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The Survivor's Walk traditionally opens each Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life event like this one in 2011. This year, Relay will be held April 20-21 at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus.

Beware telemarket solicitations

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A recent analysis of donations solicited by telemarketers to benefit police organizations across the state shows much of the funding never reaches the law enforcement agencies it's intended for, an all-to-common practice, according to local officials.

The *Austin-American Statesman* reported Sunday that some companies that employ solicitors appealing to the sympathy of people who answer their phone calls use up to 80 percent of the money raised to cover fund-raising costs.

The newspaper said that what's left over often leaves few dollars for direct aid to officers, which is the pitch made by groups claiming to represent law enforcement agencies.

The newspaper also found fund-

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Teams forming for Relay; officials hope for a bunch

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

Just Relay — that's the theme for Relay For Life 2012.

"This year ACS (American Cancer Society) is encouraging us to go back to the basics and that's what we are trying to do," Howard Stewart, team coordinator chairman for Relay 2012, said.

Blankenship Field will again be the venue, after scheduling issues eliminated the use of Memorial Stadium, for the April 20-21 event. Teams are encouraged to decorate their areas in any shape, form or fashion related to sports. For those wanting a spot on the field this year, reservations need to be made. Spaces will be \$150 for a 10-yard by 10-yard area.

If you haven't formed a team yet and are wanting to do so, teams are still being accepted. According to Manny Negrón, 2012 Relay For Life chairman, there are 18 teams signed up at this point and the goal is set at

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Negrón

30. "Everyone has a reason to Relay," Negrón said. "Whether it's for someone they know who has cancer, someone they have lost to cancer or just so another person hopefully doesn't have to hear the word cancer. There are plenty of reasons."

There have been several new teams added this year, including groups from H-E-B in honor of Mau-

rine Pittman, a team from Citizens Federal Credit Union and hopefully, a team from Martin County will be formed. There are a little more than 70 days before Relay takes place in Howard County, which is a month earlier than previous years.

"This year we are having Relay a month earlier, which is cutting down our time to raise money, but there are plenty of fund-raisers going on," Stewart said.

March 25 will be the second annual Bowl-a-Thon at Bowl-A-Rama. Last year, this particular fund-raiser brought in \$1,700 for Relay For Life. Cake pop baskets will also be available for Valentine's Day. To place an order, call 816-8096.

"We need to support one another," Negrón said.

When it comes to fund-raising, Relay For Life is the biggest event for American Cancer Society. Howard County/Glasscock Relay For Life division has the top two teams

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Gasoline prices continue to rise

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.37 per gallon Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.43/g, according to gasoline price website TexasGasPrices.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 43.4 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 17.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 10.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 31.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has continued on its upward trend as we move closer to spring and EPA-mandated cleaner burning gasoline," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "The smaller movements in gasoline prices as of late in areas of the country will certainly not hold much longer. Gasoline prices tend to start moving significantly higher towards the end of February and into mid-March, so motorists should be preparing for higher prices," DeHaan said.

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Many Texans earn low pay, hold few assets

By **CHRIS TOMLINSON**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Texans politicians like to tout the state's economic growth, but more and more Texans are finding themselves teetering on the edge of poverty.

There is little doubt

Texas has survived the Great Recession better than other states, but a study by the Corporation for Enterprise Development has found that 27.7 percent of Texas households have no financial cushion in case of an emergency. If you exclude homes and automobiles from the calculation, a full 50 percent of Texans have no assets they could use to survive if they suddenly lost their income.

When compared to the rest of the country, Texas ranks 41st in financial security. That means even if

Texans survived the last economic storm, another one would swamp them. The corporation is a national non-partisan, non-profit that works to create and identify programs and policies that can help poor people move up the economic ladder.

The findings match up with the latest U.S. Census data on Texas, which found that 17.9 percent of Texans — or 4.4 million people — live below the poverty line. That's 2.6 percent

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **FREDDIE WILLIAMS**, 38, of 2539 Gunter, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 65, of 1512 Wood St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHAD EVERETT COLEMAN**, 29, of 4400 N. Holiday Hill Rd. Apt. 915 in Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DAWN MICHELLE TUBB**, 34, of 511 E. 15th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **KENNY LEE COX**, 25, of Batesville, Ark., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHELLE LYNN MEYERS**, 42, of 1800 S. Monticello, was arrested Sunday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, driving without being secured by safety belt and failure to appear.
- **JERRY DONALD RAY II**, 24, of Wister, Okla., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- **THEFT** was reported:
In the 1900 block of Main Street.
In the 700 block of E. 13th Street.
In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

- **BRADY BALDWIN III**, 31, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **DEANGELO DEPAUL GRAY**, 27, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **IRMA LOZANO**, 59, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for illegal/unsafe backing.
- **ANASTASIA LOZANO**, 25, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation, assault of a public servant, harassment of a public servant and municipal capias warrants for no safety belt for a child less than 17 years of age, no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), assault – physical contact and driving while license invalid.
- **JOSHUA WILLIAM LUCERO**, 23, was booked into the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Madera County, Calif., bench warrant.
- **ANDREW SEBASTIAN ISON**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 and an Austin Parole warrant for violation of parole.
- **SETH SAVAGE SLAYTON**, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **FREDDIE LEE WILLIAMS JR.**, 38, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **MICHAEL DALE PRESTON**, 27, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and a Hartley County warrant for theft by check.
- **GINA RENE NORRED**, 54, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and a municipal warrant for failure to display driver's license.
- **CHAD EVERETT COLEMAN**, 29, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE**, 28, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

• **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 65, was booked into the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAWN MICHELLE BRYAN**, 34, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **MICHAEL LORD FRAUSTO**, 18, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.

