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The Salvation Army distributed Angel Tree gifts Saturday at the Spring Town Plaza. This year, the SA campaign received donations for 580 children and seniors. Pictured are front row, David Tidwell; back row, left, Christie Larson, SA board member; Trev Larson; Timothy Larson; Cynthia Salazar, who was picking up gifts for her children; SA Capt. Missy Romack; and Breanna Cordero, SA volunteer.

Ingram selected Martin Co. sheriff

STANTON — Brand Ingram, an oilfield worker and former Martin County Sheriff's Department deputy, has been named sheriff by the county com-



Ingram

missioners court. Ingram, who replaces John Woodward, is expected to be sworn in today. Woodward, resigned Dec. 3 amid allegations he got drunk with an inmate and allowed the inmate to give him a gang-related tattoo.

Enrollment up at Coahoma ISD

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Student enrollment continues to trend upward in the Coahoma Independent School District, school board trustees learned during their monthly meeting held last week.

According to Dr. Amy Jacobs, Coahoma ISD

superintendent, 888 students were enrolled in the district at the end of November, an increase of 20 from the same time last year.

"We had about a drop of 10 students from last month (October,) but we looked at the patterns over the past years and that has been consistent

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Gasoline prices continue to fall for the holidays

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 11.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.19 per gallon Sunday, according

to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 10.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.42/g, according to gasoline price website

GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 84.4 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 44.1 cents per gal-

lon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 41.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 80.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"As Americans take to the road for Christmas travel, they've all been given a gift that keeps on giving: falling gas prices," said Patrick

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DPS ramps up DWI patrols

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas DPS units are going to find out who is naughty or nice.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will increase DWI patrols for a 15-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays.

DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"DPS' enhanced patrols are designed to help save lives by identifying impaired and dangerous drivers and getting them off Texas roadways," said DPS Director

Steven McCraw. "Holiday celebrations create the increased potential for drinking and driving incidents, and we

urge Texans to designate a sober driver or find alternative transportation if they plan to drink."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement

effort last year, DPS troopers made 1,505 DWI arrests. DPS enforcement also resulted in 24,928 speeding citations.

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Dec. 22
3 shopping days to Christmas

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Courtesy photo

Department of Public Safety troopers will be out in force during the holiday period with a primary focus on jailing drunk drivers.

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Obituaries

Park Dwayne Wheat



Park Dwayne Wheat of Big Spring, Texas, passed away on Dec. 18, 2014 in Abilene, Texas, after many months of illness. He was 71 years old.

Park was born in Dallas, Texas, on Sept. 30, 1943, to Park Darrow and Lois Laveda Wheat. He graduated from Hamlin High School in 1962, received a bachelor's degree in history from Hardin Simmons University in 1967, and a masters degree in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982. He married Bonnie Ruth Boydston on May 30, 1967, and they moved to Washington state, spending 17 years of their marriage in the Pacific Northwest. They had two daughters, Brenda Michelle Wheat, and Charla Marie Wheat. They returned to Texas in 1989 and spent 25 years in Big Spring, actively involved in the community through their ministry.

Park was a bi-vocational pastor, devoting his life to small churches and serving the Lord. He was ordained as a Baptist minister at a young age and served passionately in his ministry for his entire life. He loved people and loved to be a witness to them. He served many churches throughout his life. In 1982, he was the founding pastor for East Kelso Baptist church in Kelso, Wash. He retired from Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas, in 2011. Over the years he was actively involved with many organizations, including the Bi-vocational Conference sponsored by the Baptist General

Convention of Texas, The Compassionate Friends, Victims Services of Big Spring and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. After the merger of Berea and Central Baptist Churches, he assumed a position as the associate director of Missions for the Crossroads Baptist Association, serving for two years before health issues prevented his involvement. During this time he was also actively involved as an emergency services chaplain for Howard County.

As a bi-vocational pastor, he taught for many years and retired from the Big Spring Independent School District in 2004. He spent many years teaching in the adolescent unit of the Big Spring State Hospital. He was an avid reader and had a large collection of books, primarily in religion, theology, history and literature. His personal library has been donated to the David Allan Hubbard Library at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Park was preceded in death by his daughter, Charla Wheat, and his parents, Park and Lois Wheat. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Bonnie Wheat; daughter and son-in-law, Scott and Brenda Whiteman of Durham, N.C.; his sister and brother-in law, Bob and Sharon Buchanan of Stamford, Texas; and five nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at Berea Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Crossroads Baptist Association, 1204 W. Fourth St., Big Spring, TX 79720. Arrangements are under the care of McCoy Funeral Home of Aspermont, Texas. Online condolences at www.mccoymaspermont.com

Paid obituary

Mary Frances Burchett Martin



Mary Frances Burchett Martin went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born north of Big Spring, Texas, Aug. 1, 1933, the daughter of H.T. and Essie Burchett. She was diagnosed with MDS and never gave up. She never complained, maintaining a brave and cheerful outlook - even though she was in pain and exhausted at times.

Always a lady with class, she was loved by all those she came into contact with. She was filled with compassion and interest for others. She faced many hardships during her life and always relied on the Lord and always put her faith in Him. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

After graduating from Stanton High School, she married her high school beau, Floyd Martin, Aug. 5, 1945. Married for 61 years, Floyd and Frances raised four children. Possessing a true servant's heart, Frances faithfully cared for her family and friends through delicious cooking and baking from scratch, including hosting many bridal showers and parties. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Grady School. Frances had an unwavering faith in God and was a member of the Lenora Baptist

Church. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling and laughter, will never be forgotten.

Frances was preceded in death by her loving husband, Floyd; her parents; two sons, Larry and Lonny Martin; and one grandchild, L.V. Welch. She is survived by two daughters, Charlotte Welch of Midland and Belinda DeArman of Plano. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Monica Johnson, Scottie Welch, Waylon Martin, Travis Martin, Terri McDaniel and Alyssa DeArman; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is Virginia Martin of Midland and her two sons, Jeff and Ray Duke; and Jeff DeArman.

