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2 dead in Sunday fire

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By THOMAS JENKINS

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COAHOMA — Officials with the Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Volunteer Fire Department are investigating a house fire that claimed the lives of two Coahoma residents during the early morning hours Sunday.

Petra Arguello, 60, and 9-year-old Jacob Arguello were pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green at the scene of the fire, which was reported at 110 S. Main St. in Coahoma, according to Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker.

"An emergency call was received at approximately 4:57 a.m. Sunday in reference to a house fire," Parker said. "The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Big Spring Fire Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office all responded. Upon arrival the home was fully engulfed in flames." Parker said at the time of the fire six people were inside the residence.

"Four persons made it out of the residence safely," Parker said. "How-

ever, two persons were unable to escape the residence. After the fire was extinguished the bodies of 60-year-old Petra Arguello and 9-year-old Jacob Arguello were discovered inside the residence." Parker said autopsies have been or-

dered for the two victims and are set to be performed in Lubbock.

"The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental, with human involvement," Parker said. "The investigation is being conducted by BSFD Arson Investigator Dan Hendrickson and HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan."

Parker said the home was a total

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Rescued tabby returns the favor for local family

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Black cats crossing a path may be bad luck for some, but for Haley Rios it was a sign of good luck.

Blackie — known as Haley's cat now - wandered into the Rios' home in October of last year and never left.

"We had to nurse him with a bottle because he was so small when he showed up and he had no fur on him," said Haley's mother, Stephanie Rios.

On Oct. 26, Blackie prevented a possible tragedy. Stephanie went into Haley's room as usual to wake her up for school, but it turned out it wasn't just

any ordinary morning. "She (Haley) told me Blackie had kept her up all night by hitting the bottom of her bed, but she didn't know why," Stephanie said.

After numerous failed attempts to get

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Haley Rios with her cat, Blackie.

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UW campaign enters home stretch

By AMANDA MORENO Staff Writer

Last call.

The 2012 campaign for

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will wrap up Friday, officials announced. During the recent board

meeting, the members discussed the current numbers in reference to their projected "Right now we are sitting at

67 percent," executive director Sandy Stewart said. The goal for this year's campaign is set at \$275,000. At this

point, there are still promised monies yet to be received, Stewart said. "The numbers are constantly changing, in a good way,"

first vice president Debbie

Wegman said. "Donations are

still coming in."

Thus far, three of the 15 agencies — Spring of Siloam, Victim Services and Howard County Humane Society have submitted their funds from the agency fundraisers. Each agency conducted their own fundraiser to help raise funds for the United Way. Emergency Services Chaplain Corps and Northside Community Center will be holding a garage sale Satur-

day at Chapel of Faith at 501 E. 14th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., as their fundraiser for the 2012 campaign. "This is a good way for them to show they are a part of us and it helps them give

back to the organization that is helping them and the community," Wegman said. Other agencies, such as

CASA of West Texas and Boy

Scouts of America, are in the process of holding fundraisers.

The fifth annual Empty Bowl event — sponsored by H-E-B — which will also benefit United Way is set for Nov. 17 at First Christian Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are still available for \$15 and can be purchased at the United Way office.

Other business included the nominations and considerations for the 2012 officer positions. Current president Wayland Pierce will be stepping down from his position and Debbie Wegman — current first vice president will be taking over. Ann McClarty — second vice president —will step into the role of first vice president, leaving the second vice president position open. Lisa Barber will retain the treasurer's position and Donna Wright will remain as secretary.

Board members were also reminded about Blitz Day which will wrap up the 2012 campaign — set for Friday.

The date for the annual golf tournament is yet to be determined and more information

The next board meeting will be Dec. 14 in the chamber board room.



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Obituaries

Elidia Rubio Herrera



Elidia Rubio Herrera, 65, of Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at Holy Catholic Parish (Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church). Interment will

follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Elidia was born on Sept. 2, 1946, in Marfa, Texas, to Magdalena and Felix Rubio Sr. She married Jesse Herrera July 4, 1964, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death Oct. 22, 2004.

She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years, having moved from Marfa. For many years, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Elidia loved to garden and travel.

She cherished her family and enjoyed cooking and helping others. She had a true servant's heart. Elidia was a warm, kind and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She is going to be greatly missed by all that loved her. She will live in our hearts forever.

