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Residents can 'Take Back' drugs

Law enforcement, Wal-Mart team up to target unwanted, outdated prescriptions

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area residents are being asked to clean out their medicine cabinets, as the Big Spring Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration and local department store Wal-Mart are teaming up to keep unwanted prescription drugs off the streets.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, area residents will have the chance to hand over their unwanted drugs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the local Wal-Mart, located at 201 W. FM 700.

"The service is free, anonymous and no questions asked," Everett said. "This gives the community the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs."

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Sgt. Tony Everett
Big Spring Police Department

effort in April netted more than 375,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement drop-off points.

"Americans turned in 376,593 pounds of prescription drugs dur-

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Cindy Miles of Gardendale won Best In Show honors at the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club's annual show and sale, which concluded Saturday.



Christmas exhibit deadline nears

Heritage Museum's 'forest' a holiday staple in Big Spring

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The calendar says October, but at Heritage Museum, December is very much on everyone's minds.

Museum personnel are hip-deep in preparations for the facility's signature Christmas season event — the Christ-



Raney

mas Tree Forest, which will be on display from Nov. 13 through Dec. 21.

Around 30 businesses, organizations, school groups and individuals are expected to decorate trees for the

fifth annual event, Museum Director Nancy Raney said.

"We really enjoy the Christmas Tree Forest," Raney said. "It gets us in the mood for Christmas. It always gets very beautiful down at the museum this time of year."

The event was begun by Gale Pittman in the early 1990s in the downtown Big

Spring area.

"After that went by the way-side, he came to us wanting to start it back up," Raney said. "Of course, we thought that was a great idea."

Once the trees are decorated, they will be displayed throughout the museum, she

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Council faces routine agenda Tuesday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday evening to discuss a number of items, including whether to approve a tax exemption for goods in transit.

The agenda item — which will be heard slightly more than 24 hours after Howard County commissioners are expected to vote down the same exemption — will in-

clude a public hearing on the matter, according to city officials, as well as first reading of the exemption.

According to county officials, Texas legislature recently amended the goods-in-transit tax law to require taxing entities to decide whether or not they want to offer the exemption. Now, a taxing entity must decide whether to allow goods in transit to be taxed or not.

Goods in transit is defined in the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 11.253, as those items that are brought in for holding until they are shipped elsewhere for production. Also, the goods cannot remain at the same location for more than 175 days before they are shipped on.

Among the items expected to be considered by the council are:


- Final reading of a resolu-

tion designating a nominee — former mayor Tim Blackshear — for the position of director on the Howard County Joint Tax Appraisal District board of directors for 2012 and 2013.

• Acceptance of meeting minutes for the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Conventions and Visitors Bureau Committee, Howard

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Obituaries

Arthur Jerry DEan



Arthur Jerry DEan, 67, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park, with Sam Peak and Thomas Hayes officiating.

Jerry was born Aug. 10, 1944 in Cisco, Texas to Juanita and A.Z. DEan. He grew up at Forsan and graduated from Forsan High School. In 1962, he moved to Indiana and worked for Babcock & Wilcox Boiler Makers. He married Pennie Cain Sept. 15, 1967, in Griffin, Indiana. They moved to Big Spring in 1979. Jerry worked as a technician for Southwestern A-1 Pest Control for 28 years, retiring in 2009. After retiring, he delivered meals to the elderly. He attended Jewish Torah studies in Odessa.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Pennie of Big Spring; two daughters: Annisa Gustin and her husband Eric of Shepherd, Texas, and Genifer Corley of Grand Prairie; two sisters: Bettye Griffith of Big Spring and Barbara Tilley and her husband Marshall of Amarillo; two brothers: Randy DEan, and his wife Sydney of Perryton, and Ricky DEan and his wife Lana of Booneville, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Royce Griffith.

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

Paid obituary

Benjamin Dominguez

Benjamin Dominguez, 49, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- JESUS CRISTOBAL GONZALES, 39, of Stanton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOSHUA MATTHEW WILSON, 24, of 1215 Wright St., was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated and urinating in public.
- SALOME ADOPLH RIOS, 36, of 2511 Albrook, was arrested Sunday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and disobeying a flashing red signal.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 600 block of Dallas. In the 400 block of Hillside Drive.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block of Tuscon.

Sheriff

Arrest and activity reports were not available from the Howard County Sheriff's Office in time for press.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4800 block of 36th Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of 24th Street. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of N. Moss Lake Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of N. Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of W. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Manor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Barksdale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. 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 1600 block of Sunset. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of E. 24th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 4100 block of S. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Wood. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Third Street and Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

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

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

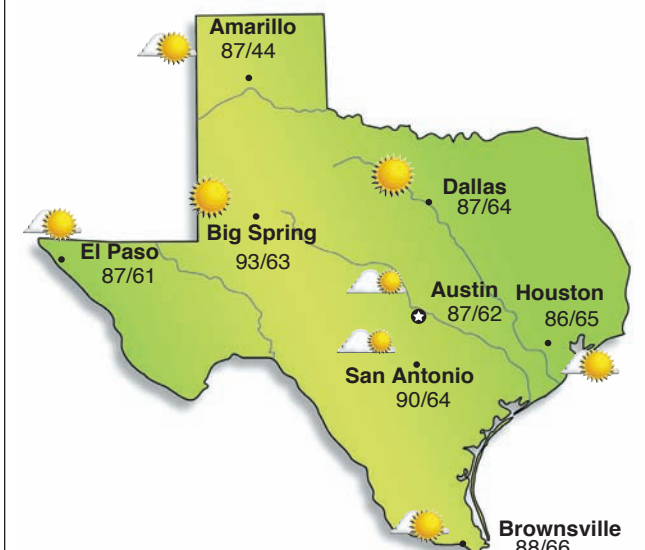
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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| 93/63 Abundant sunshine. Near record high temperatures. High 93F. | 83/48 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s. | 60/41 Few showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s. | 68/43 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s. | 73/48 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s. |
| Sunrise: 7:57 AM Sunset: 7:03 PM | Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 7:02 PM | Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 7:01 PM | Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 7:00 PM | Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 6:59 PM |

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| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Ablene | 88 | 66 | windy | Kingsville | 92 | 65 | sunny |
| Amarillo | 87 | 44 | mst sunny | Livingston | 87 | 61 | sunny |
| Austin | 87 | 62 | pt sunny | Longview | 86 | 64 | sunny |
| Beaumont | 85 | 63 | sunny | Lubbock | 89 | 51 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 88 | 66 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 88 | 63 | sunny |
| Brownwood | 89 | 62 | sunny | Midland | 92 | 64 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 89 | 68 | sunny | Raymondville | 91 | 66 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 86 | 63 | sunny | Rosenberg | 86 | 64 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 87 | 64 | sunny | San Antonio | 90 | 64 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 88 | 60 | sunny | San Marcos | 88 | 61 | pt sunny |
| El Paso | 87 | 61 | mst sunny | Sulphur Springs | 87 | 64 | sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 94 | 63 | sunny | Sweetwater | 89 | 63 | windy |
| Gainesville | 85 | 61 | sunny | Tyler | 86 | 63 | sunny |
| Greenville | 85 | 62 | sunny | Weatherford | 86 | 61 | sunny |
| Houston | 86 | 65 | mst sunny | Wichita Falls | 87 | 61 | sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Atlanta | 76 | 47 | sunny | Minneapolis | 54 | 40 | rain |
| Boston | 60 | 43 | pt sunny | New York | 62 | 51 | mst sunny |
| Chicago | 71 | 46 | rain | Phoenix | 87 | 63 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 87 | 64 | sunny | San Francisco | 67 | 52 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 58 | 30 | rain | Seattle | 54 | 38 | sunny |
| Houston | 86 | 65 | mst sunny | St. Louis | 82 | 57 | mst sunny |
| Los Angeles | 69 | 56 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 67 | 51 | sunny |
| Miami | 82 | 73 | pt sunny | | | | |

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Corps to tell story of first black Marines

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Oscar Culp does not like to remember. His mind has erased the harshest details. But the pain still stings for the 87-year-old WWII veteran, who endured boot camp in a snake-infested North Carolina swampland as one of the first blacks admitted to the Marine Corps.

