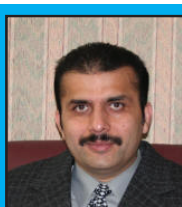


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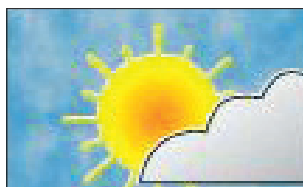


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Officials getting ready for early voting start

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With early voting in the Nov. 2 election set to begin in a little more than a week, local election officials say they are getting their virtual ballot boxes ready for the contest.

The election — which includes two seats on the Howard County Commissioners Court and a pair of state seats — will begin with early voting Monday, Oct. 18, according to



Bloom

Howard County Election Administrator Saundra Bloom.

“We’re getting everything ready,” said Bloom. “The deadline to register to vote in this election has already passed, so now we have to concentrate on getting everything ready to open the early voting polls Oct. 18.”

Bloom said the deadline for area

voters to return applications for mail-in ballots is Oct. 26, but warned against waiting until the last minute to apply.

“I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible,” said Bloom. “If you’re 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can write us a letter or send us a request

by fax or e-mail. The deadline to receive an application for a ballot by mail is Oct. 26.”

According to Bloom, requests for a mail out ballot must include the voter’s name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to.

If the reason for requesting a mail-

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Laci Phillips, left, watches as her children Wesley, center, and Shelby check out pumpkins for sale at the Farmer’s Market event Saturday at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring. The event continues on Saturdays through Oct. 23.

Salvation Army to continue accepting requests

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With the first week of accepting applications for the annual Angel Tree program in the books, officials with the local Salvation Army say the process is right on track to meet expectations.



Cheshire

According to Capt. Terri Cheshire, the local charity has received approximately 70 applications so far, less than half of the 170-plus applications the organization is expecting.

However, according to Cheshire, don’t expect those low numbers to continue through next week.

“We’ve finished the first week, so you would think we’d have about half of the applications expected. However, it never works out that way. A lot of people simply wait until the last minute,” Cheshire said with a laugh.

“We’re still expecting around 175 applications before we’re done Friday. Needless to say, this coming week will be busy for us.”

The Angel Tree program — which provides Christmas gifts for the children of area low-income families struggling through the holiday — has been a huge success in years past, and with economic times still extremely tough for many West Texans, this year’s Angel Tree will be no exception.

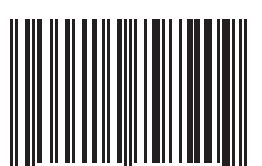
“The Angel Tree program has helped so many families that are struggling just to make ends meet,” said Cheshire. “It’s a sad thing to think about, to realize a lot of these children wouldn’t otherwise have had a single present under the Christmas tree come the holiday. And

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Death row inmate seeks high court approval for DNA tests

MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

LIVINGSTON — An ex-con sent to Texas’ death row for three murders and spared from execution earlier this year by the U.S. Supreme Court is set to take his case before the high court, which may decide whether his attorneys can test items for DNA he claims could prove his innocence.

Hank Skinner was convicted of pummeling his girlfriend with a pickax handle and stabbing her two sons on New Year’s Eve in 1993 in their Texas Panhandle home. DNA evidence at his trial showed blood on his clothing from that night was his and from at least two of the victims.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday on whether prison inmates may use a federal civil rights law to get DNA testing that was not performed before their conviction. Prosecutors in Skinner’s case have

refused to make some evidence available for DNA testing, including knives from the scene and a jacket next to one of the bodies.

The arguments come seven months after the Supreme Court spared Skinner just an hour before he was to go to the death chamber. Justices said then they wanted to postpone his execution until they decided whether to review his case.

“The relief Mr. Skinner seeks is simple and limited: the opportunity to obtain access to physical evidence for the purpose of conducting DNA testing,” Rob Owen, a University of Texas law professor and Skinner’s lead attorney, said in a brief to the high court.

Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer has refused to surrender the items and lower courts agreed with her, saying Texas law already gave Skinner “plenty of oppor-

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Obituaries

Flora 'Flo' Alice Nobles

Flora "Flo" Alice Nobles, 86, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 3, 1923, in Munday and married John M. Nobles on Aug. 1, 1947, in Munday. He preceded her in death May 23, 1989.

Flo graduated from McMurray University and moved to Big Spring in 1943 to teach. She finished her teaching career at Marcy Elementary, teaching second grade. She was the perfect host, handled everything with grace and dignity and made everyone feel welcome. She loved to travel, especially to Ruidoso, N.M., where she spent her summers. Flo lived out her faith in Jesus Christ.

She had been a member of Big Spring First United Methodist Church since 1943.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Jack Shoults of Snyder; two granddaughters, Amy Odom and husband, Tracy, and Susan Everett and husband, Wes, all of Lubbock; one sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Haskell Cox of Corpus Christi; four great-grandchildren, Trey and Sam Odom and Anna and Alice Everett, all of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Susan Alice Nobles; and three brothers, Mac Haymes, Bob Haymes and Floyd Lee "Sonny Boy" Haymes Jr.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Ordóñez and the staff at Covenant Medical Center, Calvert Home Health and Elmbrook Estates.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

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

Paid obituary

Leola Curry

Leola Curry, 85, of McCamey died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in McCamey. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery with arrangements under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of McCamey.

Leola was born Oct. 16, 1924, in Ledbetter to Edward and Willie Lee Allen. She was retired and had worked as a medication aid, as well as working with the Senior Citizens group in McCamey. She was a member of the McCamey Book Club and was a member of the Saints Assembly Church of God in Christ.