She is survived by one daughter, Jo Ann O'Daniel and husband, Jeff of Spicewood; one son, Joey Herrera and girlfriend Linda Roberson of San Antonio: four grandchildren, Heather Herrera, A.J. Herrera, Megan Herrera and Skyler O'Daniel; one great-granddaughter, Lexie Herrera; four brothers, Ismael Rubio and Raul Rubio and wife Sara, all of Big Spring, Domingo Rubio and wife Minnie of Midland and Felix Rubio Jr. and wife Petra of Denver, Colo.; and three sisters, Esperanza Rodriguez and Viola Lopez, both of Big Spring, and Connie R. Valdez of Grand Prairie.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Felix and Magdalena (Jimenez) Rubio; one sister, Elva Olague; two brothers, Benito Rubio and Francisco Rubio; and one granddaughter, Crystal

The family suggests memorials be made to the APDA West Texas Parkinsonism Society Chapter, 3610 22nd St., Suite 300, Lubbock, Texas 79410, or www.apdaparkinson.org.

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

Artha Gibbs

Artha Gibbs, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Pamela Yanez

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral npwelch.com Home.

Blair Nicole Scheulke

Blair Nicole Schuelke, infant daughter of Clint Lakeway, Texas, formerly of Big and Brooke Schuelke of Ackerly, passed from this Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 9, life to the arms of the heavenly Father on Friday, 2011, at The Summit in Lakeway. Nov. 11, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Graveside Vigil services were held at 7 p.m. funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Scott, Youth Minister at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church of Abilene, officiating, and Corbin Young, regional assistant for the Brownwood district FCA, assisting. Survivors include parents, Clint and Brooke

Schuelke of Ackerly; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Patty Schuelke of Stanton; maternal grandparents, Eric and Linda Johnson of Lamesa, and Andy and Malinda Wieczorek of Albuquerque. N.M.; paternal great-grandmothers, Joann Peugh of Stanton and Pauline Schuelke of Ackerly; maternal great-grandparents Shirley Whitehead of Albuquerque, N.M., and Larry Shaw of Knott; five aunts, Tarah Scott and husband Jeff of Abiliene, Kandace Schuelke and fiance Corbin Young of Brownwood, Julia Schuelke of Brownwood, Brittany McGough and husband Chase of Lubbock and Aubrey Myers and husband Nate of Albuquerque, N.M.; three uncles, Greyson Wieczorek of Albuquerque, N.M., Shawn Lepard of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Chris Lepard and wife Sally of Austin; and numerous cousins.

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

Ronald I. Dallefeld



Ronald I. Dallefeld, 72, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating.

He was born Jan. 31, 1939, in Kansas City, Mo., to Donald and Lois Fangel Dallefeld. He married Delma Henley June 2, 1961, in Big

Spring, Texas.

Ronald served in the U.S. Air Force for more than 20 years and retired as a master sergeant. He then worked as a pumper for 24 years, retiring in 2000. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F.&A.M.

Survivors include his wife, Delma Dallefeld of Big Spring; one daughter, Debra Shumaker and husband John of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hangar 25 Air Museum, P.O. Box 2925, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2925; or to the Vietnam Memorial Committee of Big Spring Inc., P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring, Texas

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pamela Yanez, 56, of Big Spring died Sunday, Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Nov. 13, 2011, Baylor Medical Center in Fort Worth. Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 • BYRON TYRON RICHARD, 25, of Colorado City,

was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. • ALONZO VASQUEZ, 30, of 2632 Langley, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while

license suspended/invalid with a previous convic- RAMON VALBUENA, 36, of 618 Caylor, was arrested Sunday on charges of unlawful restraint

and assault causing bodily injury - family vio-• THEFT was reported:

In the 800 block of Johnson. In the 2500 block of Gunter.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of Val Verde.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road.

 ASSAULT was reported: In the 4200 block of Muir.

In the 3200 block of Avenue C.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

 RICHARD ANDY OWENS III, 22, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals – failure to provide. SASHA TARTT VAUGHAN, 42, was arrested

Friday by DPS on a Tom Green County warrant for bondsman off bond – theft of property (more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000). • DELMA ZAMORA, 31, was transferred to the

county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. • JACOB LEWIS JONES, 27, was arrested Friday

by the HCSO on charges of criminal mischief to

impair/interrupt public service and cruelty to nonlivestock animals – torture. • TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 29, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of

criminal trespass, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous drug. RANDI JO HAIR, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of

public intoxication. SAMMY BEN JOHNSTON, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily inju-

• KATHY LYNN GUERRERO, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

 HARLEY MARINA HARLEY SALAS, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of assault by contact.

