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County crews 'holding the line' with roads

Officials hopeful overall condition will gradually improve in the future

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

In assessing the state of Howard County roads, Brian Kliensiek says he is an optimist at heart — but he isn't much for painting rosy pictures, either.

In presenting the annual roads report during Mon-

day's Howard County commissioners' meeting, Road and Bridge Administrator Kliensiek tried to present as realistic a portrait as possible when assessing problems facing county roads and how his 20-man department is addressing those issues.

The problems range from

the mundane (clearing ditches) to the medium (patching potholes) to the major (fixing old, narrow roads). His department is charged with maintaining more than 500 miles of county roads on an annual budget that barely exceeds \$1 million.

Needless to say, his depart-

ment stays busy.

"As you fix things, other things get old," he said. "It's like with your house — something always needs to be done."

That's the bad news.

The good news is that if the overall condition of county roads hasn't become magical-

ly better in the past 12 months, it hasn't gotten worse, either.

"We're holding the line," Kliensiek said. "When I was calculating damage estimates on the roads, the difference between 2014 and 2015 was within a few hundred dol-

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Howard College

Ethridge announces resignation

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees learned Monday they soon will have another vacancy to fill on the board.

Marie Ethridge, who's served on the college board for the past 14 years, announced she will resign her post effective Dec. 14. Her resignation comes on the heels of the recent death of long-time trustee Dr. Charles Warren.

Ethridge was appointed to fill the board seat of her husband, Rob, after his death. She said she is resigning because she is in the process of moving outside the junior college district.

Warren, who served on the board for more than 50 years, died earlier this month.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said officials will begin the process of replacing Warren and Ethridge almost immediately.

Anyone interested in serving on the board is asked to submit resumes to Sparks during the next two weeks. Because both Warren and Ethridge were at-large trustees, no special residency requirements (other than living within the district) apply.

Applicants will be interviewed over a two-day period beginning Dec. 3. The board will then appoint the new trustees on Dec. 10, with



Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, left, and Dr. John Freeman, president of the board of trustees meeting, go through their notes during Monday's meeting of the college board.

official swearing-in scheduled for Dec. 14.

The appointments will run through May, at which time the new trustees will have to stand for election if they wish to continue serving, Sparks said. If elected, they will serve the remaining four years on Warren's and Ethridge's terms.

Also Monday, Sparks released information pertaining to the college's upcoming tax rate rollback election. The election, set for Jan. 19, begins with early voting from Jan. 4-15.

At issue is whether the college district's tax rate should be reduced by almost 2 cents per \$100 valuation, from 25.2 cents to 23.2

cents. If the rollback is approved, owners of an average-priced home (\$55,717) within the district would see their yearly taxes decrease by \$11.14, while owners of a \$100,000 home would see a \$20 drop in their taxes. Also, the college's budget would be decreased by \$630,000.

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Santa for every boy and girl

Program aims to provide a visit with St. Nick for special needs children during holiday season

By **JULIE BASS**
Staff Writer

While boys and girls are excited to meet Santa, some don't get that chance due to social anxieties, physical disabilities, or other issues that make it difficult. In order to give all children a chance to visit with Santa, Special Kids With Special Needs was started.

This group, sponsored by Spring Creek Fellowship and headed by Event Chairman Jim Billings, makes Santa accessible to children who

might otherwise not have the opportunity to meet him.

Billings said that he suggested the activity last year, and in doing so, was placed in charge of organizing. Despite planning it in just a little more than a week, the group felt that it was successful and decided to make it an annual event.

"We consider anything that can make it difficult for the children to get out in public with big crowds a special need," said Billings. We invite not only the child, but the whole family to come be

a part of it. If the child can't come to Santa, Santa can go to the child to make it easier on them."

The event will take place on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Spring Town Plaza in the youth center.

"Come in the door by the movie theater and it will be straight ahead," said Billings.

Billings asks that families call the church office at 432-714-4584 and make a reservation for how many in your

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City and county non-emergency offices will be closed Thursday and Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal operations will resume Monday.

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Obituaries

Katie Esquius



Katie Martinez Esquius, 62, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2015 at her residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard L. Gully, officiating.

Katie was born on Nov. 15, 1953 in Big Spring, Texas to Virginia (Billalba) Martinez and Pat G. Martinez. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. Soon after graduation, she

retired from Arlington Independent School District. She was Catholic.

She is survived by her husband Herman Esquius of Dallas; her dog Rocky; one sister: Yolanda Montelongo and husband Milton of Big Spring; one brother: Charlie Martinez of Arlington; one niece: Patricia Ann Nieman and husband Chris of Belgium; five nephews: Mark Montelongo, Ricky Montelongo, Eric Montelongo, all of Big Spring, Gabriel Martinez of Alabama and Patrick Martinez of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Patsy Martinez.

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

Paid Obituary

Samuel Martinez



Samuel Martinez, 67, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 in a Midland nursing home. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt Olive Memorial Park.

He was born May 28, 1948 in Big Spring. He was a Godly and gentle man who will be missed

by all who knew him.