Mrs. Curry was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Willie Lee Allen; two husbands, Hubert Lampkin and Elbert Curry; and seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughters, Leatrice Brown and her husband, Gussie, and Patsy Edmonds, all of Big Spring; one grandson; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pauline White

Pauline White, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, at her daughter's home in Midland. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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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:

- ZYON GONZALEZ, 33, of 3605 Hamilton, was arrested Saturday on charges of assault – family violence, assault by contact and disorderly conduct – language.

- MARIA GUADALUPE DIAZ, 24, of 603 Colgate, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault – family violence.

- FRANCISCO BUSTAMANTE, 82, of 1211 S. Main, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for cat or dog running at large.

- BENNY ONTIVEROS ISLAS, 46, of Coahoma, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA, 40, of 2510 Dow, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.

- CARLOS N. APONTE, 22, of 405 W. Fifth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESSE ARMENDARIZ, 19, of Austin, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- MICHAEL ANTHONY SMITH II, 31, of 1406 Goliad Apt. B, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESSICA BLANCO, 28, 305 E. 19th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- ADAM ROSS JONES, 26, of 1003 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on three warrants from another agency.

- CHRISTOPHER LEE ST. CLAIR, 20, of California, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.

- WILLIAM KENNETH TURNER, 22, of Georgia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.

- ANTONIO PARADEZ FLORES, 49, of 1602 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on a warrant for a junk vehicle.

- ANSELMO HERNANDEZ HILARIO, 55, of 1703 W. Third St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault – family violence.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 600 block of Tulsa.

- THEFT was reported:

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 400 block of S. Gregg Street.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 4200 block of Hamilton.

In the 1900 block of Morrison.

- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute.

- ASSAULT was reported:

In the 700 block of Highland.

In the 1000 block of Stadium.

- BURGLARY was reported in the 800 block of E. 14th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- NICHOLAUS MOLINA, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.

- BENITO BARRIOZ, 33, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for contempt of court – disobedience of a court order.

- QUENTIN SIMPSON, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat of a family/household, criminal mischief and criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.

- SAMUEL EUGENE WOODS, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

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- BRANDON DENNIS OLIVETTI, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of interfering with police – municipal charge and minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

- TANNER DALE CHURCHWELL, 21, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- LUIS ENRIQUE PINEDA, 24, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.

- ZYON GONZALEZ, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of assault – family violence, assault – physical contact and disorderly conduct – language.

- MARIA GUADALUPE DIAZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – physical contact.

- YONNI MILIAN-GARCIA, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of no driver's license.

- STEVE NAJERA VILLA, 32, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- HERMAN RODRIGUEZ REYES, 27, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- FRANCISCO BUSTAMANTE, 82, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for animal at large.

- JONATHON MICHAEL PAUL, 30, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for illegal/unsafe backing, driving while license invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

- BENNY O. ISLAS, 46, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- VINCENT EDWARD MCVEA, 40, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.

- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- CARLOS NOEL APONTE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- CAMERON LEE FELTY, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- JESSICA BLANCO, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

- MICHAEL ANTHONY SMITH II, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- JESSE RAY ARMENDARIZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge

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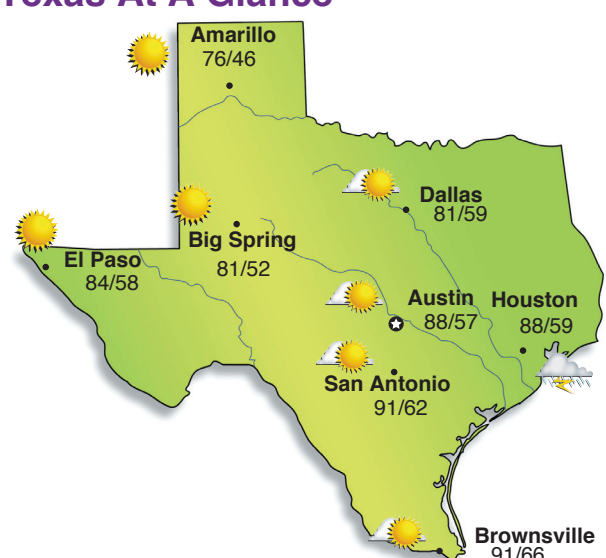
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Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:12 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Arlene	81	56	sunny
Amarillo	76	46	sunny
Austin	88	57	mst sunny
Beaumont	88	59	t-storm
Brownsville	91	66	mst sunny
Brownwood	85	55	sunny
Corpus Christi	90	65	mst sunny
Corsicana	81	57	mst sunny
Dallas	81	59	mst sunny
Del Rio	91	63	mst sunny
El Paso	84	58	sunny
Fort Stockton	85	55	sunny
Gainesville	79	55	mst sunny
Greenville	79	56	mst sunny
Houston	88	59	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	58	mst sunny
Boston	59	42	rain
Chicago	74	52	pt sunny
Dallas	81	59	mst sunny
Denver	53	40	rain
Houston	88	59	t-storm
Los Angeles	82	63	pt sunny
Miami	84	73	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Kingsville	92	64	mst sunny
Livingston	88	55	t-storm
Longview	83	57	rain
Lubbock	80	47	sunny
Lufkin	86	57	t-storm
Midland	84	54	sunny
Raymondville	93	65	mst sunny
Rosenberg	89	59	t-storm
San Antonio	91	62	mst sunny
San Marcos	89	58	mst sunny
Sulphur Springs	81	59	mst sunny
Sweetwater	81	54	sunny
Tyler	82	56	pt sunny
Weatherford	79	56	mst sunny
Wichita Falls	80	55	sunny

SHERIFF

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of public intoxication.