He wipes a tear. Black Marines were barred from being stationed with whites at nearby Camp Lejeune. But what hurt worse, he says, was returning from the battlefield to a homeland that ordered him to sit at the back of the bus and drink out of separate fountains from the white Americans he had just put his life on the line to protect.

"Excuse me," he says, pulling out a handkerchief. "Sometimes we get a little emotional about it."

The story of the first black Marines is a part of history few Americans — and even few Marines — have learned. Unlike the Army's Buffalo Soldiers or the Air Force's Tuskegee Airmen, the Montford Point Marines have never been featured in popular songs or Hollywood films, or recognized nationally.

The Corps' new commandant intends to change that.

Nearly 70 years after becoming the last military branch to accept blacks under orders from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941, Congress will vote Tuesday on whether to grant the Montford Point

Marines the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor.

The Corps up until now has not actively broadcast the painful chapter in the 235-year-old history of an institution that still is largely white, especially in the higher ranks where less than 5 percent of officers are black.

But Commandant Gen. James Amos — whose own 2010 appointment made him the first Marine aviator named to the Corps' top job — has made diversifying the staunchly traditional branch a top priority. Amos has ordered commanders to be more aggressive in recommending qualified black Marines for officer positions. The Corps this summer named the first black general, Maj. Gen. Ronald Bailey, to lead its storied 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

The Marine Corps also plans to teach all Marines next year about Montford Point, the base near the coastal town of Jacksonville, N.C., that the Corps set up for blacks to keep them separate from white Marines. It operated from 1942 to 1949.

"Every Marine — from private to general — will know the history of those men who crossed the threshold to fight not only the enemy they were soon to know overseas, but the enemy of racism and segregation in their own country," Amos said.

Amos has spent the year

lobbying Congress to grant Montford Point Marines the civilian medal, which was given to the Tuskegee airmen in 2006. "It's long overdue," Amos recently told the last remaining Montford Point Marines.

Most of the 19,000 Montford Point Marines have died, their fellow Marines say.

"For the most part, we lost our history purposely," said Culp, who has only a few black-and-white photographs from those days. "They didn't want the world to know our history."

Unlike the Tuskegee pilots — featured in the upcoming Hollywood film "Red Tails" to be released in January — the Montford Point Marines were not officers in the war. The Corps gave those promotions to whites, said University of North Carolina historian Melton McLaurin, whose book "The Marines of Montford Point" is being considered by Amos for his must-read list for Marines.

"The Corps did not want these guys," McLaurin said. "The commandant of the Corps at the time said if he had a choice between 250,000 African Americans — he used the term negroes — and 5,000 whites, he would rather have the whites."

Culp had just graduated from high school in Charlotte, N.C. at 18 when he volunteered to join in 1943 at the height of WWII.

"The Marine Corps was

advertised as the most elite military organization, and I wanted to be part of the best to prove, given the chance, that we can do whatever anybody else can do," he said.

He was bused with the other black recruits and dropped at a small shed with a guard who led them into the woods to huts that would serve as their barracks.

The white drill instructors let it be known they did not agree with the new policy forced on the Corps, with some calling it a disgrace.

The Montford Point recruits were not allowed to enter Camp Lejeune unless accompanied by a white officer. The few times they went for a training exercise they had to wait to eat until the white Marines had finished.

"Montford Point was hell really," Culp said. "The water was bad. The barracks were made out of some kind of cardboard. It was cold in the winter. There was ice on the deck where we would sleep."

He saw drill instructors beat those who did not march correctly.

"You just had to take it, take a rifle snapped across your head or be kicked. It didn't happen to me but I saw it happen to other people," Culp said. "I really try to forget about the worst things that happened."

He was sent to the Pacific where his all black ammunition company dodged gunfire as they ferried supplies to the

front lines and carried back the dead and wounded. He oversaw the care of white Marines in the brig.

Montford Point Marines participated in the seizure of Okinawa and came under heavy fire at Iwo Jima, winning praise from some white officers for their actions. They were sent to Japan to clean up the ash after the atomic bomb was dropped over Nagasaki.

But after the war, the Corps discharged all but 1,500 of them.

Culp remained, driven by the injustice that "they wanted us to get out."

"Even after the war they wanted it to be lily white again," he said. "They did certain things to try to get the African Americans out and show they were not needed anymore. But we had proven that we could do anything the whites could do and sometimes even better."

Carrel Reavis, 88, was among those who were discharged. But he took a bus from Camp Pendleton across country to Baltimore, Md. where he signed up again.

The Corps continued to resist desegregation even after President Harry S. Truman's 1948 order, historians say. It wasn't until the Korean war that black Marines fought alongside their white counterparts.

Moving up the ranks remained difficult. Reavis stayed the same rank for 10 years.

CITY

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County Appraisal District board of directors and Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

• Approval of late homestead exemption refunds for September 2011.

• First reading of a resolution declaring the official intent of the city to reimburse for certain capital expenditures from proceeds of a lease-purchase agreement and establishing an effective date.

• First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances by amending Article 1, Sections

1-25 entitled "Adoption of Civil Service for Firefighters and Civil Service Positions Designated. The amendment would decrease the number of deputy chief positions from eight to five by attrition and increase the number of lieutenant positions for each deputy chief position abolished.

• Discussion and con-

sideration to approve final plat along with approval to vacate and abandon easement.

• Approval of an amendment to the industrial park lease agreement with John Crane Production Solutions.

• Approval of investment report for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2011.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. For more information call 264-2401.

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TREES

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added. Deadline to register

for the event is Oct. 31.

"We'll provide the tree. All they have to do is decorate it," Raney said.

Trees will be set up and ready for decoration

Saturday, Nov. 5, then from Tuesday through Friday of the following week, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An open house celebrating the start of the

Christmas season at the museum will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13, Raney noted.

There is no charge to register for the event. For more information,

contact the museum at 267-8255.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

DRUGS

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ing the April push. That's 188 tons of prescription drugs we don't have to worry about ending up in the hands of criminals," Everett said. "This initiative addresses a vital public safety and health issue. Medicines that hang around in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

"Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and

friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now being advised that their usual method of disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down a toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards."

Four days after the first Take-Back event in September 2010, Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amended the Controlled Substances Act to allow an "ultimate user" of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the U.S. Attorney General.

The act also allows

the Attorney General to authorize long-term care facilities to dispose of their residents' controlled substances in certain instances. According to DEA officials, the agency has begun drafting regulations to implement the Act, a process that could take as long as two years.

"Until new regulations are in place, local law enforcement agen-

cies, joined by the DEA, will continue to hold prescription drug take-back events every few months," Everett said.

For more information on the take-back event, contact the BSPD at 432-263-2550.

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News in brief

Case against Texas business tax before top court

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorneys for the state are set to defend Texas' business tax.

Claims that it violates the Texas Constitution are part of a case starting Monday in the Texas Supreme Court.

A Boerne insurance firm filed a lawsuit in July, claiming the tax violates a constitutional provision that requires the Legislature to get voter approval before imposing an income tax, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman.

The case hinges on whether the margins tax — implemented in 2006 as part of the court-ordered school finance fix — constitutes an income tax when applied to certain business partnerships.

The tax is a major source of funding for public education.

The law includes a provision that any legal challenges to the law would go straight to the Texas Supreme Court.

Judge considers DNA tests for convicted killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Just weeks away from execution, a Texas death row inmate is asking the courts to force prosecutors to turn over knives and clothing that were never tested for DNA, claiming that the evidence could show he didn't kill his girlfriend and her sons nearly two decades ago.

But prosecutors say the latest request from Henry Watkins Skinner, who came within an hour of lethal injection last year before the U.S. Supreme Court stepped in, is an empty tactic to again delay his death.