Survivors include a daughter; Pauline Martinez-Delbosque of San Antonio; his mother, Delfina Leos, Big Spring; two sisters, Yolanda Vela and Emma Leos and husband, Rudy Gonzales all of Big Spring; three brothers, Ciprino Delbosque and wife, Francis, of Abilene; Carlos Leos and wife, Eva and Johnny Leos and wife, Irma, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Martinez; and a sister, Olga Leos Lopez.

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

LaVelle Armstrong

LaVelle Smith Armstrong, 79, of Roanoke, Texas formerly of Big Spring died Monday Nov. 23, 2015 in Ft. Worth. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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 continuing 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.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of 18th St. No transport.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3900 block of Hwy 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 178. No transport.

• BUILDING FIRE was reported in the 400 block of Presidio. Fire extinguished.

• BUILDING FIRE was reported in the 100 block of 15th St. Fire extinguished.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• COURTNEY RAE DUGAN, 31, of 1003 E. 16th St. was arrested for two warrants from other agencies.

• ARTHUR MORENO ORTEGA, 52, of 1608 Harding St was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.

• DEANDRE TYRELL, 34, of 1303 Mesa Dr. was arrested on warrants for fail to appear and driving while license invalid.

• DAVINA LOUISE DURY, 34, of 1200 block of S. Birdwell Lane was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 3rd St. and Gregg St.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 4100 block of E. FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

• JOMAR DEMOND ADAMS, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parole violation.

• DAVINA DURY, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for theft by check, more than \$20 but less than \$500.

• ARTHUR ORTEGA, 52, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for harassment and bail jumping and failure to appear.

• COURTNEY RAE RHODES, 31, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for theft and criminal mischief.

• DEANDRE TYRELLE WALTON, 34, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid.

Fire/EMS

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

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. No transport.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of Hwy 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION was reported in the 800 block of Marcy. Incident was investigated.

• ALARM SYSTEM SOUNDED was reported in the 800 block of FM 700. Cancelled en route.

• ALARM SYSTEM SOUNDED was reported in the 800 block of FM 700. Investigate.

• PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 1100 block of Barns. No transport.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the on Lancaster St. No transport.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2200 block of Morrison. No transport.

• COOKING FIRE was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Investigate - fire out upon arrival.

• FALSE ALARM was reported in the 2000 block of Monticello.

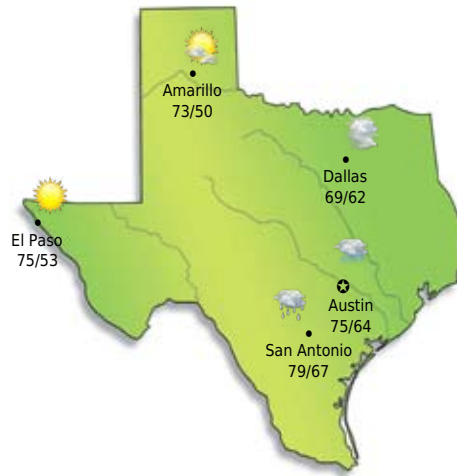
• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3400 block of Monticello. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Local 5-Day Forecast				
Wed 11/25	Thu 11/26	Fri 11/27	Sat 11/28	Sun 11/29
70/57 Cloudy early, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. High near 70F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	69/48 Morning t-storms. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	44/28 Windy with periods of rain. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	40/31 Ice changing to rain. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	55/34 Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:41 PM

Texas at a Glance



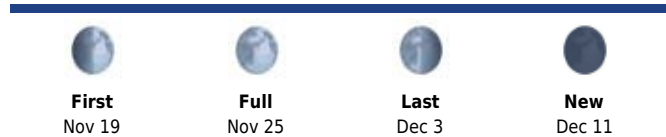
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	67	54	P Cloudy	Kingsville	75	65	Cloudy
Amarillo	74	40	Sunny	Livingston	68	55	Sunny
Austin	70	59	M Cloudy	Longview	65	50	Sunny
Beaumont	66	53	Sunny	Lubbock	71	42	Sunny
Brownsville	77	68	Cloudy	Lufkin	67	51	Sunny
Brownwood	65	56	M Cloudy	Midland	72	50	Sunny
Corpus Christi	74	66	Cloudy	Raymondville	76	66	Cloudy
Corsicana	67	57	Sunny	Rosenberg	70	60	Sunny
Dallas	66	55	Sunny	San Antonio	73	61	P Cloudy
Del Rio	69	58	Cloudy	San Marcos	71	59	M Cloudy
El Paso	70	46	Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	63	54	Sunny
Fort Stockton	77	48	Sunny	Sweetwater	68	52	M Sunny
Gainesville	63	55	Sunny	Tyler	66	52	Sunny
Greenville	65	54	Sunny	Weatherford	62	57	M Sunny
Houston	70	60	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	67	57	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	38	P Cloudy	Miami	76	70	M Cloudy
Boston	44	31	Sunny	Minneapolis	42	32	P Cloudy
Chicago	42	37	P Cloudy	New York	49	38	P Cloudy
Dallas	66	55	Sunny	Phoenix	80	54	Clear
Denver	60	31	M Sunny	San Francisco	57	44	Cloudy
Houston	62	38	P Cloudy	Seattle	46	33	Rain
Los Angeles	69	50	Clear	Saint Louis	61	39	P Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 11/25	Thu 11/26	Fri 11/27	Sat 11/28	Sun 11/29
4	2	2	2	3
Moderate	Low	Low	Low	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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Lottery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - These Texas lotteries were drawn Monday:

All or Nothing Day 01-03-04-07-12-15-16-17-18-20-22-23	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$25 million
All or Nothing Evening 01-02-04-05-08-09-11-12-13-14-17-20	Pick 3 Day 6-6-8, Sum It Up: 20
All or Nothing Morning 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-14-21-22	Pick 3 Evening 0-9-6
All or Nothing Night 02-03-06-07-08-09-11-13-14-16-20-22	Pick 3 Morning 8-7-8
Cash 5 06-22-27-30-33	Pick 3 Night 9-6-7, Sum It Up: 22
Daily 4 Day 3-5-1-4, Sum It Up: 13	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$90 million
Daily 4 Evening 8-2-5-3	Triple Chance 12-13-19-28-38-39-42-50-51-52
Daily 4 Morning 3-4-3-4	Two Step 05-19-22-31, Bonus: 35

Estimated jackpot: \$300,000

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Take note

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

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

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

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

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

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

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

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

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or ac-

companiment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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

• Applications for the annual Man and Woman of the Year are now being taken at the Chamber of Commerce.

Criteria for selection is as follows:

• The nominator must be a Chamber member but the nominee does not have to be.

• Nominations must be in writing and should be based on a record of accomplishments rather than a single contribution or an achievement although it will not be ruled out if that contribution is of sufficient importance. The committee will base its choice on information provided in the written nomination and not on personal knowledge of the nominee.

• Nominators must submit their name, address and phone number on the form for contact purposes of the committee.

• Nominees can not currently hold a political office.

Nominations must be submitted by Dec. 1.

To return an application, send the form addressed to Man and Woman of the Year Nomination; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; 215 W. 3rd St. or P.O. Box 1391; Big Spring, Texas 79721. For more information, contact the Chamber at 432-263-7641.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will

go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an accident.

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

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

SANTA

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family group are coming.

"We don't need to know the reason the child has a special need, we just want to get a head count so that we have enough snacks and hot cocoa. We would also like to know if they have a dietary need so that maybe we can have an alternative snack available," said Billings. "We

won't turn anyone away if they don't have a reservation, we just want to have enough for everyone."

For more information or to make a reservation, call Spring Creek Fellowship. If no one answers, leave a message.

Contact Staff Writer Julie Bass at 432-213-7331, ext. 232, or email life@bigspringherald.com

COLLEGE

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Sparks said. The college will host several meetings during the next few weeks to

give taxpayers more information regarding the election. Dates, times and places for these meetings are:

- 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 — at Coahoma High School.
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Dec. 1 — at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

• 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 — at the college's Hall Center for the Arts.

• 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 — at Forsan High School.

• 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 — at the Hall Center for the Arts.

• 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 — at the Hall Center for the arts.

"If we have a lot of interest from the pub-

lic, we will schedule additional meetings," Sparks said.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

ROADS

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lars of each other, so when I say we're holding the line ... We're not reducing our workload, but we're not increasing it, either."

Of gigantic help has been Howard County's allotment of \$3.8 million as part of a Texas Depart-

ment of Transportation grant aimed at helping counties whose roads have been adversely effected by heavy oilfield traffic. That money is being used here on widening and "super sealcoating" on heavily traveled roads in the county, Kliensiek said.

But even that help comes with attached headaches, in the form of regulatory and paper-

work requirements.

"I guess their contention is to give us this money, but they make us jump through a lot of hoops to get it," Kliensiek said. "There are a lot of prerequisites and paperwork I have to go through. I think my time and effort could have actually been spent on doing my work, instead of just on paperwork."

By the time grant proj-

ects are completed in 2017, selected roads in all four county precincts will have undergone the widening and sealcoating process. That and his department's annual work has Kliensiek sounding cautiously optimistic.

"Things are not going to get magically better," he said. "But my 20 guys go out and do the best they can every day. They're doing all they can do ... and long-term, I think things will get better, and we're doing it without any major tax

increase."

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What Rhymes with...

GAME

List 10 words that rhyme with "game."

- _____
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Some answers: aim, came, dame, fame, game, lame, name, same, shame, tame

Name That Game



There are lots of games for kids from board games to video games. Fill in the blanks to name some popular kids' games.

- GO F__S__
- CHE__ERS
- PI__-UP STI__S
- TI__-TA__-TO__
- OL__AID
- C__E__S
- C__INE__E CHEC__E__S

Answers: 1) Go Fish, 2) Checkers, 3) Pick-Up Sticks, 4) Tic-Tac-Toe, 5) Old Maid, 6) Chess, 7) Chinese Checkers

Fact or Fiction?

Playground Game Challenge



When the bell rings and kids head outside for recess, some go directly to the jungle gym, while others run around and play games. Here are some questions about some popular playground games. How many can you answer correctly?