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- CHRISTOPHER ST. CLAIR, 20, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter.
- ADAM ROSS JONES, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid and violation of a promise to appear.
- ANTONIO P. FLORES, 49, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of junk vehicle.
- MATTHEW KYLE DONOVAN, 20, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of reckless driving.
- ANSELMO HERNANDEZ HILARIO, 55, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- CHANCE PATRICK NEWTON, 20, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of no seat belt – passenger, violation of a promise to appear, failure to appear and no driver’s license.
- JOSE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ JR., 23, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, and municipal warrants for failure to appear, speeding, driving while license invalid and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- KIMBERLY GASTON COGBURN, 42, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated – open container and municipal warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear (two counts) and public intoxication.

- JOHNNY LEE RIOS, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- FRANCISCO AGUINAGA JASSO, 53, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- FRANK HERNANDEZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Langley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 6600 block of E. Boberson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

APPEAL

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tunity” to show additional testing could prove his innocence.

Skinner, a former convicted car thief and parole violator, was trying to “game the system,” Switzer said.

Prosecutors have said there’s no evidence to conclusively prove Skinner wasn’t the killer and that ample evidence exists to show he is guilty. They also contend new DNA testing “would not

affirmatively prove anything.”

“They’re fixing to kill me for something I didn’t do,” Skinner, 48, said last December from a tiny visiting cage outside death row as his execution date neared.

To head off the scheduled March execution, his legal team renewed its appeals seeking release of evidence for new DNA testing.

Since the Supreme Court justices agreed to look at the case, the high court ruled in a DNA-related case from Alaska that convicts have no

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Charles Biddison, 81, died Thursday. Graveside services with Military Honors was at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

Geneveva “Geneva” Martinez, 84, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Humberto Mier, Sr., 67, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

APPS

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with the economy still struggling, especially out there in West Texas, we’re expecting the demand to be just as high or higher than last year.”

Cheshire said area families wanting to apply for assistance through the Angel Tree program can continue to do so beginning Monday at 9 a.m.

“We’ll be accepting applications Monday and continue through Friday,” she said. “All they have to do is come by the office between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m.

and 3 p.m.”

The application process is simple, according to Salvation Army Social Worker Paula Lafler, and for some area children, it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree Christmas morning and waking up to nothing.

“They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, Social Security cards for all of the household members living there and proof of income,” said Lafler. “That means check stubs from work, food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD or any of those types of income. They need to bring those in with them,

because we do verify them. They also need to bring in a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

“The picture ID has to be a state issued ID, not the kind you can get at certain convenience stores. Also, they need to be sure to bring either the Social Security card itself, or a print out from the Social Security Office. It has to appear on something official, even DHS (Department of Health Services) records.”

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out ballot is the voter will be out of the county during the election, Bloom said the ballot must be mailed to an address outside Howard County, as well as mailed back from outside the county.

Howard County voters will have several local races to weigh in on, including the battle for the Precinct 4 seat on the commissioners court, as incumbent Democrat Gary Simer will square off against GOP candidate John Cline. Cline won the Republican nomination in March by defeating Roy Don Beauchamp, while Simer went unopposed in the primary.

Also on the ballot is the Precinct 2 seat on the commissioners court,

as Republican nominee Donnie Baker will face off against Democratic nominee Jim Sinclair. Incumbent Jerry Kilgore lost the contest for the Republican party’s nod in March.

In the race for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2, incumbent candidate Kathryn Wiseman will represent the Republican party, while Democratic nominee Ricky Hughes will try to unseat her. Hughes was unopposed in the March primary.

The State Representative District

85 seat will also be decided in November, as incumbent Democrat Joe Heflin faces off against Republican nominee Jim Landtroop.

The District 19 seat on the U.S. House of Representatives will also be up for grabs in November, as Republican incumbent Randy Neugebauer faces off against Democratic nominee Andy Wilson and Libertarian Richard “Chip” Peterson.

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OTHER VIEWS

Time for respect: A real appeal to Gov. Rick Perry

We believe a tradition long held by political candidates and Texas newspapers has been abandoned in what we can only believe to be a decision of political expediency.

Your position to not visit with the editorial boards of Texas newspapers may be astute politically, but it demonstrates a disregard for newspaper readers and voters across the state, who deserve to hear substance rather than silence.

It is therefore with the greatest concern that we offer not only an editorial board meeting with us, but also an opportunity for a face-to-face debate between you and your opponent, former Houston Mayor Bill White, for the purposes of illustrating to Texas voters your positions on key issues.

We are facing what's rumored to be the largest budget deficit and crisis in the history of our state — informed estimates of the budget shortfall range from \$18 billion to \$20 billion. Newspaper readers, whether Republicans, Democrats or Independents — deserve to hear your solutions to the staggering problems we will be facing as the legislative session begins.

Instead, we're confronted with an unacceptable and undeserved silence.

This newspaper, which you have repeatedly called “your favorite paper in the state,” has given you support in previous elections in the form of endorsements.

(To be sure, we have taken editorial positions against some of your actions, such as your executive order on the HPV vaccine in 2007.)

You also have characterized this as one of the most conservative newspapers in the state. We guarantee a level playing field.

So we appeal to you to come to Tyler, visit with our editorial board, and to debate Bill White.