Both sides will argue their case Monday in Amarillo before federal Magistrate Judge Clinton Averitte. The hearing comes after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Skinner could ask for the untested evidence, but left unresolved whether those items had to be surrendered by Gray County District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

The ruling came in a federal lawsuit that Skinner filed against Switzer, claiming the state violated his civil rights by withholding access to the evidence. Prosecutors want the lawsuit tossed, while defense attorneys are asking Averitte to delay ruling on the federal suit until the DNA testing issue is decided at the state-court level.

Skinner, 49, is scheduled for execution Nov. 9.

1 killed, 7 hurt as gunman shoots on Texas street

FORT WORTH (AP) — One person is dead and seven others are hospitalized with wounds after a pre-dawn Sunday shooting on a Fort Worth street.

A police statement says two of those wounded were in surgery Sunday. Officer Sharron Neal says she had no condition updates on them, but the five others had non-life-threatening wounds.

According to the police statement, a small crowd was gathered outside a house on Fort Worth's south side when an unidentified gunman approached about 4 a.m. Sunday and opened fire.

Neal said officers were still trying to piece together a motive. No identity was immediately available on the person killed. A message left with the Tarrant County medical examiner's office wasn't returned Sunday.

Paul wants to phase out federal student loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential contender Ron Paul said Sunday he wants to end federal student loans, calling it a failed program that has put students \$1 trillion in debt when there are no jobs and when the quality of education has deteriorated.

Paul unveiled a plan last week to cut \$1 trillion from the federal budget that would eliminate five Cabinet departments, including education. He's also wants young workers to be able to opt out of Social Security.

The student loan program is not part of those cuts, but Paul said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he'd kill the loan program eventually if he were president. That could put him at odds with some of his young followers, many of whom are college students.

Paul blamed government intervention in the economy for rising tuition.

"Just think of all this willingness to want to help every student get a college education," said Paul, who graduated from Gettysburg College in Penn-

sylvania before earning a medical degree at the Duke University School of Medicine. "I went to school when we had none of those. I could work my way through college and medical school because it wasn't so expensive."

Annual tuition for Gettysburg College is \$42,610 for the 2011-2012 academic year. Annual tuition at Duke's medical school runs \$46,621, according to its web site.

Amid such rising costs, borrowing for college is at record levels. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York says students and parents took out a record \$100 billion last year, and owe more on student loans — more than \$1 trillion is outstanding — than credit cards.

2 Texarkanas fight over control of treatment plant

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — The two separate governments responsible for Texarkana are squabbling over who will lead the upgrade of a shared wastewater treatment plant.

Officials in Texarkana, Ark., say they're ready to move forward with the South Regional plant project. But the Texarkana Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/qHvEST>) that Texarkana, Texas officials want to designate the Texas side as the "local lead agency" on contracts.

Harold Boldt, the Arkansas-side city manager, says that condition is a deal-breaker.

Steve Mayo, the Texas-side mayor, says there are "no conspiracies involved" and that the lead agency language is just a formality. But Boldt warns that the language could stop the entire project.

Bill King, director of Texarkana Water Utilities, says the dispute over "phraseology" is moot. Both cities have been fighting about water issues in a federal lawsuit.

Record flock of whooping cranes predicted

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A record-breaking flock of whooping cranes could soon arrive in Texas.

About 300 cranes are expected to arrive at their wintering grounds along the Texas coast over the next few weeks, according to a report in Monday's Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

One crane has been confirmed near Sinton, but none of the 22 radio-tagged birds in the flock had arrived late last week, said Dan Alonso, manager of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

A flock of 300 would break the 2010 population record of about 280.

Alonso says recent rainfall has replenished water, but the whoopers will need more to get through the coming months.

The population has risen from 16 birds in the 1940s. The cranes stand up to 5 feet tall with a wingspan of more than 7 feet.

Child pornographer at nudist camp to be sentenced

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge is to sentence a 49-year-old Texas man for making videos of himself sexually molesting girls as young as 3 at a Central Texas nudist resort and his Austin home.

David Andrew Diehl was convicted on Feb. 8 of 10 counts of exploitation of a child related to the 13 videos he made. He has remained in federal custody since and faces up to 20 years in prison per count when U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel sentences him in Austin on Monday.

Prosecutors say Diehl admitted taking videos of girls, ages 11 and 8, engaged in sex acts inside a camping tent at Star Ranch in Central Texas. Diehl also made videos of himself engaged in sex acts with girls, ages 3 and 8, at his home.

Sudden rain, warm temperatures bring mosquitoes

HOUSTON (AP) — A mosquito surge is a trending topic in Houston lately.

Bug spray is flying off the shelves, counties are working overtime to spray neighborhoods and families are retreating indoors during otherwise prime fall weather. Mosquitoes have even become one of Houston's hottest topics on Twitter.

The pests hatched about a week after the Oct. 9 rains.

Floodwater mosquitoes, which can lay eggs that won't hatch for years until sated by water, are to blame for the recent surge in bites across the city, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle.

Michael Merchant, an entomologist at Texas

AgriLife Extension Service, says floodwater mosquitoes tend to be larger, have a more noticeable bite, and may bite through light clothing.

Officials say a coming cool front could bring relief later this week.

Mexico sets day care reform after fire killed 49

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Felipe Calderon has signed a decree to tighten regulations on day care centers, two years after a fire at a center in northern Mexico killed 49 children and injured 70.

Calderon says the new rules will not allow centers within 50 yards (meters) of any business or facility that presents a fire risk or other hazard.

The rules strengthen oversight and require centers to have emergency and disaster plans. It does not prohibit privately run centers, but requires them to be registered.

Calderon said Sunday the decree aims to prevent a recurrence of "the most terrible of tragedies" — the fire at a center in the northern state of Sonora on June 5, 2009. The fire started in a neighboring state government warehouse.

Hispanic voters: Stick with Obama or go with GOP?

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A year before the 2012 presidential election, Hispanic voters are facing a choice.

They can continue to support President Barack Obama despite being hurt disproportionately by the economic downturn or turn to Republicans at a time when many GOP presidential hopefuls have taken a hard line on immigration.

Obama kicks off a three-day trip to Western states trip with a stop Monday in Las Vegas, where he wants to rally support for his jobs agenda in Congress. Nevada has the nation's highest unemployment rate, 13.4 percent.

The trip comes as Republican candidates have taken a more strident tone on immigration.

Businessman Herman Cain recently suggested electrifying a fence along the U.S. border with Mexico to kill illegal immigrants; he later called the remark a joke and apologized. Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann has raised the issue of "anchor babies," or U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants; it's a term that some people find offensive.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been criticized by opponents for signing a law allowing some illegal immigrants to get in-state college tuition. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said most of the jobs created under Perry's watch went to illegal immigrants. Perry lashed into Romney during last week's GOP debate in Las Vegas for hiring a lawn care company that employed illegal immigrants.

Obama won 67 percent of Hispanic voters in 2008 but many of those voters have become disillusioned during the past three years. Unemployment among Hispanics tops 11 percent and many Latinos are losing their homes. Others criticize the number of deportations under Obama's presidency and the lack of progress on a comprehensive immigration plan.

"I am willing to support him, but I would like him to keep his word on all the promises he made," said Marcos Mata, 17, a Las Vegas high school senior who will vote for the first time next year.

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News in brief

7.2 earthquake kills at least 239 in Turkey; people trapped in buildings

ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — A survivor of the 7.2-magnitude quake that has killed at least 239 people in eastern Turkey was pulled from the rubble with three other people on Monday after he managed to call for help on his cell phone. Dozens of people were trapped in hills of debris, but authorities offered hope that the death toll may not rise as high as initially feared.

Rescuers searched throughout the night among pancaked buildings as families members waited outside, some in tears. Cranes and other heavy equipment lifted slabs of concrete and residents searched for the missing with shovels. Aid groups scrambled to set up tents, field hospitals and kitchens to assist thousands left homeless or who were afraid to re-enter their homes.