• **KENNY LEE COX**, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JERRY DONALD RAY II**, 24, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.

• **MICHELE LYNN MEYERS**, 42, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of no valid inspection certificate, no seat belt – driver and failure to appear.

• **MARIA DELCARMEL GARCIA**, 43, was booked into the county jail Sunday by the Martin County Sheriff's Office on a charge of no driver's license.

Take Note

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

• 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 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

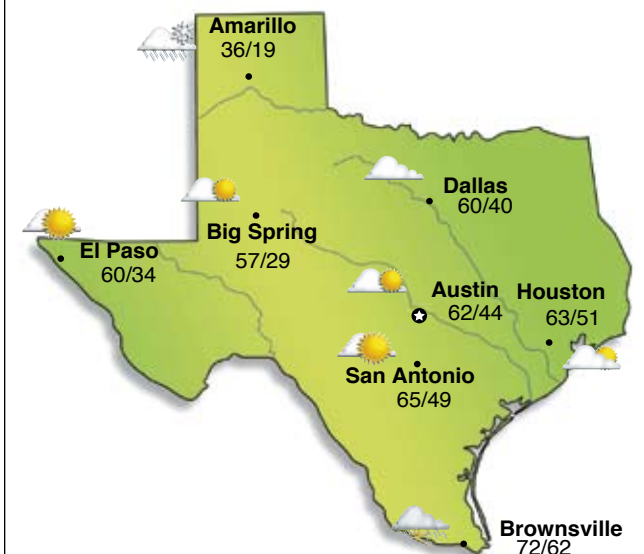
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 6:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:33 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Austin	62	44	pt sunny	Longview	61	41	cloudy
Beaumont	64	48	cloudy	Lubbock	47	20	pt sunny
Brownsville	72	62	t-storm	Lufkin	62	44	cloudy
Brownwood	62	39	pt sunny	Midland	58	31	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	66	55	cloudy	Raymondville	68	58	t-storm
Corsicana	59	39	cloudy	Rosenberg	65	51	cloudy
Dallas	60	40	cloudy	San Antonio	65	49	mst sunny
Del Rio	67	51	mst sunny	San Marcos	63	45	pt sunny
El Paso	60	34	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	57	40	cloudy
Fort Stockton	59	34	mst sunny	Sweetwater	56	31	pt sunny
Gainesville	56	34	rain	Tyler	60	40	cloudy
Greenville	57	37	cloudy	Weatherford	57	35	cloudy
Houston	63	51	cloudy	Wichita Falls	56	30	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	62	40	sunny	Minneapolis	23	9	pt sunny
Boston	45	26	mst sunny	New York	52	34	sunny
Chicago	37	26	sn shower	Phoenix	69	52	cloudy
Dallas	60	40	cloudy	San Francisco	57	46	rain
Denver	26	12	flurries	Seattle	51	38	mst sunny
Houston	63	51	cloudy	St. Louis	48	29	rain
Los Angeles	58	47	rain	Washington, DC	57	37	sunny
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Briefs

Wash. home fire kills Josh Powell, husband of missing Utah woman

GRAHAM, Wash. (AP) — Josh Powell's note was simple and short, a farewell to the world after two years of being scrutinized in the media, hammered by police and questioned by judges, prosecutors and social workers, living his life under a microscope since the day his wife vanished.

"I'm sorry, goodbye," Powell wrote in an email to his attorney just minutes before authorities say he set fire to his home, killing himself and his two young sons days after he was denied custody and ordered to undergo a psycho-sexual evaluation.

The Sunday blaze at Powell's home brought yet another twist in the very public scandal that began when Susan Powell vanished in 2009. The case had since spiraled into a salacious saga of finger-pointing and accusations of sex and lies — and now the unthinkable loss of two young lives caught in the crossfire.

A social worker brought the two boys to Josh Powell's home Sunday for what was to be a supervised visit. They rushed toward the home, leaving

the social worker behind. By the time she got to the door, Powell had let his sons in but locked her out, Graham Fire and Rescue Chief Gary Franz told The Associated Press.

The social worker called her supervisors to report that she could smell gas. Moments later, the home burst into flames, igniting an inferno that neighbors said rattled their houses.

Madonna's Super Bowl halftime show upstaged by M.I.A. finger

The NFL and a major television network are apologizing for another Super Bowl halftime show.

There was no wardrobe malfunction, nothing like that glimpse of Janet Jackson's nipple eight years ago that caused an uproar and a government scrutiny. Instead, it was an extended middle finger from British singer M.I.A. during Sunday night's performance of Madonna's new single, "Give Me All Your Luvin'."

In front of some 110 million viewers on NBC and uncounted others online, she flipped the bird and appeared to sing, "I don't give a (expletive)" at one point, though it was hard to hear her clearly.

The NFL and NBC wasted little time in responding. "The obscene gesture in the performance was

completely inappropriate, very disappointing and we apologize to our fans," said Brian McCarthy, spokesman for the NFL, which produced Madonna's halftime show.

Too many kids exposed to secondhand smoke in cars; more restrictions needed, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — Texting while driving, speeding and back-seat hanky-panky aren't all that parents need to worry about when their kids are in cars: Add secondhand smoke to the list.

In the first national estimate of its kind, a report from government researchers says more than 1 in 5 high school students and middle schoolers ride in cars while others are smoking.

This kind of secondhand smoke exposure has been linked with breathing problems and allergy symptoms, and more restrictions are needed to prevent it, the report says.