No doubt, you have advisers who are counseling against this. Perhaps they point to the polls that show your comfortable lead over White. You're probably being told you don't need to do editorial boards because the results would be predictable, with many of the state's newspapers endorsing your opponent, as they did in the primary.

That's bad advice. It demonstrates a disconnect with the voters. Obviously, editorial board meetings in the past have not prevented you from being elected to office. You've never lost a race. Nor have debates hurt you politically. Even in a three-way primary in March, you won without a runoff, and you debated your opponents then.

The stakes are too high for politics to overshadow process. We invite you to re-engage with the many voters who rely on us for in-depth dialogue about the issues, rather than sound bites other media offer.

This newspaper did not endorse a candidate in the March Republican primary because only one of those candidates, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, met with our board. We felt the process was incomplete. And it remains incomplete in this general election.

The advice you are receiving is perhaps from those who would have you run for another, higher office. But abandoning the traditions of editorial boards and debates is an affront to the voters you are asking to keep you in this office.

We are deeply disappointed in where things are. We urge you to accept our offer in the spirit in which it is extended, with sincerity and a respect for the traditional relationships between Texas public officials, the press and the public.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our faith in You, Lord, yields heavenly rewards.
Amen

The hot fudge sundae diet

If the Republican Party gets any nuttier, we're going to have to lock it in the attic when company visits. It's bad enough when Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin are your Homecoming King and Queen, but in primary election this year they're producing candidates like Christine O'Donnell, who believes that homosexuality is a bad habit, masturbation a sin, evolution a liberal myth and rape no impediment to successful motherhood. She's running in Delaware for the U.S. Senate.

She isn't the only lulu on the Republican ticket.

There's Sharron Angle of Nevada who, if elected to the Senate, will work to phase out Social Security, probably in concert with Republican hopeful Joe Miller of Alaska, who thinks your Social Security check is unconstitutional...you know, like unemployment benefits.

As nearly as I can figure, the only thing this new bunch of Republicans finds constitutional is guns.

Then there's Dan Maes, who believes that a bicycle-sharing program in his state would be a threat to personal freedom.

He's asking the people of Colorado to make him their governor.

It occurs to me that what's going on here is not a political movement, it's a mental disease

— somewhat akin to mad cow — and it's spreading to the rest of the Republican Party. The party of Dwight D. Eisenhower and Nelson Rockefeller has become the party of Rand Paul and Michele Bachmann.

Where once it depended on William F. Buckley and Russell Kirk for intellectual heft, it now looks to sleazy charlatans like Newt Gingrich and Dinesh D'Souza, the conservative movement's house thugs.

The sad thing about this — oh, put away your handkerchiefs; it's not that sad — is that it's sucking once-moderate Republicans (Lindsey Graham, Olympia Snowe, Susan Collins) into the vortex of irrational extremism that is at the center of conservative ideology.

This ideology is based largely on two ideas:

- Taxes are a bad thing and must be cut, drastically.

- Budget deficits are a bad thing and must be cut, drastically.

Theoretically you can do that by cutting the size of government, but just eliminating the traditional “waste, fraud and abuse” won't get it done.

To do that you'd have to slash the Pentagon budget along with Social Security and Medicare payments, farm subsidies, aid to the states, and the budgets of law enforcement agencies, medical research institutes, and financial regulatory commissions, among other things.

There's no political will to do any of that, let alone all of it.

That was quite obvious when the Republicans issued their

“Pledge to America.” It promises to create jobs, control deficit spending, and do away with the “arrogant and out-of-touch government of self-appointed elites” that has been running things for these last 20 months or so.

It's long on generalities and short on specifics. It proposes extending the Bush tax cuts of 10 years ago, for example, but never gets around to explaining how to make up for the resulting \$3.7 trillion in lost revenue over the next decade.

Oh, they offer up a few suggestions — canceling what's left of President Obama's stimulus package, for example — but these moves really wouldn't amount to much.

They say that cutting taxes would end the unemployment problem, but it wouldn't.

Business people don't hire workers because you cut their taxes. They hire when they have an increase in customers.

Where are your customers going to come from when all of your energy is going into firing government workers?

The pledge is an example of what political commentator Mark Shields calls “the Hot Fudge Sundae Diet.” It promises to solve all of your problems without cost or pain.

Isn't that the attitude that got us into the mess we're in?

When tea partiers first said they were going to “take government back,” I didn't realize they meant they were going to take it back to the 12th century.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.



More jobs, less war is needed

The Great Recession may be officially over but the United States is stuck in a prolonged economic crisis, with joblessness hovering around 10 percent. Millions of unemployed and underemployed Americans are fed up. They want jobs. But many lawmakers are reluctant to invest more revenue in job creation because of concerns over the national debt.

Our country also faces an immense energy and environmental challenge. We need to retool our economy so that we consume less energy, produce less carbon emissions, and can compete in new global green manufacturing. All of this also requires a lot of money.

Fortunately, the government is sitting on a pile of money that could be used to create jobs and retool our economy without adding to the debt. We continue to spend more than \$700 billion a year on building weapons we don't need, fighting wars that aren't necessary, and maintaining a bloated Pentagon bureaucracy. Pentagon chief Robert Gates wants to reduce military spending—but only to shift those savings toward yet more weap-

ons and war-making.

It seems obvious. We should cut the military budget and use that money to fund our economic transition, creating millions of new jobs. Studies show that investing a billion dollars in the green economy generates far more jobs than investing the same amount in the military economy.