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• NICOLE ELIZABETH LEE, 26, was arrested

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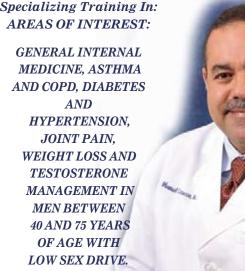
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- The HC Dance Dept. will have a "Brown Bag" Concert Wednesday from 12:20 to 12:50 p.m. in the Howard College Fireplace Room of the Student Center. The program features Student choreography by students in the Howard Dance Technique class. Bring your "Brown Bag or sack lunch and come join us.
- established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for the family of 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rate heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

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• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

- Casa Blanca is the Dine-Out-Days United Way sponsor until Saturday. A portion of the proceeds from this week will go towards benefitting the 2012 campaign and the 15 agencies the United Way supports.
- St. Mary's 10th Annual St. Andrew's Day Festival is set for Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. The festival will be open to the community with no admission fee. There will be choral and instrumental music of the British Isles. Guest musicians for this year's event include professional pipers E.J. Jones of Asheville, N.C., Doug Frobese of Dallas, Richard Kean

of Houston and drummer Stephen Cameron of Georgetown. A reception will follow, featuring Scottish fare in the courtyard. For more information, call Linda Hill at 432-230-9897.

- SMMC is offering a free diabetes education series, "Diabetes Living With It", beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 15 in the fourth floor education room. This six-week course will be led by SMMC clinical dietitian Dr. Nelson Guadalupe and other health professionals. For more details and to register, call 268-4528.
- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
 - Home Hospice is

seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.\
• Hangar 25 Air Mu-

- seum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-

area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

- A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in dire need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an indepen-

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Emma Douglas, 64, died Friday. Interment was at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pamela Yanez, 56, of Big Spring died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

FIRE

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Sullivan said the fire was caused by a gas stove being used to heat the home.

"You see accidents like this when people try to use appliances like these for purposes other than those they were designed for," Sullivan said. "They were using the stove to heat the house, and the burners overheated and failed."

According to Sullivan

CAT

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the cat out from under the bed, Stephanie decided to lift the covers and check under the bed. Against the wall, coiled up and striking at the cat, was a foot-and-a-half long rattlesnake.

"We heard the hissing sound and I went to go get my dad, but he wasn't able to get it because it was already mad from Blackie messing with him all night. My dad called the police and kept an eye on it until the police showed up," Haley said. "The police officers were able to get the snake, put it in a bag and then took it outside and killed it."

She continued, "I was really frightened."

Stephanie said while the family waited on the police to arrive they were able to get Blackie out from under the bed and as soon as he was away the snake began crawling up the wall next to Haley's bed.

"If Blackie wouldn't have been there during the night keeping the snake down, it could have easily crawled into her bed," Stephanie said.

"He truly is my hero. He saved me," Haley said about Blackie with a big smile on her face.

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and Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray, the number of structure fires — including smoke scares and smaller fires — have steadily increased since the weather has turned cool.

"When the temperature begins to fall and people start looking for ways to stay warm, we usually see an increase in calls," said Condray. "Some are just smoke scares, but some of them

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are very serious, and can even turn deadly."

Sullivan urges area residents to use care when heating their home.

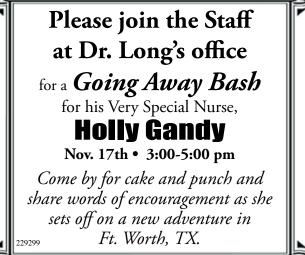
"Therearejustsomany different things that can go wrong in a situation like that," Sullivan said, "All they were trying to do was stay warm. We talk to people everyday about the dangers of using stoves and other appliances as a heating

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source, but then you see something like this ... you see them pull the body of a 9-year-old little girl out of what's left of the house. That's real. It doesn't get anymore real than that."

Contact Staff Writer





Boy Scouts of America United Way of Big Spring Fundraiser

The Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America is having a fundraiser to support the United Way of Howard County. The Scouts will be offering tickets and donations to the United Way.

Tickets will be available along with donations until November 16th. Giveaways will be announced Nov 20th.

The first giveaway is for a golf gift basket, which will include the following items:

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SHERIFF

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Saturday by the HCSO on a Glasscock County warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

• KIMBERLY LAURANN KARCHER, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

• DANNY WAYNE RAINWATER, 51, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and consumption of alcoholic beverage on premise licensed for offpremise consumption.

• BRUCE GONZALES, 42, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• JASON DEAN DANIELS, 34, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug. • GLORIA OLIVARES, 27, was transferred to the

county jail Sunday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for driving while license invalid and failure to appear. • DAVID HEFFINGTON, 43, was transferred to

the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• ERIK BRYAN SELLERS, 28, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

• BYRON RICHARD, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a

Mitchell County motion to revoke probation.

• ALONZO VASQUEZ, 31, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• RAMON MARTINEZ VALBUENA, 36, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of unlawful restraint and assault causing bodily injury – family violence. JASON BAKER MURPHEY, 27, was arrested

Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxi-

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported

MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Oil Mill Road. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of

Pickens. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of

Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of W. 11th Street. Patient transported to Midland.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of

Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of FM 461 and McDowell. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3800 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to

MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 100 block of S. Main in Coahoma. MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of

Wood Street. One person was transported to

 TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of E.

FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to

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ROMAN THE GRIDIRON — After the Forsan defense forced a Sanford-Fritch fumble on the Buffaloes' four-yard line, running back Brendan Roman breaks free on the first play from scrimmage for a 96-yard touchdown run in Friday night's bi-district game in

Forsan falls in offensive shootout

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — In a bi-district playoff game which featured more than 1,000 yards of total offense, the Forsan Buffaloes fell Saturday night to the Sanford-Fritch Eagles 33-26. Brendan Roman broke free for a 96-yard touchdown run and Trevor Burchett scored on a 63yard run and an 83-yard pass reception from Foster Burchett, but their efforts fell one score shy of seeing the Buffaloes advance to the next round.

After their opening drive ended with the ball hitting the turf, Forsan watched Sanford-Fritch march the field, finding pay dirt on a 40-yard screen pass.

Early in the second quarter, with the Eagles driving again, Forsan got tough on defense, playing bigger than they were, and made a great fourth-down stop on their own 16-yard line The following play, Foster Burchett hit Trevor Burchett for an 83-yard touchdown pass to make the score a more respectable 7-6 with 10 minutes left in the half.

The Eagles would score again on a 44-yard run with 3:32 left in the second quarter, but on their very next offensive play, Forsan struck back as Trevor Burchett broke free for a 63-yard touchdown run.

The defense would have to get tough one more time before the half as Sanford went for it on fourth and eight deep in Forsan territory. They showed they were up to the challenge one more time and made the stop, sending the two teams to the break with the Eagles leading 14-12.

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Romo has career day in Cowboy 44-7 blowout

ARLINGTON (AP) - TonyRomo is finally healthy and now he's got a running game, too. Throw in an opportunistic defense and a kicker who hasn't missed since mid-September, and it's clear the Dallas Cowboys are headed in the right direction.

Just ask the Buffalo Bills. Facing the best team he'll see for a month, Romo guided touchdown drives on his first four series, and Terence Newman returned one of his two interceptions for a touchdown, sending the Cowboys cruising past the Bills 44-7 on

Dallas (5-4) won its second straight and could be starting a big surge. Not only were the Cowboys clicking in all

phases Sunday, they're going into a soft patch on their schedule. Their next three foes went into this weekend a combined 6-18.

"We needed a game like this," tight end Jason Witten said. "This needs to be the foundation of what lies ahead for this team."

The Cowboys scored their most points since Sept. 9, 2007, which was the first game that current coach Jason Garrett was coordinating the offense. They also enjoyed their most lopsided win since Oct. 22, 2000. This 37-point margin is bigger than any regularseason victory in Dallas with Jimmy Johnson, Bill Parcells or Barry Switzer on the sideline.

"I think that's as good as we played against a team that's credible," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "I think overall — the (run-pass) balance, feeling like we could create problems for their defense — I haven't felt like that since Jason has been the head coach. It shows we are making improvement."

Romo put Dallas ahead 21-0 by throwing touchdown passes of 34 yards to Dez Bryant and 58 and 5 yards to Laurent Robinson. He hit his first 13 attempts and finished 23 of 26 (88.5 percent), setting the franchise record for singlegame accuracy.

Romo didn't lead any more touchdown drives after those first four possessions, but

he also didn't do anything to ruin what he'd built.

He had no interceptions and wasn't sacked, doing both for a second straight week. Being error-free Sunday was especially noteworthy because he was facing the defense that leads the NFL in takeaways and had the second-most interceptions.

"We are learning a little bit about who we are and what we can do and what we are capable of doing," Romo said.

Romo is clearly benefiting from the rapid development of rookie running back De-Marco Murray. He turned 20 carries into 135 yards and a touchdown and had 35 yards on six receptions. Murray was a concern of the defense all day, drawing enough attention to create open space for Romo in the secondary.

Murray also continued to show it's going to take a lot of guys to stop him as he made several highlight-worthy moves — hurdling safety Jairus Byrd and, on another play, cutting back across the field to turn a likely loss into a 25-yard gain.

"They can't load the box on us and they can't double team wide receivers," Murray said.

Another reason for Romo's crisp performance: He's finally over the broken rib he hurt in Week 2. This was the first

TAMPA (AP) — The streaking Houston Texans are gaining confidence by the victory.

The AFC South leaders pummeled the reeling Tampa Bay Buccaneers 37-9 on Sunday with Matt Schaub throwing for two long touchdowns, Arian Foster. Ben Tate and Derrick Ward each running for scores, and the NFL's No. 1-ranked defense delivering another strong performance.