Survivor Yalcin Akay was dug from a collapsed 6-story building with a leg injury after he called a police emergency line on his phone and described his location, the state-run Anatolia news agency reported. Three other people, including two children, were also rescued from the same building in the city of Ercis some 20 hours after the quake struck, officials said.

Officials said hundreds of mud-brick homes in villages and concrete buildings in two cities tumbled down in the earthquake that struck near the border with Iran, on Sunday. Worst-hit was the city of Erzis, an eastern city of 75,000 close to the Iranian border and one of Turkey's most earthquake-prone zones, where about 80 multistory buildings collapsed.

The bustling, larger city of Van, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Erzis, also sustained substantial damage, but Interior Minister Idris Naim Sahin said search efforts there were winding down.

Human rights group says 53 bodies found of Gadhafi loyalists

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A human rights groups says it has discovered 53 decomposing bodies, apparently of Moammar Gadhafi loyalists, some of whom may have been executed by revolutionary forces.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch said Monday that the discovery in Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte "seems part of a trend of killings, looting and other abuses committed by anti-Gadhafi fighters who consider themselves above the law."

The group urged Libyan authorities to rein in armed groups.

The latest discovery of the grave came to light as Libya's new leaders declared the country liberated, following a brutal eight-month civil war. The declaration was overshadowed by continued questions about whether Gadhafi was executed after capture last week.

The U.S. and Britain have called for an investigation.

Early signs in Tunisian elections point to strong Islamist showing

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisian authorities counted votes Monday in carefully watched elections, amid early signs showing a once-banned Islamist party leading in many constituencies in the country that unleashed uprisings across the Arab world.

Tunisia was known for decades for its repressive leadership but also for its progressive legislation on women and families, which secular-leaning Tunisians fear the moderate Islamist party Ennahda would roll back if it takes a commanding number of seats in the new assembly being created by Sunday's elections.

Tunisia's landmark elections coincided with declarations in neighboring Libya by its new leaders that the country has been liberated from the yoke of longtime leader Moammar Gadhafi. The new leaders also announced plans with a sharply Islamist tone that could rattle their Western backers.

In Tunisia, Radio Mosaïque FM posted results from polling stations around the country Monday, with many showing a commanding lead for En-

nahda.

Election commission head Kamel Jendoubi said official results would be released Tuesday afternoon.

U.S. defense chief calls North Korea 'reckless'

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on Monday lashed out at North Korea for "reckless and provocative" acts and criticized China for a secretive expansion of its military power.

Panetta, who arrived at this U.S. air base on the second leg of a weeklong Asia tour, spoke out about North Korea and China in an opinion piece published Monday by Japan's Yomiuri newspaper before his arrival.

He wrote that Washington and Tokyo share common challenges in the Asia-Pacific. "These include North Korea, which continues to engage in reckless and provocative behavior and is developing nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, which pose a threat not just to Japan but to the entire region," he wrote.

At a question-and-answer session with U.S. and Japanese troops at Yokota, Panetta said that despite coming budget cuts there will be no reduction in U.S. forces in Asia and the Pacific.

On the contrary, he said, the Obama administration intends to "strengthen our position" in the region.

Already financially hurting school districts brace for more cuts ahead

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Teenage girls in ponytails and boys in long athletic shorts dash across the gym at Abraham Lincoln Middle School, pausing their game of indoor tennis to motion "Y-M-C-A" with their arms as the Village People's song blares from the loudspeaker.

It's a scene happening less frequently these days. Budget cuts and teacher layoffs have forced the school to cut some PE classes, reduce library hours and eliminate small literacy classes for problem readers and Spanish for sixth- and seventh-graders.

"I'm scared to death. As we continue to look at fewer and fewer non-classroom positions that are there, at some point it's going to impact core classroom positions and that's a very, very scary thing," said principal Josh Keene.

Educators across America, like Keene, are bracing for a tough reality. Even in a best-case scenario that assumes strong economic growth next year, it won't be until 2013 or later when districts see budget levels return to pre-recession levels, said Daniel Domenech, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators in Arlington, Va. That means more cuts and layoffs are likely ahead.

"The worst part is that it's not over," Domenech said.

Republicans promise staff, money for 2012 battlegrounds

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Republicans took their first presidential loss in 40 years when Barack Obama carried the rock-ribbed GOP state. They're not about to let it happen again.

To return the state to the GOP column and nail it there, national Republicans say they plan to treat Indiana as if it were a long-standing battleground state. State Republicans hope to recreate the excitement that fired up underdog Indiana Democrats in 2008, when Hillary Clinton and Obama campaigned extensively throughout the state in a lengthy primary battle that dragged through May, creating a buzz that lasted until the general election.

By contrast, GOP nominee John McCain largely took Indiana for granted, focusing his energy on actual battleground states. Obama won the state in November by a little more than 30,000 votes.

Now the state is fairly crawling with GOP candidates.

The state party has sponsored four presidential

forums since August. Those events brought Republican candidates like pizza magnate Herman Cain, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former U.S. Ambassador to China John Huntsman to Indiana and helped add 1,000 names to the party's e-mail list, party spokesman Pete Seat said.

Review slams U.S. police training efforts in Iraq, warns of 'bottomless pit' of spending


BAGHDAD (AP) — A U.S. State Department program to train Iraqi police lacks focus, could become a "bottomless pit" of American money and may not even be wanted by the Iraqi department it's supposed to help, reports released Monday by a U.S. government watchdog show.

The findings by the U.S. Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction paint what is supposed to be the State Department's flagship program in Iraq in a harsh light.

The report comes at a crucial time for the State Department as it assumes sole responsibility for securing U.S.-Iraqi ties as American forces leave by the end of this year.

On Oct. 1, the State Department took over the job of training Iraqi police from the Defense Department. According to the inspector general's report, the training program faces many problems.

Only a small portion — about 12 percent — of the millions of dollars budgeted will actually go to helping the Iraqi police, the report said. The "vast preponderance of money" will pay for security and other items like living quarters for the people doing the training, the review found.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand — Part 1

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 6 3
♥ K J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ K 4 3 2

WEST
♠ Q J 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 8 7 6 5
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 5
♥ Q 9 2
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 10 6

SOUTH
♠ K 8
♥ A 10 7 6 5 4
♦ J 9
♣ A 7 5

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
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| 1♥ | Pass | 2♣ | Pass |
| 2♥ | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | 6♥ | |

Opening lead — queen of spades.

The 2010 Rosenblum Cup Open Knockout Teams, held in Philadelphia last October as part of the 13th World Bridge Series, was won by John Diamond, Fred Gitelman, Eric Greco, Geoff Hampson, Brad Moss and Brian Platnick. They defeated Nick Nickell's many-times world- and national-champion squad by 43 IMPs in the 64-deal final.

The two finalists were the survivors of a 145-team field that had begun play nearly two weeks earlier. The victory by the relatively young Diamond group represented a pass-

ing of the torch from the older Nickell team, which had dominated U.S. and international bridge for more than a decade.

The deal shown amounted to the final nail in the coffin of the losers, coming when the Nickell squad was attempting to overcome a 21-IMP deficit during the final 16 deals.

When Bob Hamman and Zia Mahmood held the North-South cards, they reached the tenuous contract of six hearts as shown. It appears that declarer must guess which way to take the heart finesse to make the slam, but Zia found a way to get around that problem.

He won the opening spade lead with the king, led a diamond to the ace, played the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. Next came the king of diamonds and a diamond ruff as East discarded a spade. The A-K of clubs were then cashed, and dummy's last diamond was led, declarer ruffing after East discarded a club.

With four tricks remaining to be played, Zia exited with a club. With the A-10-7 of hearts in his hand opposite dummy's K-J and a low club, he could not be stopped from scoring the last three tricks as the cards lay.