With widespread crackdowns on smoking in public, private places including homes and cars are where people encounter secondhand smoke these days. Anti-smoking advocates have zeroed in on cars because of research showing they're potentially more dangerous than smoke-filled bars.

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raisers have little oversight or regulation and often use names that sound like official agencies or say they aid fallen officers. But Texas already provides benefits to families of fallen officers and offers training for law enforcement, negating the need for such donations.

The list of police groups using telemarketing in Texas shows about 20 law enforcement associations currently are registered to conduct telephone solicitations and they've hired telemarketing firms based both in Texas and across the country.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public informa-

tion officer with the Big Spring Police Department, area residents should use extreme caution when dealing with telemarketers of any kind, regardless of what organization they claim to be working with or for.

"The idea of giving someone your credit card or bank account information over the phone is frightening, and it should be," Everett said. "Once you've given these people your information, there's no telling what they are going to do with it, or even who they are going to pass it on to. This kind of information is bought and sold every day, and the damage it can do to you — both financially and personally — is almost impossible to

grasp until it happens to you or someone you're close to."

In 2009, the most recent year with complete data, three of the largest law enforcement organizations using telephone solicitations reported proceeds totaling nearly \$7 million, much of it from phone donations.

Supporters say the efforts are successful and honest. But several law enforcement groups, including the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, the state's largest, favors dues from members to raise money rather than appeal to the public for donations.

Telemarketing "has been a blight, a cancer, on the face of law enforcement," said Charley Wilkison, director

of public affairs for the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas.

Despite the obvious pitfalls of telemarketing appeals for donations, Everett said there are ways to make sure your hard earned dollars are going where you intend.

"While there's really no way to be sure the organizations you're donating to are properly using the money you donate, by following a few simple rules you can make sure your donations make it to the charities and not into the pockets of some scam artist," Everett said.

The first, and most important rule, he said, is to know who you are making the donation to.

"Know who you are handing the money over to," he said. "Instead of making a donation over the phone to some guy you've never heard of, contact your local law enforcement department and let them put you in touch with someone they know can be trusted. That way you know your money is going where you intend it to go, and isn't ending up in some off-shore account or some other scam-driven money pit."

Everett said another way to make your dollars count is to do a little research on the charities and how they use donations.

"If an organization uses 80 percent of their donations to pay for fundraising costs like

the *Statesman* report showed, they obviously have some serious internal problems," Everett said. "Look for charities who are able to do the most with the money donated. That way you know you're getting the most for your donation. There is a ton of information out there on the Internet, and if you don't have access to the Internet, ask a law enforcement officer. Who would know better than the men and women who have their lives touched by these organizations every day?"

Note — the Associated Press contributed to this article.

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located here — TexStone and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, according to Negron.

During the recent Summit seminar held in Odessa, the TexaStone team was recognized as the top team, having raised more than \$40,000

last year, and 18th in the division. SMMC came in second, having raised more than \$20,000 last year.

"Every dollar we bring in counts. It is a dollar we didn't have before someone raised it and you never know, that one dollar may be the one we needed," Stewart said. "One day we hope to make cancer a thing of the past."

According to statistics

provided by American Cancer Society, only 3 percent of funds go toward management expenses. The rest of the money, with the biggest portion being allocated to research, goes to finding a cure, education, advocacy and services.

"There are several local programs supported by the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life helps bring in those funds," Stewart

said. "It's rare to find a company where management only makes up 3 percent of the expenses. Usually, they are the biggest expense."

Some of the local services provided by ACS include Road to Recovery program, Look Good and Feel Better sessions and HATS (Hope After The Sadness). HATS is a ministry located at First Methodist Church that offers information

and resources to those affected by cancer. It helps provide free hats, wigs and head coverings. There is also a 24-hour call center that offers support for those dealing with cancer. According to statistics, every 26 seconds someone calls the 800 number.

"The thing about the call center is there are no recordings," Stewart said. "When people call, they are going to be able

to talk to an actual person."

To find out more about Relay For Life, contact Negron at 432-816-9464. To register a team go online at www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx.

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higher than the national average and ranks Texas 40th in the nation.

Poverty is calculated by examining the make-up of a household and then comparing them to a minimum cost of living for such a household derived from the consumer price index. If the household makes less money than they need to survive, those people are considered to live in poverty.

There are many theories about why Texas has such a high rate — or if the rate is accurate — and even more ideas about how to solve it. But no matter where Texans stand on the political spectrum, these statistics should be important when considering who to vote for and what policies to support.

About 40 percent of the state budget goes to help the needy.

Poor people depend on Medicaid, a government-financed health insurance program, and as poverty grows so does the expense to the state. Medicaid represents a third of the Texas budget now, and this week

Health and Human Services Commissioner Tom Suehs — who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry — said the program will need an additional \$15 billion in the 2014-2015 budget.

Suehs added that \$5 billion of that total is the result of the Legislature not appropriating enough money for Medicaid in this budget cycle, the equivalent he said of writing a bad check.

Poverty is also most acute among children, with 25.7 percent of Texas children living in poverty, compared to 21.6 percent nationally. According to former state demographer Steve Murdock, a poor child who attends college is seven times more likely to move into the middle class, so public education is critical.

Yet Texas Education Commissioner Robert

Scott, another Perry appointee, apologized last week to the Texas Association of School Administrators for the Legislature's decision to cut per-student spending in Texas for the first time since World War II, and for cutting \$1 billion out of his agency's programs that have proven successful in boosting student achievement.

So the question remains: What role should state government play in helping people escape poverty?

The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a conservative think-tank in Austin with tremendous influence over Republican officeholders. Bill Peacock, the group's vice president for research, said more budget cuts are the answer because government is too inefficient to make a difference.