- In Red Rover, players make human chains. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Hide and Seek, players hide from each other. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Simon Says, players follow instructions. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Hot Potato, players pass around a real hot potato. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Duck Duck Goose, players chase each other. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Shadow Tag, players chase each other at night. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Freeze Tag, players freeze and unfreeze each other. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Hop Scotch, players hop along a grid. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Four Square, players dodge balls. *Fact or Fiction?*
- In Marco Polo, players try to tag each other in the mud. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fiction, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, 10) Fiction, Marco Polo is played in the water. Some other item that is not hot, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, Shadow Tag is played during the day when shadows can be found, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fiction, players hit balls to each other, 10) Fiction.

Jokes & Riddles

Q: Why couldn't people play cards on the ark?

A: Because they were sitting on the deck.

Q: Why is it hard to play cards in the jungle?

A: There are too many cheetahs!

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Pass Along The Fun

It's nice to win, but not all games have a winner. Take the game of Telephone, for example. No one wins. The fun comes in how a message is passed around.

To play Telephone, players must sit in a circle. The first player thinks of a good message and whispers it in the next player's ear. Play continues in this way until everyone has had a turn. The last player to hear the message repeats it out loud.

In most cases, the message given by the last player is not the message given by the first player. As the message is passed around the circle, it often changes, sometimes in a big way. The message, "Mary has a black and white dog named Misty" could very well end up, "Marty has a black and brown cat named Hissy." The longer the message, the harder it is for players to remember and tell it to each other correctly.

Life, love & chaos

Step away from the smartphone, ma'am

While I understand that parents want to give their kids all of the neat gadgets that they didn't have as a child, I don't understand why they allow the technology to replace actually raising their children and being parents. Common courtesy seems to have gone to the wayside more and more with each passing day.



JULIE BASS

When my girls were little and learning to talk, my husband and I worked to teach them how to say please and thank you. If they wanted a snack, we would encourage them to say please. Once they received the snack, we would cue them to say thank you.

After repeating these steps, our daughters learned that anytime they wanted something they needed to say please, and if they got what they asked for, they should say thank you.

I see so many younger people that feel if they say "I want" someone should jump up and deliver that item at once. There is no earning it, no working for it, and no need to even deserve it; just give it.

When I go to the store and hold the door for someone, I don't necessarily need a thank you, a simple nod of acknowledgment works just as well. When someone allows you to go ahead of them in line because they have 20 items and you only have two, acknowledge their act of courtesy. At the store, don't park your cart in the middle of the aisle while you look at 12 different types of soups or have a chat with someone you haven't seen in a while, move to the side so others can get by you.

People seem to be grooming their children from a young age to be desensitized to society and blinded by technology. The children do not seem to learn to appreciate acts of kindness and common courtesy

Picture this: A two year old is sitting in his stroller and his mom is sitting at the table right next to him playing on her phone. The two year old starts to cry and holler. Instead of putting the phone down and talking to him, she grabs a tablet out of her purse and shoves it at him. The child plays with the tablet for a few minutes (which amazes me that he can work one), he gets annoyed and throws the tablet. The mom swats his hands, picks the tablet up and puts it on the table and goes back to



her phone.

There are so many things about this scenario that annoy me.

The child, of walking age, is strapped into a stroller. He is not hungry, not thirsty and not tired. He is bored.

He wants interaction, not electronics. He needs to be out wandering around and exploring the world around him.

Children learn from their parents and their environment. Why isn't he out wandering around under his mom's supervision? Why is that phone more important to her than interacting with the little human being that she claims she wanted so badly?

Manners and common courtesy are not instinctive, they are taught.

Children need to learn to hold doors for people, they need to learn how to say please and thank you, they need to learn how to respond to situations that make them uncomfortable and they need to feel taken care of.

I have seen this scenario more than one time and more than just one family. I go to restaurants and see folks ignoring the little ones, I see parents talking and texting on their phones during movies in theaters and people too busy talking to each other about how great their kids are to notice that those same kids are running amok and reeking havoc.

Please don't get me wrong, I am speaking of extreme cases. There are still plenty of kids out there that are polite and know how to behave in public. To the parents of those children, I am very appreciative. I wish more parents would invest more time in their kids to teach them to be self-sufficient, responsible people.

My girls are not perfect, they get mouthy, they do the teenage eye roll, they can be demanding

and forget their manners. Our response ... is corrective discipline. We sit them down and explain why that behavior is unacceptable, we take away items they hold sacred or we tell them no.

N-O, two letters that have so much meaning, as long as you follow through.

I have to feed my kids, supply them with appropriate clothing and give them a place to live.

Everything else they get and have is just a perk, not a right.

Lifestyle Editor Julie Bass writes a weekly column pertaining to family issues. Contact Julie Bass at 432-263-7331, ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com

Odds and ends

Albuquerque man held at gunpoint by victims back in jail

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — An Albuquerque burglary suspect who was held at gunpoint by two of his victims is back in jail after allegedly committing another robbery.