One would think that bidding and then making the slam would be an excellent result, and could possibly produce a big pickup, but in fact the result was a 13-IMP loss! Just how that came about will be reported in tomorrow's column.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand — Part 2.
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BPA levels might affect girls' behavior

CHICAGO (AP) — Exposure to BPA before birth could affect girls' behavior at age 3, according to the latest study on potential health effects of the widespread chemical.

Preschool-aged girls whose mothers had relatively high urine levels of bisphenol-A during pregnancy scored worse but still within a normal range on behavior measures including anxiety and hyperactivity than other young girls.

The results are not conclusive and experts not involved in the study said factors other than BPA might explain the results. The researchers acknowledge that "considerable debate" remains.

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

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Holland shuts out Cards, Series tied 2-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Inning by inning, this World Series is getting more intriguing.

Derek Holland provided the latest twist, boosted by a pregame pep talk from his manager. The Texas lefty shut down the St. Louis

Cardinals on two hits into the ninth inning, and the Rangers won 4-0 Sunday to even things at 2-all.

A day after the Cardinals set a team record by scoring 16 runs in a postseason game, they never got close against

Holland. “When I came off the field, I was sticking my arm. It’s not like I have much, but man, it was tingly,” Holland said.

Rangers manager Ron Washington came to the mound after 8 1-3

innings following Holland’s second walk of the game. So close to a shutout, and with the crowd chanting his name, Holland pleaded his case, trying to talk his way into staying in. “He was begging,” Washington said. Or,

as Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler deflated it: “A lot of profanity, we sounded like sailors out there.”

Washington listened, then signaled for closer Neftali Feliz. Holland had done his job in Game 4, and then some.

He had kept Pujols in the ballpark and the Rangers in this Series.

“Now it’s a best out of three,” Pujols said. “See who can win two games. At the end, that’s who is going to be raising the

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Cowboys run over Rams

ARLINGTON (AP) — So the first time the Dallas Cowboys asked DeMarco Murray to be an important part of their offense, all the rookie did for more yards than Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett and NFL rushing king Emmitt Smith ever gained in any game.

His 253 yards were the ninth-most by anyone in NFL history and the second-most ever by a rookie. He broke Jim Brown’s record for the most yards ever against the Rams, a mark that had been around since 1957.

This breakout performance begs one question: What can the kid do if he actually gets to start?

A third-round pick from Oklahoma, Murray came

into this season as Dallas’ third-stringer. He moved up to second for Sunday’s game because starter Felix Jones had a high ankle sprain, then made himself right at home by running 91 yards for a touchdown on his first carry, putting the Cowboys on their way to a 34-7 victory.

“I never thought in a million years that I’d ever have a day like this,” Murray said. “This is what I’ve been working hard for since my Pop Warner days.”

His long touchdown was the second-longest in franchise history, behind only Dorsett’s NFL-record 99-yarder in January 1983. It was a heck of a way for him to get into the end zone for the

first time, and it more than doubled his career rushing total of 71 yards coming into the game.

It also showed that St. Louis’ run defense was as bad as statistics indicated.

The Rams (0-6) came in last in the league, allowing 163 yards per game, more than two first downs worse than anyone else. Not only were they shredded by a novice, but they couldn’t even take advantage of a left guard, Montrae Holland, who’d been unemployed all season until signing with Dallas on Tuesday.

Murray ran through huge holes all game, often not getting hit until he reached the

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Saints score 62 points on Colts

Set franchise single game points record

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Fans sitting in the upper deck of the Superdome turned their backs to the field, where the New Orleans Saints were setting franchise records, and saluted head coach Sean Payton, who was sitting high above in a booth with his broken leg propped up.

He might as well have had both feet up by the middle of the third quarter.

Drew Brees completed 31 of 35 passes for 325 yards and five touchdowns, and the Saints set a franchise record for points and victory margin in a 62-7 demolition of the hapless Indianapolis Colts on Sunday night.

“I was real proud of how we played tonight, how we handled the week of practice,” said Payton, standing

on crutches after the game. “We spent a lot of time during the week just talking about us beginning to play our best football, because we really felt while we were 4-2, we hadn’t done that.”

Payton had called offensive plays from the sidelines since he took his first head coaching job with New Orleans in 2006, but that changed after he was caught up in a tackle along the sideline during a loss at Tampa Bay last week and was injured. Payton had surgery on Monday and didn’t attend a practice until Thursday.

Sitting high up in the Superdome for the game against the Colts, he had to like what he saw down below, where offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael Jr. called plays for the first

time. Brees had two touchdown passes to Marques Colston and one to Darren Sproles in the first quarter. His fourth and fifth touchdown tosses went to second-year tight end Jimmy Graham in the third quarter.

It seemed the Saints (5-2) could do whatever they wanted, also rushing for 236 yards.

“We had a great game plan. We played with a lot of confidence. Pete did a phenomenal job,” Brees said. “It was just our night, one of those games that doesn’t come along too often. ... We needed a win like this, especially after the past week and everything we’ve gone through.”

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The Red Raiders (dark jerseys) played the last game of their season this weekend against Klondike.

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| Buffalo | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 188 | 147 |
| N.Y. Jets | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 172 | 152 |
| Miami | 0 | 6 | 0 | .000 | 90 | 146 |
| South | | | | | | |
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| Houston | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 182 | 131 |
| Tennessee | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 112 | 135 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 5 | 0 | .167 | 72 | 132 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 7 | 0 | .000 | 111 | 225 |
| North | | | | | | |
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| Baltimore | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 | 148 | 71 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 151 | 122 |
| Cincinnati | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 137 | 111 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 97 | 120 |
| West | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| San Diego | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 141 | 136 |
| Oakland | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 160 | 178 |
| Kansas City | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 105 | 150 |
| Denver | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 123 | 155 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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| Dallas | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 149 | 128 |
| Washington | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 116 | 116 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 145 | 145 |
| South | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| New Orleans | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 239 | 158 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 131 | 169 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 158 | 163 |
| Carolina | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 166 | 183 |
| North | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Green Bay | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 230 | 141 |
| Detroit | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 194 | 137 |
| Chicago | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 170 | 150 |
| Minnesota | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 148 | 178 |
| West | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| San Francisco | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 167 | 97 |
| Seattle | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 97 | 128 |
| Arizona | 1 | 5 | 0 | .167 | 116 | 153 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 6 | 0 | .000 | 56 | 171 |

Sunday’s scores:

Houston 41, Tennessee 7

Carolina 33, Washington 20

N.Y. Jets 27, San Diego 21

Cleveland 6, Seattle 3

Denver 18, Miami 15, OT

Atlanta 23, Detroit 16

Chicago 24, Tampa Bay 18

Kansas City 28, Oakland 0

Pittsburgh 32, Arizona 20

Dallas 34, St. Louis 7

Green Bay 33, Minnesota 27

New Orleans 62, Indianapolis 7

Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, N.Y. Giants, New England, Philadelphia, San Francisco

Monday’s game:

Baltimore at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

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trophy.” Holland struck out seven and came within two outs of pitching the first complete-game shutout in the World Series since Josh Beckett’s gem for Florida to clinch the 2003 title at Yankee Stadium.

“I was very focused. I knew this was a big game for us,” said Holland, who was 16-5 with 3.95 ERA and four shutouts in the regular season. “I had to step up and make sure I was prepared.”

Hobbled Josh Hamilton put Texas ahead with an RBI double in the first inning. Then Mike Napoli broke it open with a three-run homer in the sixth that set off a hearty high-five in the front row between team president Nolan Ryan and former President George W. Bush.

And just like that, for the first time since 2003, the World Series stood at two games apiece.

Game 5 is Monday night at Rangers Ballpark. It’s a rematch of the opener, when Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter topped C.J. Wilson. After that, it’s back to Busch Stadium to crown a champion.

Pujols produced arguably the greatest hitting show in postseason history in Game 3, tying Series records with three home runs, six RBIs and five hits during the Cardinals’ romp. However, Holland has now emerged as the unlikely star.