The family is very appreciative of the love and support by many of her friends over these last few months.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Thelma Banks Manuel Money

Thelma Banks Manuel Money, 93, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dog/Cat toy fundraiser

Yellow Rose Animal Rescue is gathering toys to gift the animals at the Howard County Humane Society. Toys can be dropped off at Splurge Boutique, 308 Scurry St. in Big Spring. Please, no rawhide or animals with stuffing. Thank you and Merry Christmas from Yellow Rose.

Police, Sheriff, FIRE/EMS

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

- DAVID HOUSTON SUMMERS, 37, of 3617 Calvin, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.
- CAREY DON ODEN, 54, of 4716 44th St., Lubbock, Texas, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and terroristic threat family/household.
- CALEB BROWNING LYLE, 20, of 1207 Settles, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention; forgery of a financial instrument; and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- ROXANNE RODRIGUEZ BLACKWELL, 40, of 1905 Wasson Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- XAVIER GARCIA MOYA, 40, OF 1218 E. 15TH ST., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.
- CARLITOS ROGER GUTIERREZ, 19, of 3603 Dixon St., was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- ANSELMO ARREDONDO, VEGA, 21, of 110 NW Fourth St., was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention/using a vehicle or watercraft.
- DANIEL LEE USSERY, 37, of 1800 S. Monticello, was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500 against elderly.
- SUSAN MICHELLE SALAZR, 32, of 1511 Sycamore St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood St.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway and 1900 block of Wasson.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Interstate 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000

block of Sycamore St.

- BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the area of Bluebonnet and State streets.
 - DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of NW Second St.
 - BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of Colorado Avenue.
 - THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:
- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOSEPH ANTHONY GUTIERREZ, 25, was booked Friday at the county jail on a district bench warrant for sexual assault on a child.
 - TERRY DWAYDE SAWYER, 27, was booked Friday by the HCSO on a Grayson County warrant for failure to identify as a fugitive and intent/give false information.
 - KRISTEN LEE HENSON, 28, was booked Friday by the HCSO on a Grayson County warrant for bond forfeiture-possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
 - DONETTA C. LEWIS, 29, was booked Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license intent/previous conviction/suspension with fines.
 - JAMES RYAN RODRIGUEZ, 30, was booked Friday by the BSPD on a charge of sexual assault.
 - ADAM ANTHONY STARR, 30, was booked Friday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers, discharging official duties.
 - COURTNEY BUCK, 39, was booked Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft, less than \$50 — shoplifting.
 - CHANCE FELKER COOKE, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.
 - LLOYDELL ARMSEY IRONROPE, 36, was booked by the BSPD on charges of assault by contact, failure to identity, and public intoxication.

• JASON ORTEGA, 33, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief substantial inconvenience.

• JOHN DANIEL RODRIQUEZ, 18, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and speeding.

• CATI-GEORGIANA DIAMANT, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of solicitation by pedestrians.

• EZEQUIEL VARGAS GONZALES, 41, was booked by the DPS on a Dallas County warrant for theft of property, more than \$20 but less than \$500, by check.

• ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 50, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication with three prior convictions.

• SHANNON BOUDREAUX, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

• DAVID HOUSTON SUMMERS, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.

• ROXANA BLACKWELL, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• CALEB BROWNING LYLE, 20, was booked by the HCSO on charges of forgery of a financial instrument on the elderly; evading arrest, detention; and on warrants for possession of alcohol by a minor and failure to dim headlights.

• CAREY DON ODEN, 54, was booked by the BSPD on charges of terroristic threat of family/household and public intoxication.

• XAVIER GARCIA MOYA, 40, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• CARLITOS ROGER GUTIERREZ, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol/beverage by a minor.

• ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest, detention with vehicle.

• ANASTACIA MARIE GALTAN, 22, was booked by the DPS on warrants for speeding and driving while license invalid (two counts).

• DANIEL LEE USSERY, 37, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• SUSAN MICHELLE SALAZAR, 32, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for MTAG/possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.

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

- FRIDAY
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of N. Johnson. No transport.
 - VEHICLE FIRE was reported in the 4900 block of Highway 87. Fire was extinguished.
- Saturday
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of Young St. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of north Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2200 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg. Service refused.
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of north Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - VEGETATION FIRE was reported in the 3300 block of east FM 700. Fire was extinguished.
- SUNDAY
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 300 block of 22nd St. One person was transported to SMMC.
 - TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of E. 21st St. Out on arrival.
 - VEHICLE FIRE was reported on Highway 80. Out on arrival.

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News Briefs

Police departments on alert after NYC cops killed by man who hated law enforcement, government

NEW YORK (AP) — Big-city police departments and union leaders around the country are warning the rank and file to wear bulletproof vests and avoid making inflammatory posts on social media in the days after a man ambushed two officers and shot them to death inside their patrol car.

The slayings of Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu on Saturday afternoon in Brooklyn heightened fears about the safety of law enforcement officials nationwide, though there is no evidence any threats are imminent. The gunman, 28-year-old Ismaaiyl Brinsley, had vowed in an Instagram post to put “wings on pigs” as retaliation for the slayings of black men at the hands of white police.

Brinsley was black; the slain New York Police Department officers were Hispanic and Asian.

Investigators are trying to determine if Brinsley had taken part in any protests over the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, whose names he invoked in his online threat, or simply latched onto the cause for the final act in a violent rampage.

The slayings come at a tense time as police nationwide are being criticized following Garner’s death in a New York officer’s chokehold and Brown’s fatal shooting in Ferguson, Missouri. Protests erupted in recent weeks after grand juries declined to charge the officers involved.

History of North Korean cinema filled with kidnapped South Koreans, monsters, evil Americans

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea hates the currently scrapped Hollywood film that revolves around the assassination of its beloved leader, but the country has had a long love affair with cinema — of its own particular styling.

In the six decades since North Korea began to cultivate its own film industry, a South Korean director and his movie star wife have been kidnapped, a Godzilla-inspired monster movie has bombed at the box office in the South, American defectors have hammed it up in anti-U.S. propaganda films — and there has even been a foray into “girl power” cinema with the more recent “Comrade Kim Goes Flying.”