Obvious ideas are not, however, always politically feasible. After the end of the Cold War, we could have redirected Pentagon funds for research in and the development of new energy sources, and building an environmentally sustainable manufacturing base. But we failed to capitalize on this “peace dividend.” Instead, from the mid-1990s to today, we doubled military spending.

Now we face a second opportunity. This time a “green dividend” is within reach. Both China and South Korea, two countries with very different political and economic systems, have backed green growth. The Obama administration made such funds a feature of its original stimulus package and also created a “green jobs czar.” But so far the United States has only pursued half-measures. That's why we continue to face both a jobs crisis and a climate crisis.

The “obvious solution” is not so obvious to defense contractors worried about losing Pentagon contracts—and unions and workers worried about losing the nation's remaining manufacturing, mining, and oil industry jobs—all in exchange for the promise of a different kind of industry. Politicians who might ordinarily back

the “obvious solution” are reluctant to be seen as anti-job. The promise of green jobs has a hard time competing with the reality of existing military jobs.

The only way to cash in on our green dividend is to focus on jobs. It's the only way to convince workers, manufacturers, and politicians to back reductions in Pentagon spending and a green stimulus package. In our Green Dividend report, we illustrate how the United States can, community by community, shift from military jobs to green jobs. In East Hartford, Marietta, Idaho Falls, and elsewhere, cities are already beginning to envision ways to transform their military manufacturing capabilities into new green products and new green jobs.

Workers now producing military engines will one day produce windmill turbines. If we plan this transition now, those workers will be Americans. If we lose this chance to reap a green dividend, the United States won't be a productive part of the new global green economy. We will only be consumers. Our unemployment rate will remain unacceptably high.

We struck out with the peace dividend. We are on the verge of striking out on the green dividend.

We probably won't get a third chance.

Miriam Pemberton is a research fellow and John Feffer is co-director of Foreign Policy In Focus www.fpiif.org at the Institute for Policy Studies. They wrote the Institute's Green Dividend report.



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Dear Annie: Eight months ago, I started dating “Ron.” His wife died two months before my companion passed away. We started as friends, and then it became something more. We have similar interests and get along great with one exception: Ron’s 41-year-old married stepdaughter, “Sonya.”

Sonya told Ron that he is not allowed to date anyone, and any woman he sees will not be part of her family. The first time I met Sonya, she threatened me, saying I would get hurt if anything happened to Ron. Ron just sat there and made no effort to stand up for us as a couple.

Since then, Ron has broken up with me three times because Sonya pressured him. The last time was when she criticized him for taking me to see the Fourth of July fire-

works. Ron sat there cowering while Sonya jumped on his case. He now says he can’t date me because he might go back to his church. I offered to go with him.

Lately, he’s been treating me like dirt. He doesn’t call and won’t do anything with me, and if I see him, he acts distracted and makes me feel bad for wanting to be with him. I have fallen in love with Ron and don’t want to lose him. Do you think he is cheating? — *Hopelessly Confused*

Dear Hopeless: No. We think he is tightly wrapped around Sonya’s finger. She completely controls him, and he permits it because he is too weak to stand up for himself, let alone you. This relationship is going nowhere. Unless Ron develops a backbone, you will lose every time. Do yourself a

favor and cut him loose.

Dear Annie: I grew up in a large family where alcohol was part of the lifestyle. My parents were major alcoholics. Mom died five years ago. Dad eventually saw the light and got sober (to our amazement) and completely changed his life. He’s now married to another recovering alcoholic, and we are all very happy for him.

Here’s the problem: Dad thinks anyone who takes so much as a sip of beer is a raging drunk. He is obsessed with other people’s drinking habits and gossips about them constantly. I found out that Dad thinks some of his family members have an alcohol problem. But, Annie, no one has had a drink around him for 20 years out of respect for his sobriety and a fear that he’d relapse.

He seems to be envious of people who can have a drink. Do all recovering alcoholics feel this way? We aren’t the type of family to discuss personal things, but we feel Dad owes all of us an apology for everything he put us through. Is this too much to ask? He is 74 and gets hurt easily. — *Perplexed*

Dear Perplexed: Alcoholics Anonymous encourages its members to apologize to those they may have hurt due to their drinking. Yes, Dad may be envious of those who drink, but it is also possible he needs to see his doctor. Sometimes paranoid thoughts can be indicative of dementia. Suggest he make an appointment, and offer to go with him. Also contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) at 1-888-4AL-ANON for support and suggestions.

Dear Annie: I agree with your advice to “Worried Mom in the Midwest” to have her underachieving son tested for learning disabilities. However, since she described herself as a “positive” parent, I’m guessing her son suffers from Positive Parenting Syndrome. That’s when a parent never says “no,” as in, “No video game until you show me your homework.”

