Liberation, published a special children's edition Monday.

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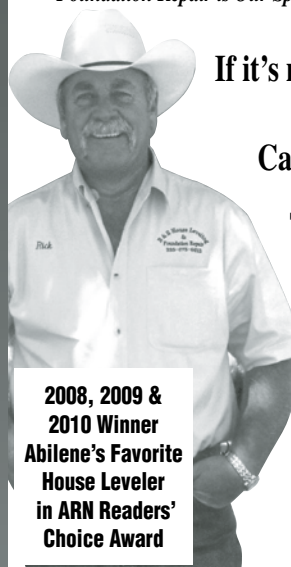
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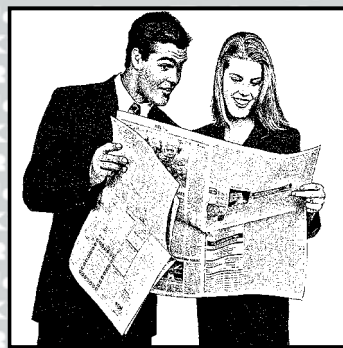
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Expectation Moon

People get antsy when they want too much or promise too much.

The good news is that the dynamic can be avoided even as the Pisces moon stirs things up with Saturn. A cozy position to Neptune later in the day suggests that we can avoid trouble and eliminate conflict through the power of reasonable expectations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Good people around you do not want to trouble you and are too nice to let you know if something is wrong. So it's on you to check in and make sure all is well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some of the rules feel more like guidelines to you -- others feel like mere suggestions. You'll find the most creative way to push the boundaries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There

are intelligent people around you and -- bonus -- they are smart in the way you most appreciate. The feedback you'll receive is likely to be constructive and helpful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll experience a win with your whole team. Celebrate as a group. Later, privately consider how you contributed. You deserve individual acknowledgement, even if it only comes from you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will take more than the usual effort to get your head in the right place to do your work. An inspiring Scorpio could help to motivate you, though nothing will motivate you more than needing a paycheck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People want to share with you. Though you may not need much of what they have to share, accept these gifts to keep the channel of abundance open and flowing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your fortune

can change or solidify at any moment. There is power in each decision you make. Success depends on making the kinds of choices you'll want to build on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not just a cog in the wheel of commerce, you know. You're a part of nature. Wide-open spaces breathe fresh air into your thoughts and clear the cobwebs of your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't relate to those who have become embittered by their trials. If anything, the troubles you have experienced have given you a more compassionate outlook.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Considering the amount of work they create for you, it might be hard for you to believe that people wish you well and want to help you. Remember, you're the one who chooses what to take on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those

who are supposedly "in the know" will be eager to impart their knowledge on you. If the information is true and actionable, those who teach it should be living it, too. Are they?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're thinking of making a change in your appearance. If you look the part, others might just assume it's who you are -- and that includes you. The outer change will spark an inner transformation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 19). The happy truth is that what's important to do will also be fun as you head into this new era. Your personal life will blossom in December and you'll grow to accommodate the change. In February you'll re-connect with people from the past. You'll be favored in a trade. A conservative, long-term plan will pay off in 2016. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 36, 13, 29 and 4.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aquarius girl, and

it drives me crazy when people say that girls and guys can't really be friends. I've always gotten along with guys better than girls. It's true that some of my guy friends have been boyfriends, too, at various times in our lives. But some of them have never been boyfriends and never will be. I cherish my friendships with men. It breaks my heart when we have to stop being close because a girlfriend or wife gets jealous of our connection. How can I stay close with my guy friends even when they have significant others? Signed, Gender-Blind."

If any girl can be "just friends" with a guy, it's Aquarius. Friendship is her thing, and she sometimes will even prefer very close friendships to romantic love. That said, even though you are a free-thinking, progressive Aquarius, you are not truly gender-blind, because you purposely choose male friends

over female ones. If you are being completely honest you might discover that you like making other girls jealous, and that is part of your attraction to male friendships. I advise you to cultivate some female friendships to become more balanced, fair and real in your relationships.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Did you know Jodie Foster directed two episodes of "Orange is the New Black"? Soon she'll direct George Clooney and Julia Roberts in the thriller "Money Monster." Foster was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune were in charismatic, intriguing Scorpio. Though Foster has been in show business since infancy she has managed to remain mysterious.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My son, "Robert," is 50 years old. He has no contact with his older sister or me.