Police say 26-year-old Aaron Lujan was arrested Saturday night on several charges including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Police spokesman Fred Duran says this is Lujan's third arrest in a week.

According to Duran, Lujan robbed an elderly woman and then offered to meet her to return her keys.

She called authorities who went to the meeting spot.

Lujan led officers on a foot chase through a golf course. He was found hiding in a tree and arrested without incident.

Lujan was arrested Thursday after a couple caught him loading their belongings into his car.

The husband observed Luan putting a generator, power tools and other items of his into an SUV and confronted him.

The 70-year-old man then grabbed his shotgun while his 66-year-old wife took a handgun and both held Lujan at gunpoint until police arrived.

Police said Lujan had just been released from jail earlier Thursday.

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Lady Hawks down Rangerettes



Three Lady Hawks scored in double digits

By **TAYLOR ELLIS**
Sports Editor

The Lady Hawks of Howard College proved their dominance Monday night when they defeated Ranger College at home 57-47, their second victory against the Rangerettes in five days.

Three Lady Hawks scored in double digits including Ashlyn Hoover (15), Aubrie Elliot (13), and Taylor Tennison (10). Elliot also had 10 rebounds giving her the only double-double of the contest.

The Lady Hawks did not shoot their way to victory as they did on the road last week against Ranger, shooting just 30 percent from the line and 23.5 percent from three-point

territory. Howard used their defense to hold Ranger to even worse shooting percentages (27.3/16/7) and won the turnover battle 7-16.

Howard played unselfish basketball, scoring 13 of their 25 made shots via an assist.

The Lady Hawks will play at Connors State this Friday as they try to 9-3 and build up a win streak.



Steven Senne/AP

New England Patriots wide receiver Danny Amendola (80) from Buffalo Bills linebacker Bradham (53) after catching a pass in the game last night in Foxborough. The Patriots won 20-13.

Patriots improve to 10-0, beat Bills 20-13

By **JIMMY GOLEN**

AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — James White filled in for Dion Lewis.

Danny Amendola replaced Julian Edelman.

Tom Brady was just his usual self.

Brady completed 20 of 39 passes for 277 yards, then threw in a touchdown at Buffalo coach Rex Ryan on Monday night as the New England Patriots beat the Bills 20-13 to remain on course for their second perfect regular season in nine years.

Lining up under center, Brady began barking out an unusual signal: "Rex Ryan! Rex Ryan!" Asked if there was a message in

it, the Patriots quarterback struggled to suppress a smile.

"We have a lot of unusual terms," Brady said. "I think we run the gamut. So we've got to get creative and think of different things. That one is pretty unique."

Ryan was less troubled about any personal slight than losing to his longtime nemesis for the 11th time in 15 games.

"He likes me, I know that," said the coach, who was 4-9 against the Bills as the New York Jets coach before getting swept in his first season with Buffalo.

The Bills (5-5) had their two-game winning streak snapped and lost to Brady for the 25th time in 28 games.

Here are some other things we

learned from the Patriots' victory over the Bills:

NEXT MAN UP: Brady hit White for a 20-yard score that was the first touchdown of the running back's career. White added a 6-yard run in the third quarter to give New England (10-0) the lead for good.

Amendola, who took over as the Patriots' No. 1 receiver because of last week's injury to Julian Edelman, caught nine passes for 117 yards before leaving with a knee injury of his own.

"We were down to two healthy receivers," Brady said. "You get pretty limited in things you can do pretty quickly."

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BSJHS seventh and eighth grade girls basketball lose in tough matches

Special to the Herald

In close games, Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers seventh and eighth grade basketball teams lost bouts against the Lady Mustangs of Midland Christian at Midland Monday night.

8th Grade A, 37-39

It was a nail biter for the eighth grade team. The girls lost by a score of 37-39. Leading the offense was Amber Martinez with 12 points, followed by Trinity Galloway with 7 points. Kynleigh Joy had 5 points and Mackenzie Rodriques had 3 points. Madison Kuykendall

played great defense.

8th Grade B, 35-38

The eighth grade B team also lost a close game by a score of 35-38. Autumn Golden had 10 points, 2 rebounds, and 4 steals. Kayleigh Rodriguez had 8 points, 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Krisitana Gutierrez had 6 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals and Callie Baker had 6 points and 1 steal.

The team showed Monday night that they are improving on their shooting and making huge strides defensively.

7th Grade A 28-18

Seventh grade A team lost by a score of 28-18. It was a tough loss as

the girls led for most of the game, but were out hustled in the 4th quarter.

Olivia Bancroft led the team with 7 points, 1 rebound and 3 steals. Jocelyn Gonzales had 6 points, 1 rebound and 1 steal. Jacqueline Belew had 5 points and 1 steal. Averi Tredaway, Rebecca Moore, Cylei Burton each had 2 steals and played aggressive defense. TaraLynn Perkins had 1 steal and 4 rebounds, Kiana Banks had 2 rebounds and 1 steal and Sherlyn Ortega had 1 rebound.