Pujols finished 0 for 4 and hit the ball out of the infield only once.

“I wanted him to see my ‘A’ game,” Holland said.

Feliz took over and closed. He walked Allen Craig, then retired Pujols on a fly ball and struck out Matt Holliday to end it.

Holland was in tune all evening with Napoli, his pal and catcher. Much better than the battery for the pregame ceremony — Bush tossed a wild pitch that glanced off the catcher’s mitt Ryan wore.

“I should’ve gone with the regular glove,” Ryan said with a chuckle.

The bounce-back Rangers managed to avoid consecutive losses for the first time since Aug. 23-25, a streak that’s kept them out of trouble in the postseason.

The Rangers also completed a Sunday sweep in the matchup of teams from St. Louis and the Dallas area. Earlier in the afternoon, the Cow-

boys beat the Rams 34-7 right across the parking lots.

Hamilton and Lance Berkman served as honorary captains for the pregame coin toss, wearing their baseball uniforms.

Many fans might remember Holland from last year’s World Series. He’s the reliever who came in against San Francisco, walked his first three batters and promptly got pulled.

Maybe that guy was an impostor. Because this 25-year-old lefty with the sorry little mustache was completely poised, with pinpoint control. Perhaps it was the talk he got from Washington near the dugout shortly before taking the mound.

Washington put both hands on Holland’s shoulders and talked to him tenderly, like a dad about to send his teenage son off to college. Holland kept nodding, and Washington finished up with a playful pat to Holland’s cheek.

“It was just a general message that he’s capable of going out there and keeping us in the ballgame. That’s all it was,” Washington said. “I talk with Derek like that all the time, it just happened to catch me on TV.”

COWBOYS

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secondary. When he ran out of gas during a 43-yard run in the fourth quarter, fourth-stringer Phillip Tanner came in and gained the final 35 yards of that drive, capping it with his first career touchdown, further proof of how much room there was for Dallas runners. The Cowboys finished with 294 yards rushing, fourth-most in team history.

“Until they decide they are going to tackle the way it’s coached and the way we ask them to do it, it’s probably not going to change,” said St. Louis coach Steve Spagnuolo, whose background is defense.

For Dallas (3-3), the real satisfaction was ending a two-game losing skid and emphatically breaking a stretch of 11 straight games decided by four points or fewer.

The Cowboys never trailed and left no reason for team owner Jerry Jones to criticize coach Jason Garrett’s play-calling — except maybe to wonder why Murray didn’t have a bigger role in the offense until this game.

Murray had 187 yards through three quarters, and the Cowboys were up 20-7. Because they wanted to run to protect the lead, it was clear that Murray would get a shot at Smith’s club record of 237 yards set Oct. 31, 1993, at Philadelphia.

Murray followed with a 43-yard run that could’ve gone for a 73-yard touchdown had he not run out of gas along the way. He finished it 2 yards shy of Smith’s mark.

“I just wanted to get down and protect the ball,” he said.

The record fell on his next try, an

8-yard run. He finished with 25 carries and an average of 10.1 yards. Dallas ran for 294 yards overall, spiking a season average of 84.8 that had been among the league’s worst.

For the local fans, it was a terrific start to a baseball-football double-header between teams from Dallas-Fort Worth and St. Louis. Game 4 of the World Series began just down the street less than an hour after this game ended. Josh Hamilton of the Rangers and Lance Berkman of the Cardinals showed up in uniform as honorary captains for the pregame coin toss.

The Rams were the perfect foe for the Cowboys to cure all that ailed them. In addition to their trouble stopping the run, they were without quarterback Sam Bradford (high ankle sprain) and were averaging the fewest points in the league even with him.

A.J. Feeley made his first start since 2007 and was 20 of 33 for 196 yards with one interception and one sack. But the offense gained only 4 yards in the third quarter, and had only two good drives. The first ended in a 6-yard touchdown run by Steven Jackson that got St. Louis within 14-7. The other ended with a fourth-and-goal from the 1 that was stuffed in the final minutes.

“We couldn’t get any rhythm and left the defense on the field entirely too long,” Jackson said. “For whatever reason, this keeps being the same old story.”

Jackson finished with 70 yards, 46 coming on the touchdown drive.

St. Louis also saw right tackle Jason Smith and backup defensive tackle Darell Scott carted off. Both were taken to a hospital for evaluation.

SAINTS

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The Saints’ point total tied the most in a game by any team since the AFL merged with the NFL in 1970.

The Saints’ previous franchise high for points in a game was 51 on three occasions and their largest previous victory margin was 42 over Denver in 1988.

When the large video board in the Superdome showed Payton peering out from the booth, the crowd erupted. By the time the third quarter ended, there wasn’t much of a crowd left.

Colston had seven catches for 98 yards.

Brees wasn’t intercepted before he was replaced by Chase Daniel late in the third quarter, a move that prevented New Orleans’ starting quarterback from extending his NFL record of four straight games with at least 350 yards passing.

Mark Ingram rushed for 91 yards on 18 carries but limped to the locker room early in the fourth quarter with what Payton said was a heel injury, adding that X-rays were negative. Sproules carried 12 times for 88 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown.

The Saints had 557 yards and a team-record 36 first downs.

The winless Colts (0-7) are guaranteed to have fewer than 10 victories in a season for the first time in nine years, and at this rate they might not win many games at all.

“That team played better than we did in every area and we just got whooped across the board,” Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. “It’s one of those things that once you don’t do the little things right, there is a lot of bad things that happen to you. Obviously, I have to take responsibility for our team and the way that they played.”

Colts’ quarterback Curtis Painter was only 9 of 17 for 67 yards and had an interception returned 42 yards for a touchdown by Leigh Torrence.

“We just didn’t play near well enough,” Painter said. “We made a few too many mistakes in the beginning, and any time you’re playing a team as good as them, they’re going to make you pay. We just kind of got off to a rough start and you’ve got to credit them. They played well.”

For the seventh game this season, Colts star quarterback Peyton Manning was forced to watch because of a neck injury that has sidelined him all season.

As hard as it had to be

for Manning to be a spectator in his return to his native New Orleans, it had to be even harder to see his team’s mistake-prone performance. These Colts looked more like the bumbling Saints of old that his father, Archie, starred for three decades ago.

Indianapolis fumbled twice in the opening quarter, giving the Saints a relatively short field both times.

The first came on the opening drive on a botched snap that linebacker Jonathan Vilma recovered on the Colts 41-yard line.

Brees then completed his first three passes, the last a 14-yard scoring strike to Colston, who made a leaping catch in front of defensive back Jerraud Powers to make it 7-0.

The Saints then went 81 yards in six plays, including Pierre Thomas’s 57-yard gain on a screen pass, and took a 14-0 lead when Brees hit Colston again with a quick 4-yard throw over the middle.

The Saints then took over on their 48 when defensive tackle Tom Johnson stripped rookie running back Delone Carter, and Cam Jordan recovered.

Sproules started the drive with a 16-yard run and finished it with a 6-yard touchdown catch.

Brees’ 26-yard completion to Lance Moore ignited yet another touchdown drive, this one covering 69 yards in seven plays and ending with fullback Jed Collins’ 1-yard score on a second-effort plunge through a pile of players.