These parents never make their children responsible for anything with appropriate consequences. If her son is motivated to get a driver’s license, how about “no parental signature until your grades are brought up”? I’ll bet that would motivate him to do the work or get the help he needs. Come on, Mom, be the parent. — *Mom of Six*

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If your plan is to stay home and relax, it’s likely to be foiled. The world can’t help but rush in and sweep us along under the Sagittarius moon. This lunar aspect bodes well for adventurous missions to expand horizons and increase resources. It’s also the perfect moment to gain an understanding of how others live in different parts of the world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be careful not to impose too many rules on yourself now, because you’re in a rebellious mood. The rigidity of a strict system of living will only lead you to act out, if only to prove that you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As long as you’re making improvements, why not make drastic ones? Think bigger, crazier and more extreme. Your wild ideas may be just as easily applied as mild ones.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometimes you feel guilty about taking off for “me time,” and yet

you really needn’t. You’re a creative being, and you need time to explore your ideas in your own way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To listen only to the dictates of your own wishes would be a mistake. You are surrounded by well-intentioned teachers, and you would be wise to listen to their advice today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are some very intelligent cynics around, but you’ll notice that none of them is as successful as their smart, optimistic counterparts. To win, you must first believe that you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You’ll express yourself more fully when you’re with one who really understands you. If you don’t feel like you know such a person, keep casually reaching out. This is a lucky time for finding friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will be important to separate reality from the emotions you attach to reality. Furthermore, it will benefit you to admit that your way of viewing things may not be the end-all-be-all point of reference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your careful consideration of others will be of utmost

importance. Ask yourself who your actions will affect and how. In your thoughtfulness, you just might win a heart and some undying devotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This will be a wonderful day, not because you’ll get everything you want, but because you’ll get an interesting, knotty problem and the satisfaction and confidence that come from finding an excellent solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Financial interests compel you to educate yourself. While it may be inappropriate to ask individuals how they made their money, with a little research, you’ll find many lucrative pathways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). All you can do is all you can do. When you reach that point, you’ll be satisfied that you tried your hardest, no matter what the outcome is. P.S.: You haven’t reached it yet, so keep going.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You weren’t born with the attitude that makes you a success. You have to choose it and then get up the next day and choose it again. Soon, the choice becomes a habit.

TODAY’S BIRTH-

DAY (Oct. 11). You will attain your dream of doing the extraordinary. You’ll put events on your calendar and take the necessary daily steps to move toward them. Family victories are your own in November. Finances improve in December, when you implement timesaving tricks. January brings tenderness to a special relationship. Cancer and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 11, 21, 16 and 50.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: “I’m a Leo in my 30s. When I was younger, I had a habit of getting into extremely close relationships with a single friend. We would be inseparable, doing everything together. Then things would change, like I would move or she would change schools or whatever, and we would be separated, and I would find a new BFF. Now

that I’m older, I don’t want that kind of close friendship—I think it’s creepy and codependent. But what I have are all these associations through work or our children or church, and the truth is, I’m not really clicking great with anyone. It’s all very forced. Will I ever find a happy medium?”

Good for you for realizing that you have outgrown codependent friendships. The best friends you’re going to have in life are those who don’t need anything from you and from whom you don’t need anything. Leos do best in friendships with people who have qualities they want to adopt. Remember when you were in school and you would see a person you admired and wanted to be friends with? Well, that’s what you need now. You need a friend who inspires you and knows how to share without being suffocat-

ing.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Emily Deschanel plays Dr. Temperance “Bones” Brennan in the comedy crime drama “Bones.” But when it comes to her food, she makes no bones about it: She lives a vegan lifestyle and is an avid supporter of animal rights. Deschanel’s sun and Mercury in Libra complement her Taurus moon. Libra and Taurus are both Venus-ruled signs, gifting Deschanel with natural and effortless beauty.

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Heading Back to Tampa

Rays still alive after 5-2 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Evan Longoria is still limping. Now he's also hitting, and the Tampa Bay Rays are headed home, one victory from an improbable comeback.

Longoria snapped out of his postseason slump with a homer and two doubles, Carlos Pena scored twice with a pair of extra-base hits of his own and Tampa Bay escaped elimination again with a 5-2 victory Sunday over the Texas Rangers to force a deciding Game 5 in the AL division series.

"We've really battled to get back to even," Longoria said. "And I think we have a lot of confidence going home, and being able to finish the series in our home ballpark."

To do that they'll have to beat Cliff Lee who matched a postseason best with 10 strikeouts in a 5-1 series-opening victory. The Rays lost the two games at Tropicana Field before winning twice in Texas to push a division

"We've really battled to get back to even. And I think we have a lot of confidence going home, and being able to finish the series in our home ballpark."

Evan Longoria,
Tampa Bay Rays

series to a fifth game for the first time since the Los Angeles Angels beat the New York Yankees in 2005.

"I still want to believe there is a home-field advantage and hopefully that's going to show up," manager Joe Maddon said. "The extra game at home, I have been talking about it all along."

If the Rays win they will join the 2001 Yankees as the only teams to lose the first two games at home and still win a five-game series.

The series winner hosts Game 1 of the AL championship series Friday night against Yankees. New York swept Minnesota in three games,

clinching the other division series with a 6-1 win Saturday night.

Texas is still the only current major league franchise that has never won a postseason series, and still has not won a playoff game in front of its home fans (0-6).

"It's down to one game, we've got Cliff going and certainly feel good about that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We have proved that we can win there."

Tampa Bay sends 19-game winner David Price to the mound Tuesday night in a rematch of the Game 1 starters.

"I like our chances with Dave on the

mound again," Longoria said.

The Rays' resurgent offense helps, too.

Longoria, still limited by a left quad strain that forced him to miss the last 10 games of the regular season, was in an 0-for-12 slide before he and Pena had consecutive doubles starting the fourth against Tommy Hunter. Longoria added a two-run homer in the fifth for a 5-0 lead.

"I kind of felt like Kirk Gibson going around the bases," he said. "There are times when I have to try to push it. ... I know I hit the ball out of the ballpark, I'm not really going to run as fast as I can around the bases."