The U.S. blames North Korea for the recent cyberattack on Sony Pictures, which produced “The Interview,” and also for threats of terror attacks against U.S. movie theaters. Sony canceled the movie’s release. North Korea has denied a role in the hacking, but also praised it as a “righteous deed.”

Pyongyang began building its cinema industry in the 1950s as a wing of a propaganda machine meant to glorify the country’s late founder, Kim Il Sung, the grandfather of current leader Kim Jong Un. The elder Kim once declared movies to be the most important tool to educate the masses, according to archive material maintained by the South Korean government.

North Korean moviemakers have since dabbled with science fiction, action and romantic comedy, but they’re mostly expected to stoke public animosity against rivals Washington and Seoul, and to

portray the Kim family as a fearless bastion against evil foreign imperialists.

Experts expect surge in Cuba tourism under Obama’s historic opening, easing of travel rules

HAVANA (AP) — As the U.S. and Cuba begin to normalize relations for the first time in half a century, some Americans are already roaming the streets of Old Havana, attending dance exhibitions and talks on architecture as they take part in scripted cultural tours that can cost more than a decent used car back home.

The U.S. visitors are participants in the highly regulated “people-to-people” travel that President Barack Obama permitted in 2011 in one of his first moves toward detente with Cuba. The program aims to increase interaction with ordinary Cubans without creating uncomfortable images of Americans lounging on beaches in a single-party state. The tours tend to attract people sympathetic to improving ties with President Raul Castro’s government.

“It’s pre-selected for people who already want there to be change,” said Jonathan Anderson, a 33-year-old from Denver on an eight-day excursion that cost \$6,000 per person. “People aren’t coming here to see how evil Castro is. They are coming here to reinforce ties.”

Travel experts said Sunday that the new opening to Cuba that Obama announced four days earlier goes far beyond the 2011 reform and could sharply increase U.S. tourism in the coming years.

Among the changes, Obama directed the Treasury Department to expand the categories of travelers who can go to Cuba without requesting a license from the department first. Soon to be covered by a standing, blanket travel permit are participants in educational activities, the category that covers most people-to-people travel. Experts said that eliminating the licensing requirement could greatly reduce the costs of organized tours by cutting paperwork. It also could, perhaps more importantly, allow huge numbers of Americans to legally travel on their own to Cuba.

Ascendant Senate Republicans confront tough election map in 2016 to retain majority

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans have the Senate majority now and are set to challenge President Barack Obama and the Democrats on Capitol Hill this January. But a much tougher election map two years from now could force the GOP back into the minority.

In November 2016, Republicans will defend 24 seats, Democrats 10. Seven of the GOP seats are in states President Barack Obama won with 50 percent or more of the vote in 2012.

It’s a stark reversal from this past November, when Democrats were the ones contending with a brutal map, including candidates running in seven states Obama had lost. Democrats were crushed on Election Day, losing nine seats and their Senate majority.

It will be a tough climb for Democrats to make up those losses, and there’s no guarantee they will.

But coming off November’s trouncing, Democrats sound eager about their chances in states such as Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Illinois, while Republicans are preparing more to defend past victories than try to score new ones.

“There’s no doubt about it, it’s going to be a bigger challenge than 2014,” said Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, among the Republicans at the top of the Democrats’ pickoff list. “But I think we have a really good opportunity here in the next couple years. We will reach out to the other side. I think Americans, Wisconsinites will find out that we’re not the party of ‘no.’”

Iraqi reality TV show brings convicted IS militants face-to-face with victims

BAGHDAD (AP) — Haider Ali Motar was convicted of terrorism charges about a month ago for helping to carry out a string of Baghdad car bombings on behalf of the Islamic State extremist group. Now, the 21-year old is a reluctant cast member in a popular reality TV show.

“In the Grip of the Law,” brings convicted terrorists face-to-face with victims in surreal encounters and celebrates the country’s beleaguered security forces. The show, produced by state-run Iraqiyya TV, is among dozens of programs, cartoons and musical public service announcements aimed at shoring up support for the troops after their humiliating defeat last summer at the hands of the Islamic State group, which now controls about a third of the country.

On a chilly, overcast day last week, the crew arrived at the scene of one of the attacks for which Motar was convicted, with a heavily armed escort in eight military pick-up trucks and Humvees. Passing cars clogged the road to watch the drama unfold, but were quickly shooed away by soldiers.

After being pulled from an armored vehicle, a shackled Motar found himself face-to-face with the seething relatives of the victims of the attack. “Give him to me — I’ll tear him to pieces,” one of the relatives roared from behind a barbed wire barrier.

A cameraman pinned a microphone on Motar’s bright yellow prison jumpsuit as he stood alongside a busy Baghdad highway looking bewildered by his surroundings.

Indian asbestos mines, abandoned decades ago, still sickening villagers and ignored by gov’t

RORO VILLAGE, India (AP) — Asbestos waste spills in a gray gash down the flank of a lush green hill above tribal villages in eastern India. Three decades after the mines were abandoned, nothing has been done to remove the enormous, hazardous piles of broken rocks and powdery dust left behind.

In Roro Village and other settlements below, people who never worked in the mines are dying of lung disease. Yet in a country that treats asbestos as a savior that provides cheap building materials for the poor, no one knows the true number and few care to ask.

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Juaquin Valdez, Jr., 60, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Aaron Douglas “Doug” Tatum, 70, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Thelma Banks Manuel Money, 93, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

2015 Norman Rockwell Calendars are in!

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over the years,” Jacobs said. She added the additional students have not caused an

issue with overcrowding as the increase has been across the board grade wise.

In other business, trustees approved:

- The hire of a new softball head coach and filled an English teaching position at the

high school.

- Financial reports. During the meeting representatives of accounting firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP reported the district had a clean audit report for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

- An inter-local agreement with West Texas Food Service Co-Op for purchase of food for district cafeterias.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

GASOLINE

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DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. “Americans are saving over \$13 million dollars an hour ver-

sus gas prices a year ago- adding up to over \$315 million every day. Big declines were witnessed in Montana, Michigan, Indiana, Idaho, and Ohio, where average prices fell over 20 cents on average just in the last seven days

but everyone has been a winner.