When Robert was 13, my husband and I divorced. His father was a troubled person. He was a typical old-fashioned European father who believed in physical punishment, and used a belt when disciplining his son. I tried to protect Robert, and this often caused a great many arguments with my husband.

After the divorce, the children lived with me. When Robert was in high school, he got into drugs and became too difficult for me to handle, so I sent him to live with his father, who lived close by. Robert continued to act out and was punished often, but he graduated with honors and was well-liked. He went on to college, married young and had two children. The oldest is autistic, which put a great deal of pressure on the marriage and they divorced.

I love my grandchildren. Robert used to bring them to visit every summer. We helped them financially. Robert cut his father out of his life, but still kept in touch with me. But in therapy, he became convinced that all of his problems are my fault and that his

sister didn't experience what he went through. Now he wants no contact with either of us. I write and text, but get no response.

Annie, I thought I was doing the best thing for him. I love my son. What can I do? -- Hurting Mother

Dear Mother: It is not unusual for children to blame the parents when their lives go off the rails. Robert sees only that you left him with a father who may have been abusive. He doesn't see the reasons behind it or that you thought it was best at the time. And right now, he'd find any explanation from you to be self-serving.

We cannot guarantee that this can be fixed, but we suggest you leave Robert a voicemail or write a letter or email saying you are sorry for the decisions you made that had a negative impact on his life. Do not make excuses or give explanations. Simply say you regret those choices and that you love him. You'd be surprised what a sincere apology can do. Meanwhile, if you are in contact with your ex-daughter-in-law, you might be able to maintain contact with the grandchildren through her.

Dear Annie: "Fed Up" said she is both

tall and a size 14, so clothes are never long enough. She dislikes shopping online because she has to pay for delivery and returns.

Please tell her to check out sites like Amazon that often have clothes available with free shipping and returns. That way, if something doesn't fit, she won't have to pay to send it back. Some people order three different sizes -- what they think will fit, one size down and one size up. Then she can try all of them on and return the ones she doesn't want without paying shipping costs. And it will give her a better idea about what will fit for her next order. -- John

Dear John: There are many online retailers that offer free shipping and returns. While it may not be as quick as going into a store, it is the best option for people who have difficulty finding clothing in their size.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at Facebook.com/AskAnnie. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
It Pays to Plan the Play

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A J 8 5 3
♥ A K 7 3
♦ A 5
♣ 10 7

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ J 10 2
♦ Q 9 7 3
♣ A 9 6 3

EAST
♠ K Q 10 9
♥ Q 9 6 5
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 4 2

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

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

Opening lead — three of diamonds.
Often, the most critical point of the play comes at trick one. That is when the defense launches its attack with the opening lead, and when declarer formulates his line of play.
If declarer acts too hastily at trick one, even when his play seems automatic, it is an indication that he is not doing his job properly. To play first

and think later is to put the cart before the horse, and many a declarer has lived to regret an impulsive first play.
Take this case where West led a diamond against three notrump and declarer played low from dummy because he was getting a free finesse. He won East's ten with the jack and led a low club to the ten, which held. When he continued with a club to the king, West took his ace.
Back came a diamond to dummy's ace, whereupon South found himself locked in dummy with no way to reach his hand to collect his three club tricks and the king of diamonds. East later scored three spades and two hearts to defeat the contract two tricks.
Had South given more thought to his first play, he would have rejected the gratuitous diamond finesse and gone up with dummy's ace in order to assure that the king of diamonds could be forced as a later entry to his hand. After forcing out the ace of clubs, he would have scored at least nine tricks consisting of one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.
It pays to plan the play.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Academic Star Student of the Week

*Ashley Luce
Coahoma High School*

Ashley is a senior at Coahoma High School. She is a FFA Sentinel, FCCLA, senior class treasurer, NHS vice president, a football team manager, and is involved with student council and high school rodeo Region 2.

Her hobbies include stock shows, hanging out with friends, riding horses, hunting, and she "likes to rope!"