7th Grade B, 24-9

Seventh grade B lost by

a score of 9 - 24. Leading the team was Jenae Caldwell with 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block and 4 steals. Sarah Wood had 2 points and 1 rebound. Nia Martinez had 2 points, Cienga Cole (C.C) had 1 rebound, as did Shawntrelnia Washington. Brianna Solis had 1 rebound, 2 assist and 2 steals.

The basketball teams will be off the rest of the week in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and will be back on the court Monday, Nov. 30 when they take on Levelland here at home. Games will begin at 5 p.m.

Big Spring girls beat Coahoma in Howard County basketball bout

By **TAYLOR ELLIS**

Sports Editor

In a match between two Howard County schools, the Big Spring girls basketball team beat the Coahoma Steer Bulldogs decisively Monday night, 72-36 inside Steer Gym.

Guard Mo Edwards led all scorers with a season-high 19 points, including going a perfect 6-of-6 at the free throw line. Edwards is continuing to grow as one of the primary ball handlers of this team.

The Lady Bulldogs struggled to keep up with Big Spring's pace offensively, as their point total was at least half as much as the Lady Steers in three of the quarters. This was partially due to the 30 turnovers committed by the Lady Bulldogs.

Senior center Diamonique Mayes poured in 15 points, and fellow senior August Alexander had another good game scoring 11 and shooting 8-of-9 from the free throw line. The Lady Steers made 23-of-37 free throw attempts.

The Lady Bulldogs shot an impressive 46 percent from the field, but were scoreless from beyond the arc in six attempts. Coahoma also made 15-of-32 from the free throw line.

With the Thanksgiving break both teams will get some time off before they hit the hardwood again. Big Spring will travel to Pecos High School on Dec. 1. Coahoma is scheduled to play tonight at home against Miles, and then play their next game at home against Grady on Dec. 1.

Recap of Saturday's games

Big Spring Steers lose 115-47 in Abilene

The Big Spring Steers varsity basketball team competed in Abilene Saturday and fell by a final score of 115-47. Big Spring was led by Israel O'guin in scoring with 10 points and Jeremiah Rushin led the team in rebounding with 9.

The steers will host San Angelo Central on Tuesday in Steer Gym with game times. Ninth grade plays at 4:30pm, junior varsity at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30pm.

Lady Steers wins 51-46

JV defeats Andrews, 63-49

Freshman team fall short

The Lady Steers varsity team defeat Andrews Mustangs, 51-46.

Offensively, the girls did a great job putting up points after a slow first half. They are continuing to push for 60 points a game. They do need to get better at crashing boards and giving themselves opportunities for second chance points.

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O.W. Folis tournament, Lamesa Dec. 3-5.

Schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 3

2 p.m. Lamesa vs Lubbock All Saints
4 p.m. Lubbock High vs Big Spring
6 p.m. Lubbock All Saints vs Amarillo Caprock
8 p.m. Lamesa vs Ft. Stockton

Friday Dec. 4

Noon Big Spring vs Ft. Stockton
2 p.m. Lubbock All Saints vs Lubbock High
4 p.m. Amarillo Caprock vs Big Spring
6 p.m. Lubbock High vs Ft. Stockton
8 p.m. Lamesa vs Amarillo Caprock

Saturday Dec. 5

Noon Amarillo Caprock vs Ft. Stockton
2 p.m. Big Spring vs Lubbock All Saints
4 p.m. Lubbock High vs Amarillo Caprock
6 p.m. Ft. Stockton vs Lubbock All Saints
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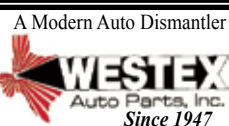
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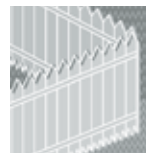
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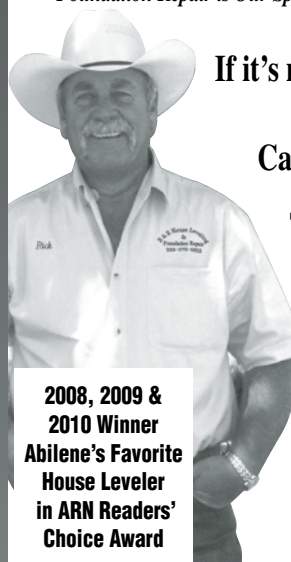
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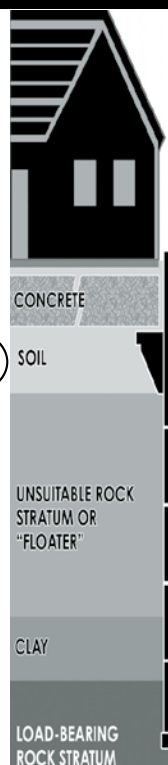
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Full Moon Pre-Show