“Just in the last 24 hours, the national average has declined nearly 7 cents a gallon, one of the largest single day decreases ever. However, I’m worried the decline

may soon begin slowing — oil prices have held in the mid-\$50s, and the concrete may be setting in. If it does, and oil prices fail to drop below \$50a barrel, gas prices likely won’t drop more than another 10-20 cents

per gallon. Either way, a sneak peak at our soon to be released 2015 gas price forecast reveals a yearly national average far lower than what we saw this year,” DeHaan said.

DPS

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2,997 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 1,078 fugitive arrests and 797 felony arrests during the enforcement period. A Texas Department of Transportation grant allows increased patrols in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes

are most frequent.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Don’t drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it’s the

law.

— Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated — it’s the law.

— Don’t drive fatigued.

— Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

— Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins

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Romo, Cowboys claim NFC East crown

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo helped dump a bucket on Jason Garrett and playfully shoved him the same way the Dallas coach often does to his players.

The Cowboys had never known their four-year playoff drought was over Sunday when they finally got to celebrate in the final seconds of a dominating 42-7 win over Indianapolis that clinched the NFC East title.

A special moment made perfect sense for the quarterback with a history of crushing late-season failures and a coach who kept getting Dallas to meaningful finales but couldn't shake questions

about his future because he couldn't break through with a postseason trip.

"In so many ways, this is such a long journey and to get to a point to achieve your first goal of winning the division title, a lot goes into that," said Garrett, in his fourth full season. "I think the way you play in securing that matters, and I thought we played really, really well."

Romo threw four touchdown passes and broke Troy Aikman's franchise record for yards passing while the Cowboys (11-4) emphatically ended a three-game home losing streak, scoring touchdowns on their first four pos-

sessions.

Dallas had an opening for its first division title and postseason berth since 2009 because of Philadelphia's 27-24 loss at Washington on Saturday. The Eagles were eliminated with the Cowboys' win.

The Colts (10-5) didn't have much to play for with the AFC South title secured, and looked like it while they barely avoided their first shutout loss in 21 years.

"Yeah, it was a dismal start," said Andrew Luck, who threw for a season-low 109 yards with two interceptions and was pulled in the third quarter with the game out of hand. "It was bad. A lot of bad. Not

much good, if any."

The Cowboys had already ended their three-year rut of 8-8 finishes that included losses in finales that kept them out of the playoffs. But they had to keep winning to make sure they got in.

Tight end Jason Witten had a touchdown catch and 90 yards receiving to reach his 11th straight season with at least 600 yards. He had the memorable one-liner that it couldn't be "the same old story" before training camp during the string of frustrating .500 finishes.

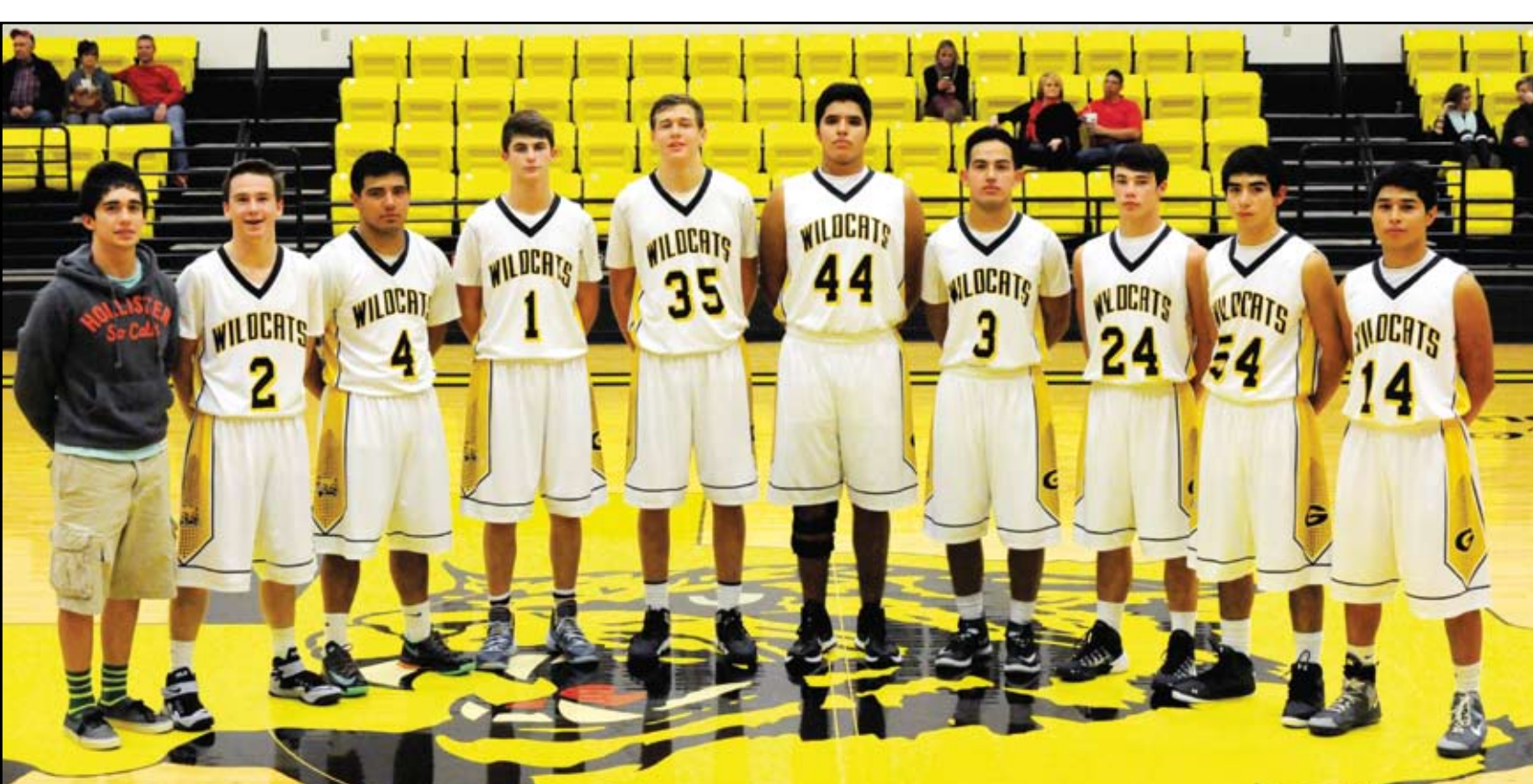
Then it kept being the same old story — until Sunday, when Dallas kept alive its

hopes for a first-round bye as well.