Ashley is an exceptional young lady who leads her class with strength, perseverance, and spirit. She excels in academics, ranking in the top 10 of her class. She plans to attend Texas Tech University in the Fall of 2016.

She is the daughter of Brandon and Linda Luce.



Congratulations, Ashley!

Parents Corner

Loss

Tragedy strikes without warning and is extremely difficult to deal with. This happened to my family last week. I received

a call informing me that my oldest daughter had been in an auto accident and was in serious condition.

We hastily made arrangements to fly to the hospital where she had been taken. We were informed that she had received a severe head injury and surgery had been performed, removing part of her skull to allow for swelling and removal of accumulating pressure.

The accident happened approximately 10 miles outside of Santa Rosa, Calif., with a very special friend, who luckily received only a shoulder injury. The accident involved three cars; the culprit was a drunk driver who had a suspended license and no insurance, and was not hurt. A third car was damaged but the occupants were taken to the hospital and soon released.

I have received many notes from my friends and co-workers here in Big Spring, and several have asked about my daughter, since she has never lived here and very few here have met her.

Lori was special to a lot of folks. We lived in Iowa Park, just outside of Wichita Falls, until she began her junior year, then we moved to Duncanville where she graduated. She was in band and earned State honors and was president of the A Cappella Choir. She graduated Cum Laude from the Engineering Department at Texas Tech and was immediately hired by an engineering firm in Phoenix, Ariz., where she made her residence, and worked as an engineer. She eventually formed her own company, Galaxy Engineering, and did consultant work for the military as well as private companies engaged in space satellite technology.

She met and married John Balzer, but she kept her name as Lori Ryan for professional purposes; they had two sons, Kevin and Christopher, who have followed in their mom's footsteps and have achieved in many areas including academics, sports and music.

Lori was one of their little league football coaches, one of the few women coaches in the area, and her team won most of their games. She loved athletics; she was a marathon biker, but her favorite activities were skiing and wake-boarding. Since she lived quite a distance from the rest of us; her sister is a neurologist in Olympia, Wash., and we, my wife, her brothers and me, live here in Big Spring, we didn't get together as much as we would like to, so Lori would apply the pressure for family gatherings at least once or twice per year, so we would gather in Phoenix, Olympia or Big Spring.

I am so proud of all she was able to accomplish, and at the same time hold her family together and be the daughter and mom that she desired to be. I am so thankful that Lori was part of my life. I am still numb from all that has taken place, and as Queen Elizabeth II once said, "Grief is the price we pay for love."

My family has lost one that has given us inspiration, sunshine, and laughter, but there is an old Eskimo legend about the stars that I must remember: Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

Darrell Ryan is the BSISD director of school safety



DARRELL RYAN



Steer Pride Corner

Pictured at top, Luke Thibeault was recognized as the Student of the Month by the Big Spring Rotary Club. Luke is a seventh grader at BSJHS. He is active in band, basketball, and is a wonderful student. Pictured from left are: Mrs. Rebecca Otto, BSJHS Principal, Luke Thibeault, John Weeks, Big Spring Rotary Club President, Mr. Chris Wigington, Big Spring ISD Superintendent, and Mr. Jim White, Big Spring ISD Assistant Superintendent. Pictured right, Big Spring Junior High School choir performed at the Rotary Luncheon in the Cactus Room at Howard College on the Tuesday. Students performed two songs that rocked the oldies and then two with a Christmas flare to get everyone in the mood for the season. The choir is led by Tara Trowbridge and Larry Thibeault.



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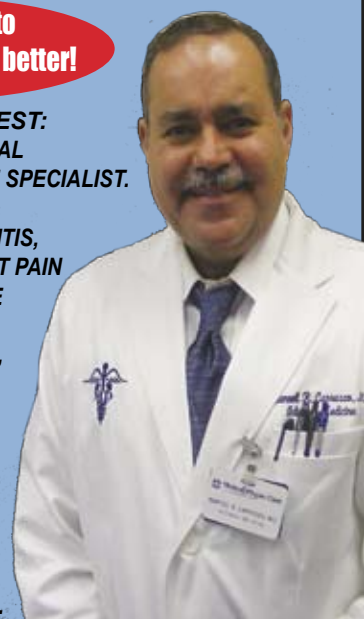
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