"The poor don't need

a safety net, they need jobs," Peacock said. Programs like Medicaid, he argued, require working people to pay taxes instead of spending their money in a way that creates more jobs. Conservatives believe that less government spending leads to greater economic prosperity.

Progressives, or liberals, believe that society and the economy are imperfect, and government plays a role in caring for the needy and providing a level playing field. The Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities is a non-profit that fights for better government programs to help the poor.

"There needs to be public policy that really enables economic mobility and removes policies that get in the way," said Don Baylor, a senior policy analyst

at the center. As an example, Texas law requires someone to empty their savings account before they can receive financial help, which also happens to make it more difficult for that person to get back on their feet.

In the Occupy Wall Street and tea party era, economic inequality will be an important issue in the 2012 election, particularly in Texas where it appears to be only getting worse. The choices of how to solve the problem couldn't be more different.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's basketball
Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball
Howard College at Frank Phillips College, 7:45 p.m..

TUESDAY

Girls' basketball
Snyder at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Coahoma at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
Forsan at Slaton, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Snyder at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Slaton, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Softball
Ranger College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

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A Giant sequel



AP photo
New York quarterback Eli Manning celebrates after the Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI Sunday in Indianapolis. Manning was named the game's most valuable player.

In Super rematch, New York rallies late to beat Patriots again

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Take that, Brady. You too, Peyton.

Eli Manning is the big man in the NFL after one-upping Tom Brady and leading the New York Giants to a 21-17 victory over the New England Patriots in Sunday's Super Bowl — in older brother Peyton's house, at that.

Just as Manning did four years ago when the Giants ruined New England's perfect season, he guided them 88 yards to the decisive touchdown, which the Patriots didn't contest as Ahmad Bradshaw ran 6 yards with 57 seconds left.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick reasoned the Giants would run the clock down and kick a short field goal, so he gambled by allowing the six points.

The gamble failed.

And now Manning not only has stamped himself as the elite quarterback he claimed to be when the season began — in the same class as Brady — he's beaten the Patriots in two thrilling Super Bowls. The Giants (13-7), who stood 7-7 in mid-December, now own the football world, and Manning owns two Super Bowl MVP awards, the same number as Brady.

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Martin, 4 linemen make Hall of Fame

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Curtis Martin has gone from the mean streets of Pittsburgh to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The star running back with the Patriots and Jets for 11 seasons was one of six play-

ers elected Saturday to the shrine. Martin once disliked playing the game, but used it to escape a neighborhood where his grandmother was murdered.

"When I get awarded something like the Hall of Fame, it's almost foreign to me," said Martin, the NFL's No. 4 career rusher. "This wasn't

something I planned on doing. Football is something I did so I didn't end up jailed or dead.

"If you make up your mind to just do the right thing no matter what ... and you stick to it, which I did, this is how things can turn around. I feel as if my life turned around from what it used to be, and I

think anyone has a chance."

Martin and four linemen were elected to the hall, along with one senior committee choice. He is joined by Chris Doleman, Cortez Kennedy, Willie Roaf, Dermontti Dawson, and senior selection Jack Butler.

Jerome Bettis, Cris Carter and Bill Parcells were among

the finalists who didn't make it.

"I'm not even close to this position, I actually don't think I'd play more than four or five years without Bill Parcells," Martin said, indicating he will have his former coach present him for induction on

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File photo

Howard College's Shavon Coleman attempts a shot in action earlier this season. Both Howard teams will be in action tonight vs. Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Stanley wins title at Phoenix Open

By JOHN NICHOLSON

AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Stanley knew exactly how Spencer Levin felt.

Taking advantage of Levin's final-round meltdown, Stanley rebounded from a devastating loss to win the Phoenix Open on Sunday, overcoming an eight-stroke deficit in a comeback as unlikely as his collapse last week at Torrey Pines.

"I really feel for him, experiencing that," Stanley said about Levin, echoing what Brandt Snedeker said about Stanley last week.

"You don't want to wish that upon anybody. He's a very good player. Way too good of a player to not bounce back or recover."

Stanley closed with a bogey-free 6-under 65, holding a 4-foot par putt on the par-4 18th to finish at 15-under 269. He earned \$1,098,000 for his first PGA Tour title.

"You go from a very low point to a high point," Stanley said. "I'm not sure I expected to maybe recover this quickly. ... I think the biggest challenge was seeing if I could put last week behind me. I think I did."

Ben Crane had a 66 to finish a stroke back.

Levin, six strokes ahead entering the round and seven in front after one hole, shot a 75 to finish two strokes behind Stanley.

"It just wasn't my day, obviously," Levin said. "But I gave it

away, simple as that. You have a six-shot lead and lose, you gave it away. My hat's off to Kyle. He played a great round. He went and got it. But if you've got a six-shot lead and don't win, then I think it's on the player with the lead, for sure."

In tears seven days ago in San Diego after blowing the big lead — dropping the final strokes with a triple-bogey 8 on the final hole — and losing to Snedeker in a playoff, Stanley cried again Sunday — this time tears of joy.

"I just want to thank my mom and dad. They've done a lot for me. I'm speechless," Stanley said in the scoring area moments after the victory.

At Torrey Pines, Stanley led by seven shots early in the final round, and still had a four-shot lead as he stood on the tee at the par-5 18th.

But his third shot had too much spin and didn't get high enough on the green, spinning down the slope and into the water. He three-putted from 45 feet for the triple bogey, then lost to Snedeker on the second playoff hole when his 5-foot par putt caught the right edge of the cup.