Romo led scoring drives of 80 and 75 yards, the latter ending on a 24-yard pass to Cole Beasley. He spun away from a shoulder tackle by D'Qwell Jackson and ran the final 13 yards to the end zone.

The 34-year-old Romo broke Aikman's record on a 25-yard touchdown pass to Witten, his teammate since they came into the league together 11 years ago.

"He's obviously just got a special place in my heart," said Romo, who has 32,971 career yards, 29 more than the three-time Super Bowl winner.



Courtesy photo

The Grady Wildcats used a dominating 16-4 run in the fourth quarter on Saturday to power themselves to a 53-36 win over Whitharral in the finals of the Cotton Classic basketball tournament. Grady improved to 11-2 with the victory.

Manziel hurt in Browns' 17-13 loss

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Cleveland Browns are limping to the finish line.

The Browns (7-8) lost their fourth straight game Sunday, including their second in a row under rookie starter Johnny Manziel.

Manziel was a mere 3 of 8 for 32 yards passing and ran twice for 3 yards in the 17-13 defeat to the Carolina Panthers before leaving with a hamstring injury late in the first half.

Brian Hoyer wasn't much better, finishing 7 of 13 for 134 yards, the bulk of that coming on an 81-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jordan Cameron. He threw one interception and was sacked three times.

The Browns had just 228 yards on offense and eight first downs.

"Offensively, not near good enough to win in this league," Browns coach Mike Pettine said. "We made the one big play, but other than that we never really seemed to get in much of a rhythm."

The Browns were officially eliminated from playoff contention Saturday when San Diego beat San Francisco. They've not been to the playoffs since 2002.

Manziel's status for next week's season finale at Baltimore remains uncertain.

He was injured when he sprinted out to his left just before halftime. Linebacker Luke Kuechly and safety Colin Jones converged on Manziel, taking him to the ground for a 1-yard loss. Manziel attempted to get up, then fell back to the ground.

Grady wins Cotton crown

Lucas, Jones, Avery lead the Grady Wildcats past Whitharral in finals of Cotton Classic tournament

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LENORAH — The Grady High School Wildcats added another impressive piece of hardware to their trophy case on Saturday evening by streaking to a 53-36 rout of the Whitharral Panthers in the finals of the 2014 Cotton Classic basketball tournament.

Grady, the fourth-ranked team in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' poll, improved to 11-2 with the perfect 3-0 run at the tournament.

The Wildcats picked up plenty of offense in the championship game. In all, Grady collected points from six different players, including double-digit efforts from Beau Lucas, Cole Avery and Braeden Jones.

The Wildcats cemented its title run with a dominating performance in the fourth quarter

of the finals. The Wildcats outscored Whitharral by a 16-4 clip in the final eight minutes of the contest and broke open a tight game.

Grady held a slim 35-33 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats opened the game with a small flurry. Grady posted a 13-9 run in the first quarter.

The Panthers answered back with a spree of their own in the second. Whitharral posted a 15-9 run in the stanza and went into the half holding a 24-22 cushion.

Grady began taking control in the third. The Wildcats rallied to take a two-point lead at the end of the third quarter by pounding out a 13-8 run in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Lucas led all GHS scorers in the championship game by throwing in 19 points. Avery

Cotton Classic All-Tournament Team Girls

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Addie Grant.....	Whitharral
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Ariel Arnold.....	Grady
Brittney Garza.....	Grady (MVP)

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Jarrett Doege.....	Iraan
Devan Griffith.....	Iraan
Baylor Bean.....	New Deal
Mason Heald.....	New Deal
Matt Pinkert.....	Whitharral
Austin Price.....	Whitharral
Caydon Stone.....	Whitharral
Cole Avery.....	Grady
Braeden Jones.....	Grady
Beau Lucas.....	Grady (MVP)

and Jones added 12 and 10, respectively.

E.J. Rodriguez also played well for the Wildcats, finishing

with six points. Dillon Polson and Kyle Garza added four and two, respectively.

The Wildcats, who will tip off play in the Caprock basketball tournament on Dec. 29, earned its way into the finals of the Cotton Classic with a 69-49 romp over New Deal on Friday.

In that game, Grady scored 22 points in each of the first quarter and never looked back.

Rodriguez and Jones paced the GHS offense against New Deal with 14 points apiece. Joseph Briseno and Lucas also reached double figures with 13.

As a team, the Wildcats sank a season-high 11 three-point shots against New Deal, and hit on 10 of their 12 free throw opportunities.

Grady's first game in the Caprock tournament will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 29 against the Lubbock Titans in the Cooper High School gym.

LeBron scores 25 as Cavs tame Grizzlies

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James and Kyrie Irving stepped aside and let one of their teammates polish off an opponent.

On Sunday, Dion Waiters finished Memphis.

Waiters scored 13 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter as the Cleveland Cavaliers handled one of the Western Conference's best teams, beating the short-handed Grizzlies, 105-91.

The Cavs have been

waiting for the enigmatic and inconsistent Waiters to become more reliable. It's still a bit in progress but Waiters, who has frequently been mentioned in trade rumors over the past two seasons, is showing signs of developing into a steady scorer off the bench.

James scored 16 in the second half and the Cavs shot a season-best 61 percent from the field to improve to just 3-6 against West teams.

FSU's Jameis Winston is cleared at hearing

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston was cleared Sunday of the accusations he faced at a student code of conduct hearing involving an alleged sexual assault two years ago.

Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Major Harding wrote in a letter to Winston that the evidence was "insufficient to satisfy the burden of proof."

Prosecutor Willie Meggs made a similar decision a year ago when he decided not to charge Winston.

This month, a two-day hearing was held to determine whether Winston violated four sections of the code of conduct — two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment.