"We're playing well as a team," Schaub said after the Texans (7-3) won their fourth straight with star receiver Andre Johnson sidelined by hamstring injury, matching a franchise mark set in 2009 to head into their bye week with their best-ever record through 10 games.

"We have some playmakers on this offense," the quarterback added. "Defensively, we're playing really well. They're holding teams, making them turn the ball over. They're just playing exceptional football."

Jacoby Jones filled in for Johnson with an 80-vard TD reception on the first play from scrimmage and Foster turned a short pass into his second 78-yard scoring reception of the season for Houston. A defense that's made

a dramatic turnaround under coordinator Wade Phillips had four sacks, three interceptions and recovered a fumble.

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The Texans lead their OFF TO THE RACES — On the first play from scrimmage, Forsan answers an Eagle touchdown with a 63-yard touchdown burst from Trevor Burchett. Burchett also had an 83-yard touchdown reception in the game, on his way to lead the Buffaloes with 195 total yards on the night.

San Francisco does Dallas a favor defeating Giants

FRANCISCO (AP) — Justin Smith emphatically pumped his fist following his gamesaving defensive gem. Carlos Rogers danced after his second interception. And their coach, Jim Harbaugh, was perfectly polite in his postgame handshake before pointing and waving to a cheering crowd as he left the field at Candlestick Park.

It's been nearly a decade since the San Francisco 49ers could cel-

ebrate like this. Smith batted down

Eli Manning's pass in the closing seconds of the New York quarterback's latest comeback try, and San Francisco stopped the Giants on fourth down for a 27-20 victory in Sunday's NFC showdown to boost their chances of a possible first-round playoff "I just walked off the

field with joy inside. Right now, we're 8-1," said Rogers, who made two interceptions for the first time in his seven-year career. "We stuck to it to the end,

game made a play."

With his team trailing, Manning completed a pair of long fourthdown passes and got the Giants to the red zone with 1:53 to go. Unlike last week's rally by New York (6-3) at New England, Smith thwarted the final chance with a leaping right-handed smack of the ball on fourth-and-2 from the

The 49ers (8-1) — with a commanding five-game cushion in the division — won this one without

and last minute of the relying on star running back Frank Gore, whose franchise-record streak of five straight games with 100 yards rushing ended with a knee injury and his first career game with zero yards.

Harbaugh's NFC Westleading Niners rolled off their seventh straight victory to extend their best start since 1997, and matched the defending Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers for the most wins in the NFL. San Francisco also leads New Orleans (7-3) for playoff positioning.

"It was a big win for us. early in the fourth quar-As we continue to win we're getting on a bigger stage, and that's exactly what we want, we want to continue to climb and get on bigger stages," quarterback Alex Smith said. "That's it. You're as good as your record, and you're as good as your last game. And we beat a really good football team." Vernon Davis leaped

from the 4-yard line over safety Kenny Phillips into the end zone to complete a go-ahead 31yard touchdown catch

Kendall Hunter ran for a 27-yard touchdown in the fourth, moments after Rogers made his second interception of the day.

David Akers kicked four field goals, setting up one with a surprise onside kick, and Smith led the 49ers back late yet again.

This marked the most meaningful win for the franchise since the 49ers rallied from 24 points down to stun the Giants 39-38 January 2003.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Comfort is a greater priority now. The Cancer moon makes it extra challenging to leave your snug bed this morning. Though dreams are more productive than some think, alas, most of what

needs to be accomplished will happen while awake. Use cozy supplements such as hot soup and a warm sweater to lure yourself along.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will be startled awake by what you see in the world. It will help you appreciate what you have at home. You will be highly motivated to give the people you love your heartfelt time and atten-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you had miles and miles of time and no obligations, what would you do? In some small and possibly symbolic way, it is possible for you to add that activity to your day's events.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are things you would love to do to help others, though you haven't had the resources to pull it off in the past. Now your circumstances are changing, and you'll soon be able to extend your aid to loved ones.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll choose certain

people to follow, reach out to or spend time with. You don't know why you like them; you just do. Hundreds of unconscious preferences have guided you to make the choice, and you can trust it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll observe others and make excellent guesses about what they need and want. Of course, you won't know whether you've guessed correctly until you ask a direct question. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be in an inde-

pendent, free-spirited mood and not very concerned about what others think. While they are limited by the formalities of a situation, you could care less. That's why you'll come up with brilliant LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Confrontation makes

you uncomfortable. So when someone declares "we need to talk," as much as you try to stay in the moment and hear what's being said, your legs will move toward the door to escape. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As you balance your needs with the needs of your loved ones, you'll dis-