"I'm never going to forget that," Stanley said. "But I think it makes this one a lot sweeter, just being able to bounce back. I'm kind of at a loss for words. I'm very grateful for the support I've gotten. It's unbelievable. Unbelievable turnaround."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Cancer moon is a mother determined to protect and guide her children, come what may. It pays to know where your nurturing comes from, and also to be aware of the forces and influences that keep you from feeling safe enough to thrive. You may even have the guts to cut such an influence out of your life under this moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some people will work themselves half to death for love and approval. You, on the other hand, will work because it's what you do. It brings you satisfaction to be in action. Any appreciation you gain in the process is a bonus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you get frustrated with the people you know, you consider strangers in a new light. Today's opportunity will come from one of the billions of people you don't know yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Keep the productivity coming, even when the work you're turning out is less than thrilling. There is a learning curve, and you're not on the other side of it yet. Eventually, quantity will breed quality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anger is tricky. Sometimes you can get mad at someone for a reason you know is completely ridiculous, and yet you're still mad. That's when you need a solo round of vigorous exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Creative talent isn't just about playing an instrument or buying decor. Your creative talent will come out in interesting ways now, especially having to do with conversational wit and motivating people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The strange way things unfold may cause you to feel taken aback or emotionally thrown for a loop. You could find yourself saying "ha-ha" when you want to be saying "aha" or vice versa.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Say what's on your mind, and don't worry about whether you sound smart or cool. Far better to be warm and genuine than to hang back in a cloud of aloof self-consciousness.



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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're a tough judge of character, especially your own. What you expect of yourself is sometimes unreasonable, though that doesn't always keep you from achieving it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone else's experience and opinion of you is colored by your enthusiasm and level of engagement. This will make the difference between being "in" and being "out."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). All the best games have difficult odds. They wouldn't appeal to you otherwise. "Persistence in the face of failure is often the key to eventual success, except in skydiving." — Robert Mankoff

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may love the one who loves you back, but mutuality is not the reason for your affection. Your pure love is not based on what the other person feels or does for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Plan a dinner party. Don't wait around until you meet the funniest, smartest people in the world so that you can have the best dinner party since the dawn of time. This thinking leads to a frozen dinner for one.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). You get serious about love. In games of the heart, you will play for keeps. A windfall in the next 10 weeks will be the result of your decision to become better educated or invest in a creative dream. Trust your instincts in March, when people may be slow to show their true colors. Properties get top dollar in July. Capricorn and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 12, 49 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: What would you have to believe in order to live the life you want? Stay aware and observant. Last week's Neptune transit was monumental in that the change will color the next 14 years. And yet because Neptune is so distant and slow moving, at least from the earthly point of view, the effects of this momentous astrological shift will be far too subtle to notice in these early weeks. Rest assured, small events are lining up to bring a change. Sooner or later your world will always reflect the way you are on the inside.

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"Classic" Ann Landers: Don't grumble, get involved

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers:

Too many parents have no idea what goes on all day in school, and yet, this is a large part of their child's life. I have heard endless complaints about teachers, homework and administrative problems from parents who will not take the time to get involved and find out how they can help.



ANN LANDERS

I have a child in grade school, and I would like to offer these suggestions to parents who want to help their children do well in school:

1. Volunteer whenever you can. You'll get a good feel for the place and for the teachers and the support staff.
2. Go to orientations, open houses and conferences. Meet the teachers. Learn their teaching plans. Get the schedule for midterms and final exams. Find out how your child is doing.
3. Join the PTA, and keep current with what is happening in your school and with the students.
4. Review the textbooks your child uses and the work he or she brings home.
5. Get to know your child's school friends.

Meet their parents.

6. Ask about your school's academic test records. Ask the teachers and administration to answer any questions you have. Parents have the right to know.

7. Volunteer for advisory committees and board memberships so you can have a say in the policy of your child's school.

Please print this letter, Ann, so other parents can help their children. — Louisville Mom on the Inside Track

Dear Louisville Mom: You have made some excellent suggestions, and I am sure they are workable.

The bottom line is: GET INVOLVED. VOLUNTEER. Do it for your children. Do it for yourself. This is a win-win situation. Today's

column may be one of the most valuable you have ever read. Pay attention!

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week. The full moon in Leo will bring a passion play that seems a little too theatrical to be real. The feeling underneath may be honest enough, but most people have a tendency to exaggerate or focus too intently on trivial mannerisms, attributing great meaning to the tiniest gestures and words. On the downside, some of what happens may in retrospect seem overwrought and embarrassing. On the upside, the show of emotion could be just the memorable piece of action that will bring people together in a solid bond.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: A renowned star of stage and screen, Aquarian actor Michael Sheen has gained critical acclaim and box-office bounty playing real-life figures such as Amadeus Mozart, David Frost and Tony Blair. His natal sun and Mercury in Aquarius shows a great social conscience. His moon and Pluto in Virgo suggests the kind of attention to detail that is necessary for executing accurate, compelling work.