The woman can request an appeal within five days.

Martinez, freshmen rout Central, 55-9

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' freshman basketball team took on the San Angelo Central Lady Cats on Friday and dominated the contest from the opening tip to the final buzzer, coming away with a 55-9 victory.

The Lady Steers were led in the scoring column by Cierra Martinez with 21 points. Sidney Evans added nine and Kalli Hale chipped in eight.

Lexi Delafuente con-

tributed eight assists and four points, while Jori Hanlen, Krystelle Michals, and Mirella Vill all had solid games on the defensive end.

D'Amberly Baldwin hit another of her rainbow 3-pointers and had several rebounds while Jeran Vanover finished with four points.

This was the final non-district tune-up for the Lady Steers. The team will face Lamesa in district play in January.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) "Perfect" isn't. When a thing is refined to the highest degree, the next stage is that it's spoiled. Therefore, do not aim for perfection. Do your best, and let it be.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will be a day of reversals. Men will act like little children, and little children will act like men. You can't predict the outcome, but you can choose the journey.
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7 :PM	The Great Christmas Light Fight	Mi Corazón Es Tuyo	Gotham Big Bang	Big Bang Mike	Los Miserables (SS)	Saturday Night Live	Fam. Guy	Upd	Antiques Roadshow	Griffith	Fast N' Loud	(:45) Movie: End of Watch, Natalie Martinez	Major Crimes	Major Crimes	Movie: The Family That Preys, Tyler Perry	Austin Liv-Mad. Girl	College Basketball: Denver Broncos at Cincinnati Bengals.	(:15) NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Cincinnati Bengals.
8 :PM	Wheel	Hasta el Fin	Sleepy Hollow	Scorpion	Tierra de Reyes (SS)		American	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Heroes Gilligan	Fast N' Loud: Demo		Major Crimes					
9 :PM	Castle	La Malquerida (SS)	Mod Fam Mod Fam	NCIS: Los Angeles	Señora Acero (SS)	State of Affairs	Big Bang	Big Bang	Independent Lens (DVS)	Hillbillies Petticoat	Street Outlaws: Full		Major Crimes					
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12-22

"CAMELS, COWS AN' SHEEP! WHERE ARE THE REINDEER?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

12-22

"He's makin' a list and checkin' his wife..."

HAGAR

IT'S TIME TO GET OUR BOUNTY!

WAIT! IT'S CHRISTMAS SEASON!

IT'S A TIME TO GIVE!

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THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

BC

HE KNOWS WHEN YOU ARE SLEEPING... HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE...

HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN BAD OR GOOD, SO BE GOOD FOR GOODNESS' SAKE.

DOES SANTA WORK FOR THE NSA?

WIZARD OF ID

THIS IS OUR LATEST G.M.O. PINE TREE. IT'S ALL THE RAGE

HOW IS IT ANY DIFFERENT?

TREE! LIGHT UP!

YES, SIR!

YIKES!

BLONDIE

NICE HAT, BOSS!

BUMSTEAD, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE WEARING THAT HAT!

WHY, BOSS?

OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE I'M WEARING A SANTA HAT!

WHERE'S YOUR HAT, DAG?

APPARENTLY THE OFFICE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO SANTA HATS

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2014. There are nine days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply. On this date: In 1775, Esek Hopkins was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy. In 1864, during the

Civil War, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman said in a message to President Abraham Lincoln: "I beg to present you as a Christmas-gift the city of Savannah." In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.) In 1910, a fire lasting more than 26 hours broke out at the Chicago Union Stock Yards; 21 firefighters were killed in the collapse of a burning building. In 1937, the first, center tube of the Lincoln

Tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River was opened to traffic. (The second tube opened in 1945, the third in 1957.) In 1944, former silent film comedian Harry Langdon (once considered a rival to Charles Chaplin) died in Los Angeles at age 60.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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AGNES

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING YOUR GRANDMA FOR CHRISTMAS?

SHE GAVE ME A LIST.

LET'S SEE... A PACK OF TEAL POST-ITS... SIMULATED-TWEED SHOE STRINGS OR A TOMATO CAGE FOR NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN.

I'D GO WITH FAUX-TWEED SHOE STRINGS.

YEAH... YOU COULD PUT AN EYE OUT TRYING TO WRAP A TOMATO CAGE.

HI AND LOIS

WE'RE ALL DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR.

SO YOU CAN TAKE A FEW DAYS OFF IF YOU WANT, SUNBEAM.

THE OTHER COAST

WOW, FABULOUS CHRISTMAS WREATH, LOUISE! WHERE DID YOU GET IT?

SNUFFY SMITH

HOW'D TH' CARD GAME GO, PAW-DIDJA WIN US SOME CHRIS'MIS SHOPPIN' MONEY?

'FRAID NOT, MAW !!

I'M STILL GOOD OL' SAINT NICKEL-LESS !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

DON'T ARGUE WITH ME!

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING

NO, BUT YOUR BODY IS SAYING A LOT!

BEETLE BAILEY

DON'T ARGUE WITH ME!

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING

NO, BUT YOUR BODY IS SAYING A LOT!