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The Libra moon eases us into the day like gracious friends making introductions instead of leaving everyone to mingle blindly. Be confident that people want to know you, and be curious about getting to know others. The ones you meet now will figure into future projects. Let your intuition guide you toward the most beneficial partnerships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Things get confusing for a moment, and this can actually be fun. It's like you're piecing together a real-life word puzzle or finding your way through an intricate labyrinth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may read more meaning into a situation

than the people inside the situation. A question will arise: If they don't mind, why should you? You have a good answer for that question.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You realize that if you offer guidance without really knowing the way, your well-intended advice could mislead others. You'll make referrals instead and will be truly helpful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will accomplish more through thoughtfulness than action. Furthermore, what looks like a wimpy move — for instance, staying silent when others are talking loudly to be heard — will actually be a demonstration of power.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are a poet of sorts. Your words cannot be completely understood by their literal meaning. The deeper thinkers you know will get the symbolic significance, emotional implications and

freewheeling associations you express.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those who don't see very deeply into a situation won't notice its complications. You wish you were in that group. Alas, you can tell where the problem lies, and you feel responsible to do something about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to fuss or go out of your way to prove you're a giver. Instead of taking care of others, you care for them. They feel your love and bask in your attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A responsibility is not what you thought it was. Instead of resisting, you will make even more profound agreements. By going deeper, you'll see opportunities you never noticed before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hopefully, you won't take it too personally when someone adores or discounts you or your work. For better

or worse, another person's opinion has nothing to do with the true value of your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Through music, meditation or exercise, you'll join in some way with the universal spirit. In most matters, it is the process and not how well you perform that will give you all the benefits you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is not demanding. Although sometimes, when you love a person, it is difficult not to ask that person to step up in certain ways. The kindness in your voice will make all the difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The eruption of emotions can be a sweet relief, or it can be a regrettable slip of judgment or self-control. You'll have a choice in what to think of it, so you may as well choose the former.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 24). There's music in you, and you'll express it. Your song may literally be music, or it may come out in the form of artful living. November brings improved transportation. Family developments spice up the action in December. A January trade favors you. A special connection invigorates your social arena in February. Aries and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 39, 20, 17 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Everyone says the same thing to me: 'Why are you still single?' I have no idea. I'm a 35-year-old Capricorn, attractive, fit and friendly. I've had several boyfriends, and none of them has wanted to get married. Will I ever marry? I'm at such a great place in my career that a lot of the men I meet do not have the same level of professional or financial success that I do, which I think makes them feel threatened.

Could that be the reason I'm still single, and if so, what should I do about it?"

When you put your mind to it, dear ambitious Capricorn, you can do whatever you want to do. You proved this in your professional life, and you could easily apply the same principles to your love life if you wanted to. The question is, do you really want to? Perhaps there is something holding you back from marriage. Maybe it's the way marriage looks in your family tree: unhappy couples you've seen and didn't want to be like. Or maybe it's because you sense correctly that your life and priorities will have to change when you are married, and you don't feel ready for it. Better to be honest with yourself than to bend to cultural norms that don't really fit for you at this time.

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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: My "significant other" (I'll call her Jasmine), after shacking up for two days with a former lover, suggested that we continue to be "companions." We were once married, but we divorced after a few years and have been going steady for nearly 20 years. We do not live together, but those who know us consider us a couple.

We had agreed if there were a problem, we would discuss it and try to work out a solution. The first inkling I had of the affair was when Jasmine called me from the airport to say she was headed out to meet her former lover, who was only in this country for a short time. I did not ask her any questions about her plans, and she didn't volunteer any details.

When she returned, she said there was no reason we couldn't continue our relationship as we had in the past, and that she intended to see the other

guy three or four times a year. I told Jasmine she had no moral standards and that I wanted nothing more to do with her.

She claims she cannot understand my pain and disappointment and sees no reason for me to be upset. Is this woman a sociopath, or am I missing something? — *Perplexed in Portland*

Dear Portland: You say you have been "going steady" with this woman for nearly 20 years, and now, she wants to meet a former lover three or four times a year? You are complaining that she has no moral standards. It sounds to me like the pot is calling the kettle black.

If you want this woman all to yourself, why haven't you remarried her? I think you two need a rest from each other so you can step back and re-evaluate your relationship. I recommend it.

Dear Ann Landers: I could not resist the opportunity to tell "Freaking Out in California" how right she is. Cellphone users have become downright rude.

My husband, along with others throughout the country, happens to

own a scanner that can pick up cellphone conversations. It truly amazes me that these yakkers are so free with their talk. It's like the old days when we had party lines and all the neighbors could listen in on your telephone calls. Anyone with a scanner can pick up these conversations. Much of what I hear is unfit for human ears. Warn your readers to please watch their language, Ann. — *Iowa Reader*

Dear Iowa: You told 'em, and I hope they listen. I have had many letters from readers who pointed this out, and I hope you cellphoniacs who read this will be aware that your conversations are NOT private. You should speak as if your minister were listening, because he just might be.

Dear Ann Landers: You have printed a few letters about outrageous medical bills, and I thought you might enjoy mine.

When my father broke his hip, he received a statement from Medicare saying they could not pay his hospital bills because his employer would

provide coverage. Ann, my father was 93 years old and in a nursing home. Exactly who was his employer supposed to be? A month after Dad passed away, he received a notice of cancellation of his benefits, saying the reason for termination was "death," and that if he had any questions, he was to appear IN PERSON to discuss the problem. What do you think of that? — *J.E. on the Web*

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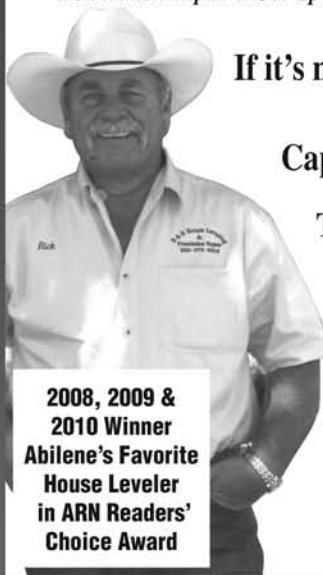
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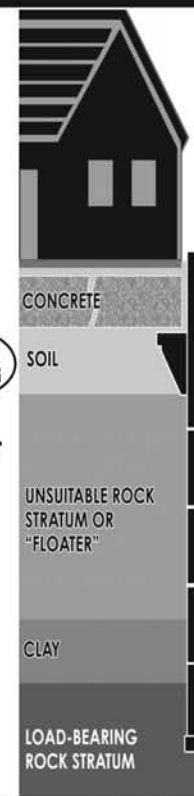
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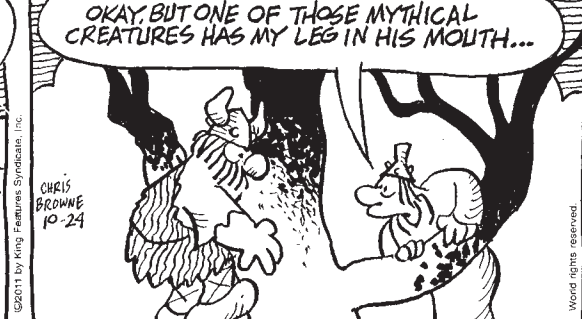
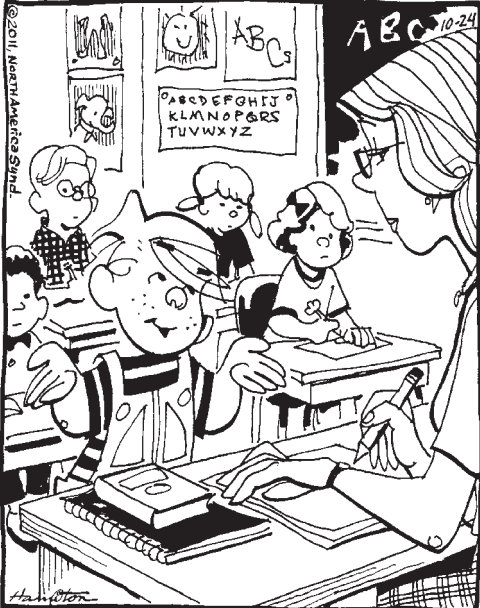