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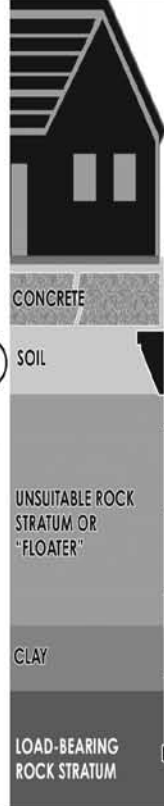
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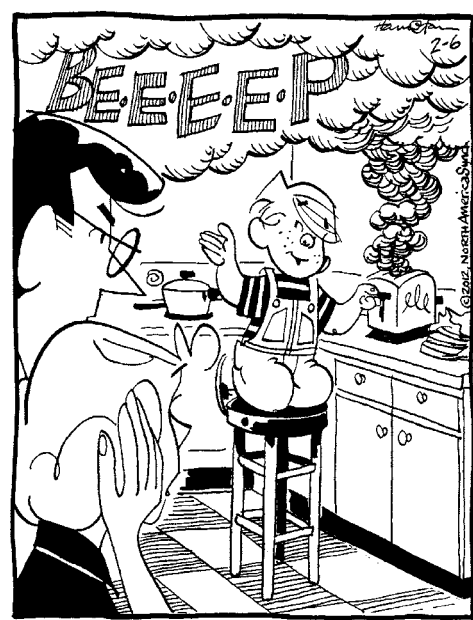


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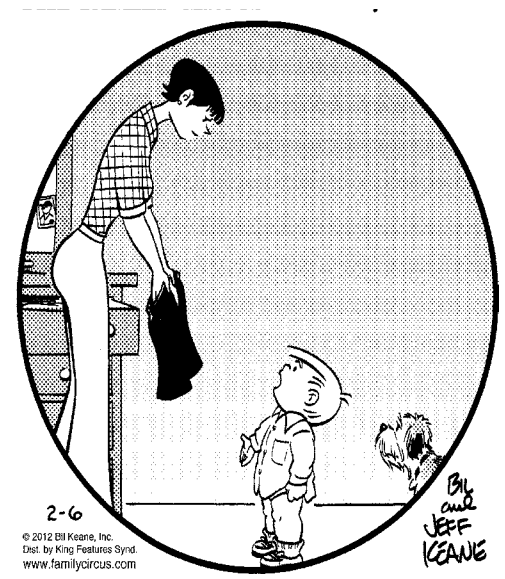
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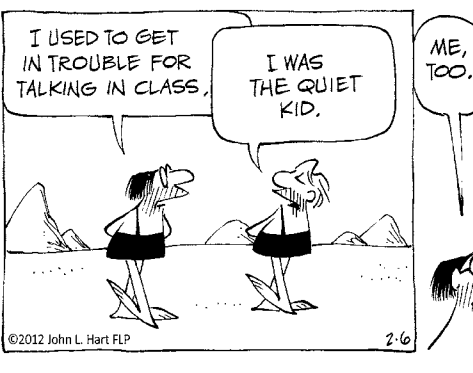
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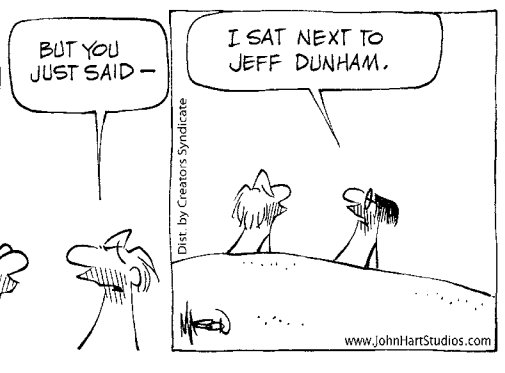
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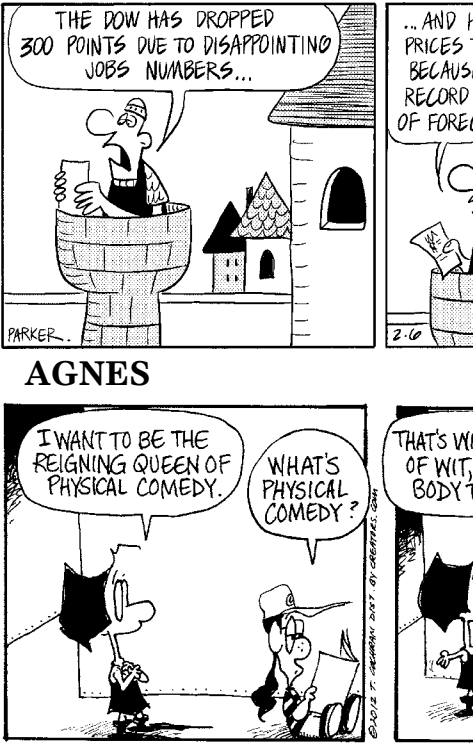
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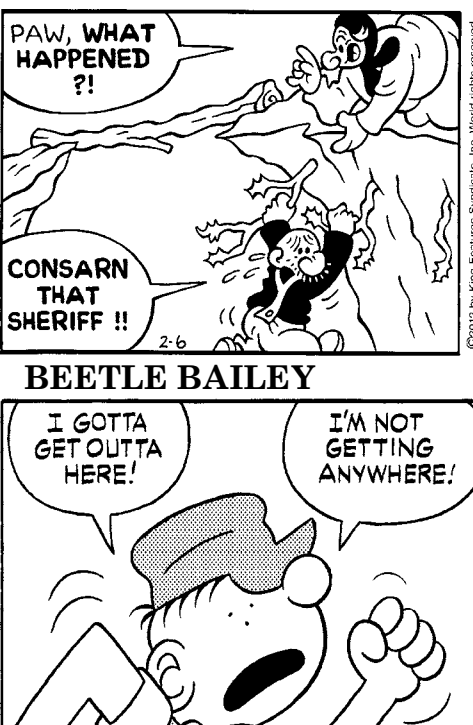
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

On this date:

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

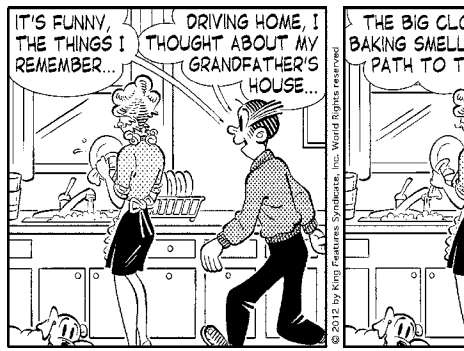
In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1862, during the Civil War, Fort Henry in Tennessee fell to Union forces.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

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GOLF

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The 24-year-old Stanley, one of the tour's longest hitters at only 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds, birdied the par-5 13th and par-4 14th to take a one-stroke lead at 15 under. On No. 13, the bearded former Clemson star powered a 376-yard drive just through

the desert area to set up the tying two-putt birdie.