Newsday Crossword

IN THE ENVELOPE by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Break sharply
 - 5 Poems of praise
 - 9 Likely (to)
 - 14 ___ fish sandwich
 - 15 Back of the neck
 - 16 Person using oars
 - 17 Vows exchanged at a wedding
 - 18 One of the Great Lakes
 - 19 Musical drama
 - 20 Tenant's payment
 - 22 Mexican coins
 - 23 Sudden police action
 - 24 ___ Moines, IA
 - 25 Keep from happening
 - 28 Mannerless person
 - 30 "Steady as ___ goes"
 - 33 Wander
 - 34 Fortune teller's deck
 - 35 2,000 pounds
 - 36 Greeting mailed to a married couple
 - 40 Not prepaid, as a package: Abbr.
 - 41 Online message
 - 42 Stand up
 - 43 Ambulance destinations: Abbr.
 - 44 Waiter's rewards
 - 45 Slept noisily
 - 47 Was introduced to
 - 48 Demonstrate
 - 49 Thin cookie
 - 52 Utility invoice affected by dishwasher use
 - 57 Central Florida city
- DOWN**
- 1 Mix with a spoon
 - 2 Unclothed sculpture
 - 3 Author unknown: Abbr.
 - 4 Spicy sandwich meat
 - 5 Spoiler of a pitcher's dream game
 - 6 Took a risk
 - 7 Heroic story
 - 8 Search for
 - 9 Stuff that you own
 - 10 Boxing ring borders
 - 11 Is obligated to
 - 12 Infamous Roman emperor
 - 13 Historical times
 - 21 Coupe or sedan
 - 24 Entryway
 - 25 Barely detectable amount
 - 26 Pay tribute to
 - 27 Magicians' sticks
 - 28 On a need-to-know ___
 - 29 Word-of-mouth alternative
 - 31 Cowboy's mount
 - 32 Concluded
 - 34 Mouse-catching device
 - 37 Former soldiers
 - 38 Give off
 - 39 Prying-open tools
 - 45 Clams' containers
 - 46 Neither here ___ there
 - 47 Honeydew, for one
 - 48 Razor sharpener
 - 49 Dog sound
 - 50 Farmland measure
 - 51 Annual county festival
 - 52 Talented expert
 - 53 German auto
 - 54 "Now it's clear"
 - 55 Elevate
 - 56 Young girl

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Tannehill throws for 396 yards in Miami's win

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross stood on the sideline at the end of Sunday's wild victory sharing a laugh with those around him, his mind made up regarding the direction of the franchise. He's keeping his coach. The Dolphins will sit out the playoffs for the sixth year in a row despite Sunday's 37-35 victory over Minnesota, but afterward Ross announced Joe Philbin will return for a fourth season as coach. "We're building something great here," Ross said in the locker room. "He's the right guy. ... I believe in this team. I believe in the coach." Ross said his decision wasn't based on what happened Sun-

day, but the win certainly helped the Dolphins' mood after dismal back-to-back losses spoiled their playoff hopes. Rookie Terrence Fede blocked a punt for a safety with 41 seconds left, and Ryan Tannehill threw four touchdown passes, the most by a Dolphins quarterback since Dan Marino in 1998. Miami outscored the Vikings 23-18 in a bizarre fourth quarter. Both teams went into the game playing for pride rather than a postseason berth. The Dolphins improved to 8-7 and have a shot at their first winning season since 2008. Philbin has a year left on his contract and a career record of 23-24. "I want to compete for cham-

ionships while I'm the head coach of the Miami Dolphins," Philbin said. "It's disappointing we're not in it." Players said they were pleased to learn Philbin will be back in 2015. "That's exciting news for me, and I think everyone on the team," Tannehill said. "We believe in coach Philbin and the program he has and everything he has set in place." The Vikings, who have been out of the playoff race since Thanksgiving, fell to 6-9 under first-year coach Mike Zimmer. They blew a 14-point lead to lose for the second week in a row. "We made too many mistakes and penalties in crucial situations," Zimmer said. "All

of the things I've been trying to preach for 11 months, we didn't do today." The Dolphins overcame a 14-0 deficit, and trailed again after giving up 15 points in an 11-second span in the fourth quarter. Tannehill then drove Miami 80 yards and hit Damien Williams for a 3-yard score with 1:11 left to make it 35-35. Minnesota failed to pick up a first down, and after the fourth-down snap bounced to punter Jeff Locke, Fede blocked the kick out of the end zone for the game-winner. "I didn't know where the ball went," Fede said. "I was looking for it in the sky. Then I saw it land in the stands, and I knew it was two points."

Tannehill went 35 for 47 for 396 yards, and directed an offense that totaled 36 first downs and 493 yards. He shook off a costly interception and two sacks and was knocked down at least eight other times. Mike Wallace caught touchdown passes of 16 and 7 yards and has 10 scores this year. Vikings rookie Teddy Bridgewater, playing in his hometown, was efficient but not as prolific as Tannehill. He went 19 for 25 for 259 yards and two scores, and said he's braced for teasing from friends and family about the outcome. "I'm pretty sure I won't hear the end of it in the offseason," he said. "We just made too many mistakes."