Mercury and Saturn align to bring luck to this day before the full moon in Gemini. This alignment suggests that we think as far outside of our comfort zones as possible. The more you can stretch yourself, the better off you'll be. Sagittarius is the energy of a global perspective, which occurs when people dare to keep pushing beyond what is known.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do you think that you can tell the size of a person by the size of the things that bother him? You'll prove your spiritual breadth today. You'll only concern yourself with what's truly crucial.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Statistics can never predict the outcome for any one individual. You'll defy odds. For this reason, it's important that you don't let

anyone say what you can and can't do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are many live wires in your life this week. It may help you to think of events and people as fireworks. You have to let go to appreciate them; otherwise you'll get hurt by the blast.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Who is there for you? Who answers your call? Who gets you where you want to go emotionally, physically and otherwise? This is the question that will clarify your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is nothing that will make the time go by more slowly than waiting for a phone call. Don't. Move on. Let them catch up with you when they feel like it. Maybe you'll be available; maybe you won't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The news is full of danger, peril, so much trouble. But if you look for goodness, it's always there. A generous soul will restore your faith in humanity today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Getting from point A to point B won't be as easy as it was yesterday, but it will be more rewarding by far. Your work ethic is stellar and gets better every day. Good, because this is a day to roll up your sleeves and work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be praised for one thing when you really ought to be recognized for something else entirely. There's no joy in getting credit for something you didn't do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's like your heart is a chime and the person on your mind lately is the wind that makes you vibrate and sing a beautiful tone. This will go on for as long as there is no one around to put a damper on the vibration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While others pay a high price for entertainment, you entertain yourself. When you have this much of a rich inner life, you really don't need a lot of external

stimuli. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be in the mood for a fearless, freewheeling adventure. Your partner in rebellion will be the obvious choice. This person has been waiting for the perfect opportunity that you'll provide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be a period of "hit and miss." Failure will teach you more than success does, although you have to be extremely evolved to take the lesson. When you figure out what's working for you, do that and only that for a while.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 24). The wonderful part is an intimate unspoken connection between you and another -- this is a special bond that will carry you into the next part of your life. It's no small thing to be in perfect harmony with someone who knows how to bring out the best in you! You'll sort out a family problem in February. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 41, 2, 22 and

18. **ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Would you do my dog's natal chart? She was born March 25, 2013, and she is an adorable Yorkshire terrier. Does she have the chart to be a champion? Her name is Luella."

Luella is an Aries born when the Sun, Venus, Mars and Uranus were all in high-energy Aries, so she needs to burn off quite a lot of energy to be at her best. Keep her active! High-energy puppies who don't get walked or played with enough make mischief. (I knew a Yorkie who ate the expensive bamboo wallpaper when she got bored. At least the paper was organic.) Luella's Moon is in Virgo, indicating that she's a smart little problem-solver. Sometimes when she solves her own problems it creates problems for you, like when she wakes you up to play at all hours of the night. To prevent her over-active mind from getting the best of you both, she

needs mental stimulation. Teach her to do tricks and find fun new ways to play with her. With Mercury in Pisces, Luella could definitely be a champion, or a performer of some kind. She is empathetic and tuned in to your feelings. She has a way of connecting with people and stealing their hearts.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Katherine Heigl is strongly Sagittarian with four luminaries in this worldly sign. Sagittarius people are known for their high energy, love of travel, adventurous natures and cultural sophistication. This new mom is likely to share her fun-loving approach to life with her daughter. Natal Jupiter in Leo suggests that caring for children will bring Heigl astounding good fortune.

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Annie's Mailbox

-- Old and Trapped
Dear Trapped: Your husband may not want out. He may simply want to sit on the sofa while you do all the work. And you are doing it, so he sees no reason to change. You have some options: You can stop doing the cooking, cleaning and laundry for him, letting his clothes pile up and his food remain uncooked; you can look into hiring help; you can get counseling; you can seek legal counsel and leave, with or without a divorce. If your husband values the marriage, he will step up. If he doesn't, at least you will know and can plan your future accordingly.

Dear Annie: After reading the letter from "Need Some Relief," I thought I'd share how our family handles Christmas with four adult children and their spouses, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren (and an occasional visiting in-law).

Dinner is at our house every year. Everyone participates by graciously bringing a dish. One son's family prepares the turkey, with mashed potatoes and gravy. Another brings all the drinks. We prepare stuffing, cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes. Others bring apple and pumpkin

pies. Traditional! We discuss dishes in advance, so there are no duplicates. It is such fun and each family feels good about sharing. New recipes are exchanged. We also decided to forego gift-giving and do a \$5 Christmas exchange. We all sit in a circle holding our "special number," anxiously awaiting our turn to pick the wrapped gift of our choice.

Even the little ones screamed with delight, not at the gift, but because everyone was laughing and clapping. What a joyous occasion.

Last, but not least, I insist on a group picture with everyone holding up their prized possessions.

There is always a huge smile on each face. Because in the end it is being together that really matters. -- Happy in Florida
Dear Happy: Your letter is refreshing. This is what holidays are all about. Or should be.

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A Bridge Player's Soliloquy

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♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ A Q 10 8 7 5
♣ A

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

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

SOUTH
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♥ A K 9
♦ K 2
♣ K 5 3

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South 1 ♠
West Pass
North 2 ♦
East Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

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So after taking the ace of clubs, he led a diamond to the king and another one back to the queen, on which West showed out. Now he had only eight tricks and no chance for a ninth. Down one. Again.