"Got a really good break there, not quite sure how that ball ended up where it did," Stanley said. "We only hit 9-iron in there."

On 14, he hit a 325-yard drive down the middle and holed a 12-footer to take lead.

"Kind of a chip wedge in there," he said.

Levin, winless on the

PGA Tour, birdied the 14th to regain a share of the lead, but dropped back with a double-bogey 7 on the par-5 15th.

"I just didn't have it," Levin said. "Maybe I was looking ahead too much and trying too hard. What are you going to do? I tried my best."

On 15, Levin's drive bounced off the cart path on the right and ended up against cactus in the

desert area. He took an awkward stance near the cactus and got the ball back into the second cut just off the fairway with a hockey-style shot with his driver. After his caddie removed pieces of the cactus from Levin's shirt and pants, the fiery chain-smoker hit his third shot in the water short and right of the green.

"I pushed it a little bit, but I guess I didn't

hit enough club," Levin said. "I thought 4-iron would go over the green and 5-iron didn't carry."

Stanley, playing two groups ahead of Levin, parred the final three holes, playing a great recovery shot from under cactus to the right of the short par-4 17th.

He birdied Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 11 to get to 13 under, and within three strokes of the faltering

Levin.

Levin birdied No. 4 to reach 18 under, but bogeyed Nos. 4 and 6 and dropped two more strokes on Nos. 11 and 12 to let Stanley into the mix.

Stanley, though, wasn't fully aware where he stood.

"I didn't pay much attention to the leaderboards until maybe four or five holes left," Stanley said.

HALL

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Aug. 4 in Canton, Ohio.

A panel of 44 media members voted.

Martin made it for his consistency and durability, rushing for 14,101 and 90 touchdowns. He rushed for at least 1,000 yards in each of his first 10 seasons, the first three with New England and the others with the Jets. The 1995 Offensive Rookie of the Year, Martin won the NFL rushing title in 2004 with 1,697 yards.

Doleman and Kennedy were sackmasters from the defensive line, Doleman at end and Kennedy at tackle.

Doleman had 150 1/2 sacks in his 15 seasons, mostly with Minnesota, and was one of the prototype agile yet powerful pass rushers who dominate the game today. He made the Pro Bowl eight times and was

fourth on the sacks list when he retired.

"I am totally blown away by this and humbled by it," Doleman said, adding his son, Evan, would present him for induction. "When they call your name, you're absolutely numb."

Kennedy was a force inside, both as a run stopper and in threatening quarterbacks. The 1992 Defensive Player of the Year made eight Pro Bowls, had 58 sacks — an unusually high total for a tackle — and spent his entire 11-season career with Seattle.

He waited by his phone to hear whether he'd made it after a six-year wait, and was happy he had the television on when the announcement was made.

"I thought I was supposed to get a call. I didn't get a call. I had to watch it on TV," Kennedy said.

"I am very excited right

now."

Roaf spent enough time in his 13 seasons with New Orleans and Kansas City blocking the likes of Doleman and Kennedy. He played one season at right tackle, then the rest of his career on the left side, making 11 Pro Bowls. He made the All-Decade team for the 1990s.

"He possessed exceptional physical talent and a great work ethic," said Jim Mora, who coached in New Orleans for 11 seasons. "He was blessed with high quality character and a team-oriented attitude. He was a team leader, always positive, upbeat, and a fun guy to coach and have on the team. Without question Willie was one of my best and favorite players ever."

Dawson made seven Pro Bowls as the Steelers' center, that rare snapper who also could block defensive players one on one. He replaced a

Hall of Famer, Mike Webster, and started for Pittsburgh for most of his 13 pro seasons.

"You never know what your career is going to turn out to be," Dawson said. "I knew I had big shoes to fill 'cause it was my first year playing center. I never would have thought I would be in this position after my career."

"It is a great honor and because of being selected today, my phone has blown up."

Butler also played for the Steelers as a cornerback from 1951-59, picking off 52 passes, at the time second most in NFL history. But he was best known for his tackling skills.

"They told me I was good. I didn't know I was good," Butler said. "I never, ever, ever thought I would be here."

Guard Will Shields didn't get in — the only first-year eligible player to make the 15-man finals. Shields started all but one of the 224 games in his

14 seasons in Kansas City.

Bettis also fell short. He was the 1993 Offensive Rookie of the Year with the Rams who retired in 2006 after winning his only Super Bowl with the Steelers. He is the NFL's No. 5 career rusher.

Parcells coached the Giants to Super Bowl titles in the 1987 and 1991 games and also lost the 1997 Super Bowl with New England. He coached the New York Jets and Dallas Cowboys, too.

Carter is the No. 4 career receiver with 1,101 in 16 seasons with three teams.

Others not voted in were receivers Tim Brown and Andre Reed, defensive end/linebackers Kevin Greene and Charles Haley, defensive back Aeneas Williams, and former 49ers owner Ed DeBartolo Jr.