cover that you really don't require that much to be happy. A little respectful, affectionate attention is all it takes to win you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll resolve

a situation and put the old issues to rest. Then it will be time to make new rules so that this sort of unpleasantness doesn't happen again. Take your time, and think things through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are a firm advocate of loyalty when it comes to love, friendship, family and business. You'll make a point not to associate with those who display disloyal ten-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will do what it takes to move ahead. It involves more money, research and study than you originally thought it would, but you'll find the process enjoyable once vou decide to have fun with it. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone is differ-

ent. You'll note the differences and adjust your communication and behavior to make sure you come across clearly to the other person. Getting what you want depends on your ability to do this.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 14). You'll simplify your life through the next 10 weeks, thus making your time more enjoyable. Many tender moments between loved ones happen in December and January. February brings new goals. Material benefits will come to you, especially in December, July and September. You'll sock away funds for later days. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 20, 39 and 6.

"Classic Ann Landers" ® No cop-out on sending thank you notes acceptable

Hundreds AnnLanders' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: Knowing your strong

views about sending thank-you notes, I'm sending a clipping from our local paper as proof this actually appeared. At the end of an article about the marriage of two local people, along with a beautiful wedding picture, it said,

HOLIDAY

MATHIS

"In lieu of sending personal thank-you notes for wedding gifts, the couple made a donation to the American Cancer Society.'

Is this the lazy way

out, or what? Aren't people who send wedding gifts entitled to a written thank-you note, even if it only says, "Thank you for the wedding gift"? Is it a new trend to thank people en masse when the bridal photo appears in the paper? Please say it isn't AnOhio

Grandmother

Dear Ohio Granny: No. it's NOT a new trend. It's an attempt to escape the tedious job of writing thank-you notes and, in my book, inexcusable. Anyone who takes the time and spends the money to send a wedding gift is entitled to a written note appreciation. Anything short of that is a cop-out and totally unacceptable.

Dear Ann Landers:

Your response to "Single File in Aurora, Ill.," surprised me. "Single" complained that her husband didn't want to participate in social events. You said he was probably unsure of himself in social situations, and suggested he could be cured by gradual exposure to increasing numbers of people.

Why is it that perfectly sane and respectable folks are allowed to say that an evening of Mozart would bore them to tears, yet, when someone says the same about an evening of coffee and chatter, he is considered "peculiar"? Just as some people cannot carry a tune or run a mile in under four minutes, I am not able to sit in a room and engage in mindless chatter. This does not mean I am unsure of myself in social situations. I am plenty sure of myself. I just hate these occasions the same way someone else might hate an afternoon of drag racing, heavy-metal music or foreign films. It's a matter of personal

preference. I am a successful career woman. I work with 11 full-time and 30 seasonal employees. I enjoy my work, and relate well to others. I have been married for 14 years to a wonderful, outgoing man. However, it drives me crazy to sit in a room with people for three hours and listen to non-stop chitchat.

My brain turns to mush, and my eyes glaze over.

Perhaps you could have suggested that "Single" work out a compromise with her husband. He could agree to a certain amount of socializing in exchange for a guilt-free pass the rest of the time. He doesn't need to be cured.

He isn't defective. Those of us who abhor an evening of socialization can still be normal, happy, productive individuals. Please encourage others to accept our personal lifestyle preferences instead of providing them with helpful hints on how to change us. — Happy Anti-Social in and**Everyland**

Dear Happy and Anti-Social: I consider myself properly told off. You are perfectly right. If your husband doesn't mind your wish not to socialize, it is indeed none of my business. I apologize. P.S.: Maybe what you need is more interesting friends.

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Contract By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

NORTH

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

SOUTH

The bidding: Pass 2 ♠ 4 ♥ Pass

Opening lead — jack of spades. generally defense is good declarer play. Furthermore, if a mistake does occur during the course of play, it is usually easier to discern where declarer went wrong than where the defense went wrong.

For a typical example, consider today's deal from the 1987 National Men's Pair Championship. At most tables, South made 10 tricks in a heart contract, whether the game was bid or not. The play most often started with J-Q-A of spades, after which the ten-of-spades return was

taken by declarer's king. Next came a successful club finesse, then a trump to the jack and queen. West returned a diamond to

dummy's ace, which was followed by a trump to the ten and ace. South cashed the trump king, repeated the club finesse and then cashed the A-2 of clubs, discarding his last spade to finish with 10 tricks But at the table where George

Rosenkranz, distinguished Mexican star, held the East cards, four hearts was reached as shown, and the contract was defeated. The spade jack was also led here and covered with the queen. But Rosenkranz, after considering the matter carefully,

allowed the queen to win the trick!