"Why does this always happen to me?" he asked himself. "It's all Bill's fault, anyway. I told him to pick the other seats. He knew the cards were running East-West all day. Besides, why didn't he take me out of three notrump? Five diamonds would have made, even with the bad trump split.

"Maybe I shouldn't have tried to run the diamonds right away. What was the rush? If I had six diamond tricks, they'd run just as well later on.

"I know what I should have done. I should have tested the hearts first. If they were 3-3, I wouldn't have to worry about the diamond split. I might even make the hand with a 4-2 break if the doubleton was Q-J, Q-10 or J-10. I'd play the A-K-9, and dummy's eight would become trick number nine.

"I should have thought of all this before I started to play, and I'd have made the hand. It couldn't cost me a thing to try it. It would give me two chances instead of one. If the hearts didn't break right, I'd still have a shot at the diamonds. The way I played it, it was too late to try the hearts."

(P.S. Although he didn't make the hand, he did make the 6:15.)

Tomorrow: Rara avis.
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Texas coach Charlie Strong: 'I don't run from anything'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Charlie Strong has spent weeks dismissing rumors he might leave Texas to chase the open job at Miami. He tried to shut that down once and for all Monday, saying he's promised his players he's staying, and adding: "I don't run from anything." Despite his 10-13 record at Texas, Strong's name first surfaced weeks ago as a potential candidate for Miami after the school fired Al Golden. Previous denials didn't seem to stop the speculation. Texas interim athletic director Mike Perrin said last week Strong isn't leaving, and the coach used his

weekly news conference to again dismiss rumors and give assurances he isn't chasing another job. "I told our players I'm not going anywhere," Strong said. "I made a commitment here. We're going to see this program through. We're going to get it back on track." Texas (4-6, 3-4 Big 12) hosts Texas Tech (6-5, 3-5) on Thanksgiving. The Longhorns need to win their final two games to avoid a second straight losing season. Texas hasn't had consecutive losing seasons since 1988-89. Strong has three seasons left on a five-year contract that pays him more than \$5 million per year. But his tenure has been dogged by a losing

record, changes on his coaching staff, administrative turmoil and some blowout losses that earlier this season raised questions about whether he could be fired. By late October, Strong was facing questions about the Miami job. He

tried to laugh them off at first but they kept coming. His answers didn't change, but by last week the questions were consistent enough that he had to talk to his players to assure them he would not leave.

PATRIOTS

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RUNNING AWAY:

The Patriots lead the AFC East by five games with six to play. Buffalo and Miami are each 5-5. "At the end of the day, they find ways to win," Ryan said. "That's what championship teams do. We're not at that level, but I promise you we'll get there."

OFFICIAL MESS:

The refs blew one play dead by mistake. Then when Sammy Watkins crawled out of bounds untouched near mid-field on the final play of the game, the official signaled for the clock to run.

Referee Gene Steratore told a pool reporter that it was decided that Watkins "gave himself up in the field of play."

The inadvertent whistle came on a 14-yard pass to Amendola when the official apparently thought Brady stepped out of bounds. After a long discussion, the referee announced that 14-yard reception counted, with a 15-yard penalty for interference

from the Bills coaching staff.

"That's one of the craziest I've ever seen," said Bills running back LeSean McCoy, who ran 20 times for 82 yards and a 27-yard touchdown.

McCoy also caught six passes for 41 yards to surpass 100 yards from scrimmage for the fourth straight game.

ODDITIES: That drive ended with an even rarer mistake: Stephen Gostkowski's first missed kick in 51 weeks. There were other oddities in the game, including Brady's fourth interception of the season; another was negated by offsetting penalties.

The Patriots even failed to score in the fourth — the first time they were shut out in a quarter since the first

one of the season. But the strangest event might have been the two fumbles on a single punt.

Leodis McKelvin fielded a punt but coughed up the ball 2 yards later. New England's Jonathan Freney picked it and rumbled 5 yards before he lost the ball and it bounced out of bounds.

SHOULDERING THE LOAD: Tyrod Taylor was 20 of 36 for 233 yards for Buffalo. He remained in the game after apparently injuring his shoulder late.

"I asked him at the end of the game, but he said, 'No, Coach. I'm ready to go,'" Ryan said. "I was going to go with (EJ Manuel), but he said he was ready to go."

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RECAP

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Defensively, the girls did give up way too much in the paint. They didn't communicate well on defense and failed to stop the drive but they did come away with the win.

The Lady Steer JV

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The girls played their best offensive game of the year. They shot the ball very well and played aggressive defense.

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Scoring were: Kamri Kemper—14
Sidney Evans—14
Cierra Martinez—9

Kalli Hale—8
Leah Rivera—7
Lexie Delafuente—6
Mikayla Castillo—4
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Freshman, 42-29 loss

The freshman Lady Steers played hard but fell short with a 42-29 loss against Andrews Saturday. Offensively Erynn Marquez led with 10, Hallie Hyatt 8, Bailee Bingham 4, Madie Bosley, Jacarra Ward, Belle Ramirez with 2 each, and Cassidy Martinez with 1.

Defensively Hyatt and Marquez led in rebounds while Bingham and Marquez led in steals.

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