The other senior finalist, guard Dick Stanfel, was not chosen, either.

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SUPER

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It was a classic can-you-top-this showdown, and Manning won. He finished 30-for-40 for 296 yards and one touchdown, while Brady was 27 for 41 for 276 yards, with two TDs and one interception.

"It's been a wild game, a wild season," Manning said. "This isn't about one person. It's about one team, a team coming together."

Manning led six comeback victories during the season and set an NFL record with 15 fourth-quarter touchdown passes. He showed that brilliance in the clutch on the winning drive. He completed five passes, including a sensational 38-yard sideline catch by Mario Manningham to open the drive.

On second down at the Patriots 6 and with only one timeout remaining, Belichick had his defense stand up as Bradshaw took the handoff. Bradshaw thought about stopping short of the end zone, then tumbled in untouched.

"I was yelling to him, 'Don't score, don't score,'" Manning said. "He tried to stop, but he fell into the end zone."

Brady couldn't answer

in the final 57 seconds, although his desperation pass into the end zone on the final play fell just beyond the grasp of All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski. New England (15-4), winner of 10 straight since a loss to the Giants in November, was done.

"I want to give the Giants a lot of credit," Brady said. "It's a very good football team and they put a lot of pressure on us. We just came up a little bit short."

Brady headed off with his head bowed, holding around him was the wild celebration by the Giants, NFL champions for the eighth — and perhaps most unlikely — time.

"Great toughness, great faith, and great plays by a number of guys today," Manning said, deflecting some of the attention. Still, he one-upped Brady. And Peyton.

"It just feels good to win a Super Bowl, it doesn't matter where you are," Manning said.

It was the fifth trip to a Super Bowl for Brady and Belichick, tying the record. And it looked like a successful one when they stormed back from a 9-0 deficit and led 17-9 in the third quarter. But the Giants, who reached New England

territory on every possession except a kneel-down at the end of the first half, got field goals of 38 and 33 yards from Lawrence Tynes. And it looked like Tynes, who kicked them into the Super Bowl four years ago at Green Bay and again this year at San Francisco, both in overtime, would get called on again.

Then Belichick, known to try just about anything in a game, took a risk that didn't pay off.

"I thought we played very competitive. ... We were in the lead for a good part of the game. We just came up a couple of plays short," Belichick said. "You don't feel good after you lose this game."

The Giants are the first Super Bowl winner that was outscored during the regular season. They were 6-2 after that 24-20 victory at New England, then lost four straight and five of six.

Coach Tom Coughlin insisted "the prize" was still within reach. Now the Giants are holding tight to that Vince Lombardi Trophy.

"What I was concerned with was these guys making their own history," Coughlin said. "This is such a wonderful thing, these guys carving their own his-

tory."

New England had the ball for all of one play in the first 11 1-2 minutes, and that play was an utter failure, a rare poor decision by Brady. After Steve Weatherford's punt was downed at the New England 6, Brady dropped to pass in the end zone and had time. With everyone covered and Giants defensive end Justin Tuck finally coming free to provide pressure, Brady heaved the ball downfield while still in the pocket.

Only problem: No Patriots receivers were anywhere near the pass. The Giants were awarded a safety for Brady's grounding in the end zone.

Manning, meanwhile, couldn't have been more on target early, hitting six receivers in the first period, completing his first nine throws, a Super Bowl record. He also was aided by Ahmad Bradshaw, who hardly looked like a running back with a bad foot. Bradshaw broke a 24-yard run, and New England made another critical mistake by having 12 men on the field on a third-and-3 on which the Giants fumbled.

Instead, New York got a first down at the 6, and two plays later Victor Cruz beat James Ihedigbo on a slant to make it 9-0, prompting Cruz to break into his signature salsa move.

Manning's first incompleteness didn't come until 1:19 into the second quarter.

At that point, it was 9-3 after Stephen Gostkowski's 29-yard field goal.

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ANSWERS

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 7 2
♥ A Q 4 2
♦ A Q 7
♣ K 2

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

EAST
♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 6
♦ K 10 9 5 4 3
♣ 8 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 4
♥ K J 8 7 5
♦ 8
♣ A Q 7 6

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♥
Pass 3♦ Pass 3♠
Pass 4♥ Pass 4NT
Pass 5♥ Pass 6♥

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

though East had the king of diamonds. He won the club lead with the king, played two rounds of trumps, cashed the A-Q of clubs and ruffed a club.

Erdos learned from these plays that East had started with precisely two clubs and two hearts. East was therefore much more likely to have the king of diamonds among his nine unknown cards than West, who had only six unknown cards. Accordingly, after leading a low spade from dummy to his queen, which won, Erdos played two more rounds of trumps, producing this position:

North
♠ K 8
♦ A Q

West
Immaterial

East
♠ A 10
♦ K 10

South
♠ 9 4
♥ 7
♦ 8

Erdos now led his last trump, discarding a spade from dummy, and East was a deceased pigeon. In practice, East discarded the ten of diamonds. But this availed him naught when Erdos next led a diamond to the ace, caught the king and so made the slam. Had East discarded the ten of spades instead, Erdos would have conceded a spade to East's ace to achieve the same result.

This deal was played in the 1965 world championship match between the United States and Great Britain. Ivan Erdos was South for the U.S. and got to six hearts as shown.

West led the jack of clubs. It would seem that the best way to try to avoid two spade losers is to attempt a diamond finesse. If it succeeds, one of your two spade losers will disappear.

But Erdos, in a truly remarkable performance, made the slam even

Tomorrow: A question of probabilities.

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