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Bowling Green 33, South Alabama 28 Monday, Dec. 22 Miami Beach Bowl BYU (8-4) vs. Memphis (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday, Dec. 23 Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl Marshall (12-1) vs. Northern Illinois (11-2), 6 p.m. (ESPN) Poinsettia Bowl At San Diego Navy (7-5) vs. San Diego State (7-5), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Dec. 24 Bahamas Bowl At Nassau Western Kentucky (7-5) vs. Central Michigan (7-5), Noon (ESPN) Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu Rice (7-5) vs. Fresno State (6-7), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Dec. 26 Heart of Dallas Bowl Illinois (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN) Quick Lane Bowl At Detroit Rutgers (7-5) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl UCF (9-3) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Dec. 27 Military Bowl At Annapolis, Md. Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN) Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Duke (9-3) vs. Arizona State (9-3), 2 p.m. (CBS) Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Miami (6-6) vs. South Carolina (6-6), 4 p.m. (ESPN2) PinStripe Bowl At Bronx, N.Y. Boston College (7-5) vs. Penn State (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Nebraska (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Dec. 29 Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. West Virginia (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 2 p.m. (ESPN) Russell Athletic Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Clemson (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (8-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN) Texas Bowl At Houston Texas (6-6) vs. Arkansas (6-6), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday, Dec. 30 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. Notre Dame (7-5) vs. LSU (8-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN) Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Louisville (9-3) vs. Georgia (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) Fosters Farm Bowl At Santa Clara, Calif. Stanford (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5), 10 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Dec. 31 Peach Bowl At Atlanta Mississippi (9-3) vs. TCU (11-1), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz. Boise State (11-2) vs. Arizona (10-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN) Orange Bowl At Miami Gardens, Fla. Mississippi State (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. Wisconsin (10-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), Noon (ESPN2) Cotton Bowl Classic At Arlington, Texas Michigan State (10-2) vs. Baylor (11-1), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN) Citrus Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Minnesota (8-4) vs. Missouri (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC) Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Playoff semifinal: Oregon (12-1) vs. Florida State (13-0), 5 p.m. (ESPN) Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Playoff semifinal: Alabama (12-1) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Jan. 2 Armed Forces Bowl At Fort Worth, Texas Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Houston (7-5), Noon (ESPN) TaxSlayer Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Iowa (7-5) vs. Tennessee (6-6), 3:20 p.m. (ESPN) Alamo Bowl At San Antonio UCLA (9-3) vs. Kansas State (9-3), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN) Cactus Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. Oklahoma State (6-6) vs. Washington (8-5), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Jan. 3 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl At Mobile, Ala. Florida (6-5) vs. East Carolina (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN2) GoDaddy Bowl At Mobile, Ala. Toledo (8-4) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Jan. 10 Medal of Honor Bowl At Charleston, S.C. American vs. National, 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 College Football Championship At Arlington, Texas Sugar Bowl winner vs. Rose Bowl winner, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) BASKETBALL National Basketball Association Eastern Conference Atlantic Division W L Pct GB Toronto 22 6 .786 — Brooklyn 11 15 .423 10 Boston 10 15 .400 10½ New York 5 25 .167 18 Philadelphia 3 23 .115 18 Southeast Division W L Pct GB Atlanta 19 7 .731 — Washington 19 7 .731 — Miami 13 15 .464 7 Orlando 10 20 .333 11 Charlotte 8 19 .296 11½ Central Division W L Pct GB Chicago 17 9 .654 — Cleveland 16 10 .615 1 Milwaukee 14 14 .500 4 Indiana 9 19 .321 9 Detroit 5 23 .179 13 Western Conference Southwest Division W L Pct GB Memphis 21 6 .778 — Houston 19 7 .731 1½ Dallas 20 8 .714 1½ San Antonio 17 11 .607 4 New Orleans 14 13 .519 7 Northwest Division W L Pct GB Portland 22 6 .786 — Oklahoma City 13 15 .464 9 Denver 12 15 .444 9½ Utah 8 20 .286 14 Minnesota 5 21 .192 16 Pacific Division W L Pct GB Golden State 22 3 .880 — L.A. Clippers 19 8 .704 4 Phoenix 15 14 .517 9 Sacramento 12 15 .444 11 L.A. Lakers 8 19 .296 15 Sunday's Games Toronto 118, New York 108 Cleveland 105, Memphis 91 Sacramento 108, L.A. Lakers 101 Phoenix 104, Washington 92 Miami 100, Boston 84 GRIZZLIES Philadelphia 96, Orlando 88 Brooklyn 110, Detroit 105 New Orleans 101, Oklahoma City 99 Indiana 100, Minnesota 96 Monday's Games Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m. Portland at Houston, 8 p.m. Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. NBA Development League East Conference Central Division W L Pct GB Grand Rapids 6 5 .545 — Fort Wayne 7 7 .500 ½ Sioux Falls 6 7 .462 1 Iowa 5 6 .455 1 Atlantic Division W L Pct GB Maine 11 2 .846 — Canton 9 6 .600 3 Erie 6 7 .462 5 Westchester 5 9 .357 6½ Delaware 4 8 .333 6½ West Conference Southwestern Division W L Pct GB Austin 10 3 .769 — Texas 8 5 .615 2 Oklahoma City 5 8 .385 5 Rio Grande Valley 5 9 .357 5½ West Division W L Pct GB Santa Cruz 9 4 .692 — Bakersfield 9 6 .600 1 Reno 5 6 .455 3 Los Angeles 5 10 .333 5 Idaho 3 10 .231 6 Sunday's Games Austin 134, Rio Grande Valley 123 Monday's Games No games scheduled Tuesday's Games Erie at Westchester, 7 p.m. Rio Grande Valley at Iowa, 8 p.m. TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL Frontier League FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed RHP Ed Kohout to a contract extension. Signed OFs Cody Bishop and Xavier Macklin and LHP Matt Esleman. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled G Jordan Adams and F/C Jarnell Stokes from Iowa (NBADL). FOOTBALL National Football League KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released G Jarrod Pughsley from the practice squad. Signed OT Curtis Feigt to the practice squad. MIAMI DOLPHINS — Released LB Jake Knott. Signed WR Matt Hazel from the practice squad. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed LB Chris Borland on injured reserve. Signed LB Chase Thomas from the practice squad. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released TE RaShaun Allen. Signed TE Keavon Milton from the practice squad. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed S Major Wright on injured reserve. Signed DB C.J. Wilson from the practice squad. HOCKEY National Hockey League CAROLINA HURRICANES — Activated F Alexander Semin from injured reserve. Reassigned F Justin Shugart to Charlotte (AHL).									
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Sudoku Answer on Page 5

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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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 ♠ A Q J
 ♥ 8 3
 ♦ 9 7 3
 ♣ A J 5 4

EAST
 ♠ K
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ J 10 8 6 5 2
 ♣ 7 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 10 6 3
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ K Q 8 6

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
 Pass 1NT Pass Pass
 2♦ Pass Pass 2NT

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.
 About half the hands dealt in bridge are partscores rather than games or slams. Because of their high frequency, how a player fares on these deals has a lot to do with how well or how poorly he does over a long period of time.
 Consider this deal played in a match between Italy and the United States during a World Bridge Olympiad. When the U.S. held the North-South cards, South got to two notrump as shown.
 The Italian West led the A-Q of diamonds, and South cashed his nine tricks to score 150 points (including the 50-point bonus for making a partscore). But if West had initially led a low heart to his partner's queen and East had returned a diamond, the outcome would have been entirely different. West would have cashed his A-Q of diamonds and then led another low heart to partner's king, and the contract would have gone down five!
 The bidding at the second table, with Italy now North-South, went:
 East South West North
 Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
 1NT Pass 2♥ All Pass

North led the nine of hearts, taken with dummy's queen. When the U.S. declarer now played a low diamond from dummy, South went up with the king. Declarer took the king with the ace, cashed the ace of trumps and queen of diamonds, then led a low trump to dummy's king.
 When the trumps divided 3-3, West was able to run 10 tricks to score 170 points for the U.S. team. And so, even though only partscores were involved, the U.S. team gained 320 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Strange exchange.
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