As a result of this unusual play, South could no longer make the contract regardless of how he continued. In practice, declarer led a heart to the queen, led a spade to East's ace and scored the setting trick with the five of trumps when Rosenkranz returned

a third spade.

In finding the winning defense, the only real problem Rosenkranz had came at trick one, when he had to judge whether the spade jack was more likely to be a singleton or a doubleton. He followed the percentages that favored a doubleton, and was well-rewarded for his thoughtful play.

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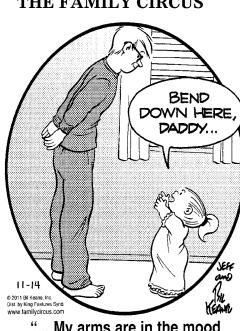
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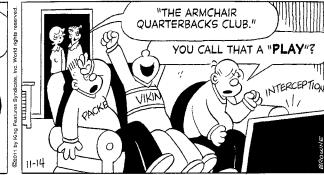
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2011. There are 47 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History: On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman

Melville's novel "Moby-Dick; Or, The Whale" was first published in the United States. On this date:

In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President James A. Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.)

In 1889, inspired by Jules Verne, New York World report-Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.) Jawarharlal Nehru (juh-wah-hahr-LAHL' NAY'roo), the first prime minister of independent India, was born.

In 1910, Eugene B. Ely became the first aviator to take off from a ship as his Curtiss pusher rolled off a sloping platform on tne deck of the scout cruiser

Roads, Va. In 1922.the British

Broadcasting Corporation began its domestic radio ser-In 1940, during World War II, German planes destroyed most

Coventry. In 1944, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra recorded "Opus No. 1" for RCA Victor.

of the English town of

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon. In 1970, a chartered Southern

Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in Huntington, W.Va., killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff. In 1972, the Dow Jones

Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed

a \$100 million penalty against inside-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities indus-Today's Birthdays: Former

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros

Boutros-Ghali is 89. Actress

is 57. Pianist Yanni is 57. Formeris 57. Presidential adviser Valerie Jarrett is 55. Actress Laura San Giacomo (JEE'-ah-koh-moh) is 50. Actor

D.B. Sweeney is 50. Rapper

Reverend Run (Run-DMC) is

47. Actor Patrick Warburton is

47. Rock musician Nic Dalton © 2011 The Associated Press.

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LIST OF LISTS by Gail Grabowski

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Extremely large 6 Breakfast or brunch
- 10 Chowder ingredient
- 14 Pet-protection org.
- 15 Opera solo 16 Honolulu's island 67 Frighten, as
- **17** List of school
- grades 19 Luau instruments
- 20 Make a wager
- 21 Menageries
- 22 Risktaker's
- challenging words
- 24 Repair, as a sock
- **25** Left the premises **26** Upward climb
- 29 Tore into little pieces
- 33 Mineral springs
- **34** See 11 Down 36 Suitor
- 37 Results of sunbathing
- 38 Course with
- lettuce 40 Apple leftover
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- 43 Carryall bag
- **44** __ Kringle
- 45 Goes back ove
- as a path 47 Research
- papers **49** Message from
- sitcom sponsor 50 Owl sound
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- 54 Person, place, or thing
- 55 Suitable 58 Go here and there

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- athletes 62 Prayer ending
- difficult 64 Get the soap out
- 65 Lima's country
- 66 Hollywood headliner
- horses

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- 4 Sgt., for one
- - periods

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- sound 13 Poet's
- inspiration
- 18 Rich cakes 23 All over again
- **24** List of sweet treats
- 25 Bread grain 26 Moving about
- 27 Leeway 28 "Shut your
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FORSAN

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Sanford-Fritch took a 20-12 lead, opening the second half with an 80-yard — all running play — scoring drive. After Forsan had their next drive stopped at the one-yard line by an interception, the Eagles drove the field again. This drive ended with a fumble, which Forsan recovered on their own four-yard line. The very next play, Brendan Roman took a pitch from Burchett. He made two Eagles miss him in the backfield and two more at the line of scrimmage, before disappearing down the sideline for crowdfrenzying 96-yard touchdown

run. Burchett hit Patrick Robles to complete the two-point conversion and the game was tied at 20-20 with just over two minutes remaining in the third.

The tie would not last long — one minute and 11 seconds, to be exact — as the Eagles broke free for a 52-yard scoring run on the ensuing drive and regained the lead before time could expire in the third period.

After the Buffaloes came up a bit short of a first down on their first fourth-quarter drive, they got a lucky break when a short punt hit an Eagle blocker in the back. Forsan recovered the ball on Sanford's 40-yard line. A 31-yard Burchett-to-Burchett pass gave

the Buffaloes a first and goal on the nine-yard line. Foster Burchett called his own number on the following play and beat the defenders to the corner for a touchdown. When the extra point kick was blocked, the game was tied again, this time, at 26-26.