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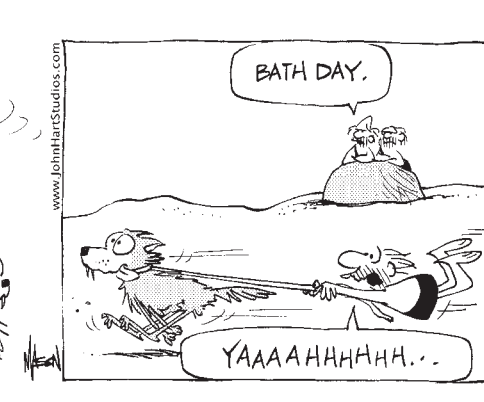
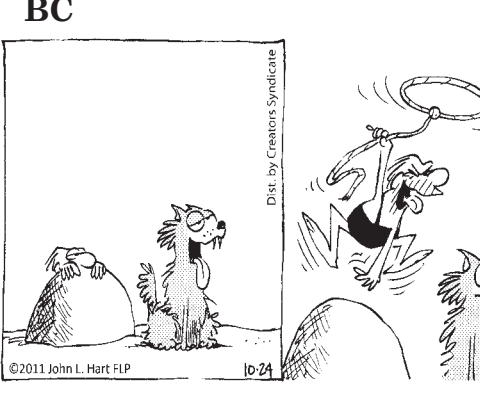


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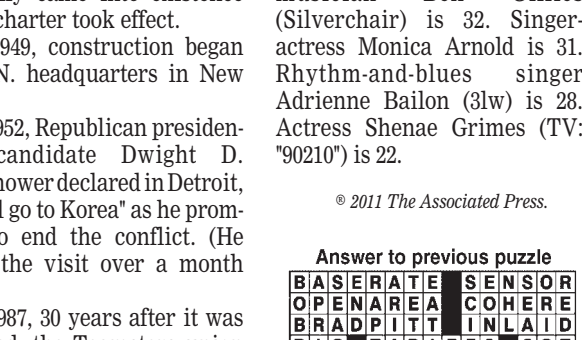
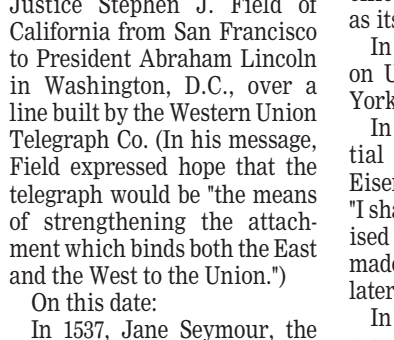
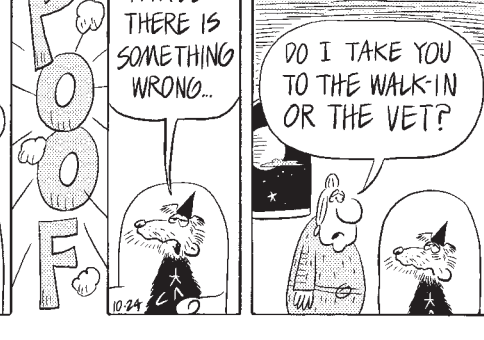


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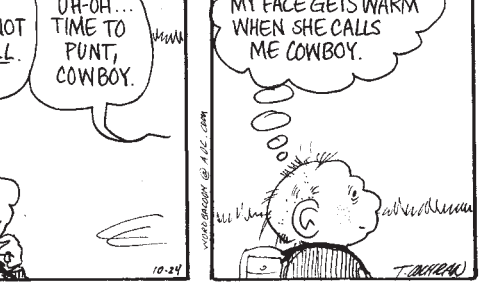


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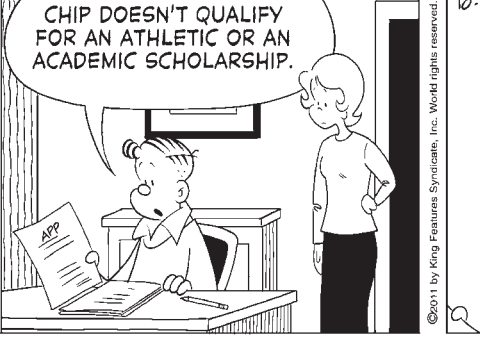
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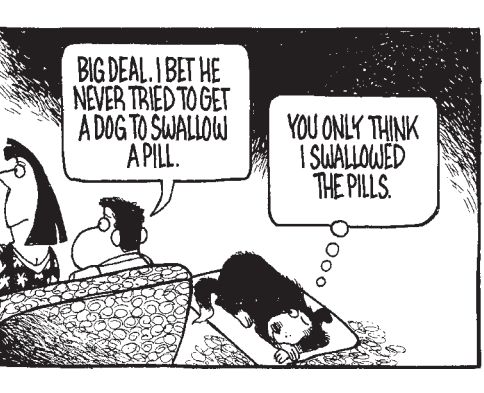
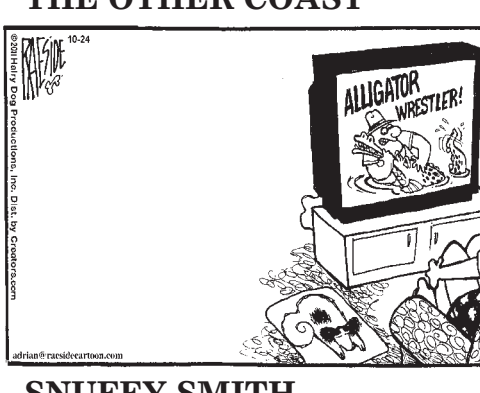
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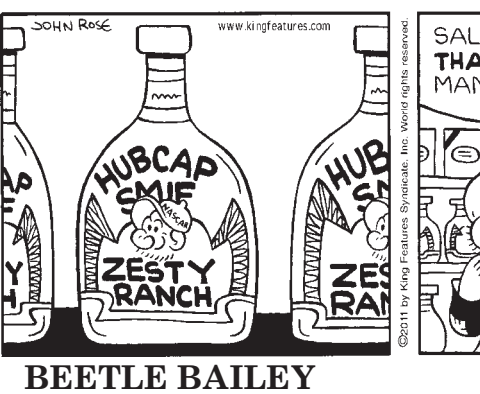
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- Across 46 Window sill, for one 48 Butte relative

- Down 33 Christmas song 34 Competent

Texans topple Titans in 41-7 blowout

NASHVILLE (AP) — Gary Kubiak and the Houston Texans found out how good they can be when they stick with the run. Now they get to see how they play as frontrunners.

Arian Foster became the first Texan to run for 100 yards and have 100 yards receiving in the same game, and he scored three touchdowns as Houston routed the Tennessee Titans 41-7 on Sunday for the largest margin of victory in franchise history. The win also snapped a two-game skid for the Texans (4-3) and moved them back ahead of the

Titans (3-3) in the AFC South.

"We're in first-place, so it's a great feeling for us," Texans linebacker DeMeco Ryans said. "We're all excited about this, and we have a lot of ball left and we're just looking forward to building off of this."

Foster finished with 115 yards on 25 carries and two TDs on runs of 1 and 5 yards, and he had 119 yards receiving with a 78-yard TD. Ben Tate also ran for 104 yards, giving the Texans two backs topping 100 yards in the same game for the first time. Houston wound up running 47

times for 222 yards, and Kubiak credited offensive coordinator Rick Dennison with keeping them committed to running the ball.

"I should say keeping me committed along the way too," Kubiak said. "It paid off from that standpoint."

Tennessee wasted the half-game lead picked up when Houston lost during its bye week, and now the Titans are searching for answers all across the field. Chris Johnson was held to 18 yards on 10 carries, and

the Texans outgained Tennessee 518-148 on offense. The Titans missed tackles and committed too many penalties in a performance that had fans booing loudly before they gave up and headed to the exits.

"Obviously, we're not happy with the product we put on the field (Sunday)," Munchak said. "It's on all of us, coaches, players, that's not us. That can't be us and we've got to improve."

Matt Schaub threw for 296 yards and two TDs, and Houston won in

Nashville for the second time in three years. The Texans punted on their first two drives before scoring on six of the next seven possessions to erase any worries of

blowing a second-half lead for a third straight week. The defense even got into the act as Brice McCain returning Houston's second interception 38 yards for a TD.

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