After hitting only .125 (8 for 64) with one run in the first two games, and going 16 innings without scoring in one stretch, the Rays were five outs from elimination before their bats finally

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Coahoma's Dakota Griffith runs behind his blockers during the Bulldogs' 33-6 win at Post Friday. Coahoma faces rival Forsan this week at home.

Goodell: Looking at facts in Favre case

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell says once the league completes its investigation of allegations that Brett Favre sent racy messages and lewd photos to a Jets game hostess in 2008, it will "make a determination" if the Vikings quarterback should be punished.

The league is looking into the matter under its personal conduct policy.

"We are going through that and we are making sure we understand all the facts," Goodell said at halftime of the Chargers-Raiders game.

Goodell added once the investigation is complete, "we'll make

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Johnson lifts Titans past Cowboys 34-27

ARLINGTON (AP) — Dallas made one mistake too many, by an offensive lineman, no less. It was enough for the Tennessee Titans to finally put away the Cowboys.

The Cowboys overcame defensive flubs that got them down by 14 early. They even bounced back from two tipped-pass interceptions thrown by Tony Romo.

But when Marc Colombo was penalized for a celebratory somersault in the end zone, and a breakdown on special teams followed, it was

what Tennessee needed for a 34-27 victory Sunday. The Titans (3-2) won their 11th straight against an NFC team, the NFL's longest active non-conference win streak.

Chris Johnson scored a pair of 1-yard touchdowns in the fourth quarter, handing the Cowboys a defeat they won't soon forget.

Dallas (1-3) thought it revived its hopes of playing in the Super Bowl at home because of an impressive victory followed by a bye. This game showed what a mess this club is. Each

unit can look at the other and say, "What happened?!"

There were three pass interference penalties on the game-opening drive, the third declined because Tennessee's Nate Washington caught a 24-yard touchdown pass. A sack that would've forced the Titans to punt from mid-field was erased by a penalty, leading to the touchdown that put Tennessee up 17-3.

Romo rallied the Cowboys to tie the game at 17 and 20. David Buehler missed a 44-yard field goal that would've put

Dallas ahead and Romo had a tipped pass intercepted on the end zone to kill another scoring threat.

Then came another tipped-pass picked off at the 13 and returned to the 1, setting up Johnson's first touchdown of the fourth quarter.

Romo tied it again at 27 on a touchdown throw to Jason Witten, but Colombo was penalized 15 yards for celebrating. Dallas had to kick from farther back and Tennessee's Marc Mariani returned it to the 11. A penalty on the tackle moved the ball to the

5, setting up Johnson's next touchdown.

Romo had the ball twice more, but turned it over on downs and threw another interception — no tips, just a horrible throw right to a linebacker.

Johnson ran 19 times for 131 yards. Vince Young was 12 of 25 for 173 yards and two touchdowns.

Romo was 31 of 46 for 406 yards, with three TDs and three interceptions. He was sacked six times after going down only once coming in. The Titans came in tied for the NFL sacks lead.

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Over 80 2-man scramble

Gaines County Golf Course is hosting an over

80 2-man scramble on Oct. 23 and 24. The starting times are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee cost \$80 per person plus the cart. The entry fee also includes lunch on Oct. 23. For more information or to enter call (432) 758-3808.

Golf tournament

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 6-6-6 tour-

namment (six holes scramble, six holes low ball and six holes modified alternate shot) at 1 p.m. Oct. 23 and 24. Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. Entry fee includes barbecue on the course Oct. 23. Field will be flighted by first round score. Number of flights determined by number of entries.

For more information or to enter, call the Pro Shop at (432) 267-5354.

AP Top 25 poll

1. Ohio St.

2. Oregon

3. Boise St.

4. TCU (1)

5. Nebraska

6. Oklahoma (2)

7. Auburn

8. Alabama

9. LSU

10. South Carolina

11. Utah

12. Arkansas

13. Michigan St.

14. Stanford

15. Iowa

16. Florida St.

17. Arizona

18. Wisconsin

19. Nevada

20. Oklahoma St.

21. Missouri

22. Florida

23. Air Force

24. Oregon St.

25. West Virginia

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Ohio State is No. 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Hit the reset button on the college football season. There’s a new No. 1 team in Ohio State and uncertainty at the top of the rankings for the first time all season, after Alabama’s 19-game winning streak ended at South Carolina. The Southeastern Conference, which has won the last four national championships, has some catching up to do in the 2010 title chase. The Buckeyes and No. 2 Oregon have a couple of BCS busters in No. 3 Boise State and No. 4 TCU on their tails. And for the first time in about a decade, Nebraska is a legitimate national championship contender. The Buckeyes moved up one spot in The Associated Press poll after pre-season No. 1 Alabama lost for the first time since the 2009 Sugar Bowl. The Crimson Tide fell 35-21 on Saturday. Ohio State received 34 first-place votes and Oregon (15), Boise State (eight), TCU (one) and No. 6 Oklahoma (two) also got first-place votes from the media panel Sunday. Auburn is the highest ranked SEC team at No. 7. An SEC team, either Florida or Alabama, had held the top spot in the last 29 AP polls, dating to Nov. 2, 2008. The last time the highest ranked SEC team was this far away from No. 1 was Oct. 22, 2006, when Auburn was ranked seventh. The Crimson Tide slipped to No. 8 — and second in the state — while LSU was No. 9 and South Carolina moved up nine spots to 10th after the program’s first win against a top-ranked team. The last time Ohio State was No. 1 was the final regular-season poll of 2007. That season ended with LSU beating the Buckeyes in the BCS championship game to become the first national title winner with two losses. That type of mayhem is a long way away, but the potential for BCS controversy is high, unlike last season, when Florida, Alabama and Texas moved into the top three spots in late September and didn’t budge until the SEC title game. “You take a look at the top 10 week to week and the precarious nature of any ranking is obvious — just review the change in the makeup of the Top 10 between the beginning of the season until now,” Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Sunday in a statement. While Tressel’s rigid remarks scored low for enthusiasm, the insight was on target. Four teams that started the season ranked in the top 10 have fallen out, including Texas and Virginia Tech.