Another 50-plus yard run by the Eagles gave them the eventual game-winning score of 33-26. Forsan got down to just inside the 10-yard line of the Eagles but were unable to punch it in for a score.

After a great season — not to mention a great game — the Buffaloes could do nothing but stand helplessly and watch the Eagles' quarterback kneel on the ball, running the clock out on their season.

patrick on Buffalo's first offensive play. The Cowboys racked up four turnovers, including a fumble by Jackson. The local kid still had a productive day, gaining 114 yards on 13 car-

NOTES: Buffalo's previous worst loss this season was by 16 points, the previous Sunday. ... This was Romo's 21st game with three TD passes, breaking the record held by Danny White. White also had the accuracy record of 87.5 percent (21 of 24). ... The Cowboys haven't won three in a row since the end of the 2009 season. ... Buffalo C Eric Wood left with a knee injury in the third quarter and was to be evaluated Monday. ... Witten caught five passes, pushing him past Hall of Famer Ozzie Newsome for the third-most catches by a tight end in NFL history.

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New Eng	5	3	0	.625	222	184
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	.625	199	16
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	229	21
Miami	2	7	0	.222	158	17
South						
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Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	160
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	186	173
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Baltimore

Cleveland

Cincinnati

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Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	233					
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	216	228					
Denver	4	5	0	.444	188	234					
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	141	218					
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East											
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N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	218	211					
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	223	182					
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Washington	1 3	6	0	.333	136	178					
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Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	212	196					
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	156	233					
Carolina	2	7	0	.222	190	237					
North											
	W	${f L}$	\mathbf{T}	Pct	\mathbf{PF}	PA					
Green Bay	8	0	0	1.000	275	179					
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	252	184					
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	237	187					
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	172	199					
West											
	W	${ m L}$	${f T}$	Pct	\mathbf{PF}	PA					
San Fran	8	1	0	.889	233	138					
Seattle	3	6	0	.333	144	202					
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	183	213					
St. Louis	2	7	0	.222	113	223					

DALLAS

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game he played since then without a special vest for pro-

Buffalo (5-4) lost its second straight and third in four games. The rout made it an especially bitter homecoming for coach Chan Gailey and running back Fred Jackson. Gailey coached the Cowboys to the playoffs in 1998-99, his only two years on the job, and Jackson grew up in this suburb, at one time living on the property that's now Cowboys

Gailey said he told the Bills they did little right, but that he still believes in them.

"We will regroup and continue to work to get better," Gailey said. "But you have to go do it. Nobody's going to give you anything in this league." Ryan Fitzpatrick was 20 of 31

for 146 yards and a touchdown, a 3-yarder to David Nelson punctuated by Nelson presenting the ball to his girlfriend a Cowboys cheerleader.

Fitzpatrick helped make Cowboys cheerleaders happy all afternoon. He threw a season-worst three interceptions and converted only 2 of 7 thirddown attempts.

This was the second straight ugly outing for Fitzpatrick, who recently signed a \$59 million, six-year contract.

"We put in some good practice time and really thought we'd come out here and play well," Fitzpatrick said. "It's hard to even think ahead right now because of how embarrassing that loss was."

Dallas' defense was opportunistic from the start, with DeMarcus Ware sacking Fitz-

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division by 1 1-2 games over second-place Tennessee and may get Johnson, who's been sidelined six weeks. back when they travel to Jacksonville in two weeks. After losing two straight without Schaub's favorite target, Houston has put together an impressive winning streak by getting contributions from a lot of different players.

The bye figures to give others a chance to get healthy, too.

"It was important today that we got to this point," coach Gary Kubiak said. "We've been working really hard. ... We had five or six players that missed a whole week of practice, and they lined up and played. 'We've got a good team thing going on right now."

The Bucs (4-5), on the other hand, have lost three straight and four of five following a 3-1

start. Josh Freeman threw three interceptions and was sacked four times, and Tampa Bay's offense didn't get into the end zone until the fourth quarter for the second game in a row. Defensively, the Bucs tackled poorly and yielded 268 vards in the opening

half and 420 overall. "Terrible game. Completely, put the blame on me for this one. ... We started the game just like we finished it," Tampa Bay coach Raheem Morris said. "Poor job by myself. I'll take complete responsibility for that. I refuse to believe that our guys are that bad, so it has to

be my fault." Houston, which is ranked No. 1 in total defense for the first time, has limited opponents to just over 10 points per game during its winning streak. The Texans held Tampa Bay to 231.

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