Rangers

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came alive late in Game 3. And the positive trend carried over into Sunday, when they had 12 hits. Tampa Bay has already gone from losing at least two in a row to winning at least three straight seven times this season, The Rays even pulled off that trick as part of a pivotal series against the Yankees just a few weeks ago. Longoria’s injury is obviously still bothering him when he runs the bases and on some plays at third base. “He is under strict managerial orders to not run hard, although he can’t anyway,” Mad-don said. “The ball’s in the gap — listen, the walking double, I’ll take it every time. ... And, of course, the home run over the wall is a nice play.”

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Manning, Nicks lead Giants past Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — The New York Giants found some offense to go with that powerful defensive front. Eli Manning threw two of his three touchdown passes to Hakeem Nicks and the Giants held Houston to a franchise-low 24 yards rushing in a 34-10 win over the Texans on Sunday. Nicks finished with career highs of 12 catches and 130 yards, another big day for a receiver against the Texans’ porous secondary. Manning went 27 of 42 for 297 yards passing, and threw his third TD pass to Steve Smith in the fourth quarter. But Nicks was Manning’s true go-to receiver early on Sunday, catching seven passes for 97 yards in the first half. “You never know who’s going

to have the hot day,” Manning said. “I don’t have favorites and I don’t pick guys out. I’m reading coverages and throwing to the open guy. So they know that.” Osi Umenyiora sacked Texans quarterback Matt Schaub twice and also forced a fumble, while the Giants (3-2) held NFL rushing leader Arian Foster to 25 yards on 11 carries. Linebacker Brian Cushing made four solo tackles in his season debut for Houston (3-2). He was suspended the first four games for violating the NFL’s policy on banned substances. His much-anticipated return was quickly forgotten as the Giants rolled to a 21-0 lead in the first 17 minutes. The Texans had no choice but to start throwing, and that played right into the

hands of the Giants’ pass rush, which generated 10 sacks against Chicago last week. “Our offense did a good job of getting off to that early lead and scoring points so they couldn’t run the ball,” Umenyiora said. “We just played off of each other.” Manning faced little pressure in the first half and completed 15 of 22 passes for 175 yards, while Nicks dominated Houston cornerbacks Kareem Jackson and Brice McCain. The Texans were giving up 338 yards passing per game and their young cornerbacks had taken most of the blame. Manning noticed this week while studying the Texans that their safeties often creep forward on play-action fakes, leaving gaps down the field.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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♥ Q 10 9

♦ A 10 4

♣ K 6 5

WEST

♠ J 8 3 2

♥ A 2

♦ Q 9 7 6 2

♣ 9 2

EAST

♠ —

♥ 3

♦ K J 8 5 3

♣ A Q J 10 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A Q 10 9 7

♥ K J 8 7 6 5 4

♦ —

♣ 3

The bidding:

North

1 ♠

1 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

Dble

South

1 ♥

5 ♣

6 ♥

Rdble

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Opening lead — six of diamonds. When the defenders allow declarer to make a redoubled slam missing two cashable aces, the guilty parties can only hope that all memory of the painful incident will quickly fade away. The last thing you’d expect is that one of the victims would voluntarily divulge the details of the disaster in a daily newspaper distributed to 10,000 bridge players attending a national tournament. But that’s exactly what happened when Richard Pavlicek suffered just such a debacle in the Spingold team championship some years ago and then published his tale of woe for all to see in the Daily Bulletin. Pavlicek was East and started his side off on the wrong foot by passing North’s opening club bid. He then tried to make up the lost ground by leaping to four clubs at his next turn. This elicited a cuebid of five clubs from South, supposedly showing first-round control of the club suit. When South subsequently bid six hearts, Pavlicek doubled, hoping his partner would work out that he wanted a spade lead. South then muddled the waters even further by redoubling. At this point we quote Pavlicek’s own account: “There we were, defending six hearts redoubled with two cashable aces and a ruff for frosting — but it didn’t work out that way. My partner knew my double showed a void in spades or diamonds, but which one? Could the opponents be concealing a nine-card spade fit? Very unlikely. But they certainly could have an eight-card diamond fit. “So partner led a diamond, and away went our ace of clubs and the spade ruff. We did carefully manage to score the trump ace to prevent an overtrick. Minus 1,570 was not a pleasing result when we were cold for six diamonds. Next time I’ll just overcall with one diamond to avoid all this nonsense.”

Tomorrow: A necessary extravagance.

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FAVRE

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a determination from there.” Should Favre be found to have violated the NFL’s conduct policy, he could be fined or suspended. Deadspin posted a story Thursday which included several voice-mails allegedly sent by Favre to Jenn Sterger, who worked for the Jets at the time. The voice-mails include a man asking to meet with Sterger, who now is a TV personality for the Versus network. The website posted a video that contained the voice-mails and several graph-

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4	2	6	9	3	8	7	1	5
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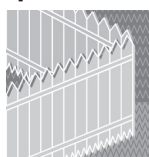
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