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Bellying up for a refreshing ginger ale are Silver Wings Ball attendees Stan Feaster, left and Bruce Ackerman. The Silver Wings Ball was held Saturday evening at the Hotel Settles and is an annual event that raises money in support of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

BSISD trustees to name lone supt. finalist Tuesday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

One more time. Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District have scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday with one action item listed — consider naming a lone finalist for the position of district superintendent of schools.

At their December meeting, trustees authorized board president Irene Rodriguez to post notice to all district employees that applications would be taken for the superintendent's position. Chris Wigington, who has

been serving as the interim superintendent since August, confirmed he would apply for the position at that meeting.

Tuesday's meeting is expected to begin at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room, 707 11th Place. Allowing for a limited public comments section, trustees are then expected to announce their choice to fill the superintendent's position.

Once trustees name a lone finalist for the superintendent job, there will be a 20-day waiting period before the hire becomes official.

Chili cook-off to put spice in children's lives

Annual fundraiser set for Jan. 25 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge in Big Spring

Herald Staff Report

Get your pots, pans and kettles ready. And don't forget the secret sauce — on the side, of course.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles will host the 12th Annual Children-In-Need Chili Cook-Off benefiting West Texas Centers' Children-In-Need Benefit Fund on Saturday, Jan. 25.

"The West Texas Centers Children-In-Need Chili Cook-off grows in attendance each year because it is well-run and supported by the community," said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW.

"We have found throughout the years that chili cooks do a great deal of word-of-mouth advertising about the event," Smith said. "The reputation

of the event continues to grow and attract a number of local cooks, who just compete once a year here to those who travel from far off to participate.

"The Eagles have been with us from day one, and they have tremendous manpower and are extremely successful at running high-energy events," Smith added.

The West Texas Centers' Children-In-Need Benefit

Fund helps meet the needs of children being served throughout the West Texas Centers 23-county area, she said.

"Last year's Children-In-Need Chili Cook-Off raised more than \$10,000 for the kids," West Texas Centers chief operating officer and Eagles member Landon Sturdivant said.

"With these funds, we were

able to help more than 160 children with special needs," he noted. "Raising funds to help children with special needs get those needs met is the sole purpose of this event. During the past 11 years of this event, the Eagles have donated more than \$80,000 toward the West Texas Centers' Children-In-Need Benefit Fund."

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Gasoline prices take 2.4-cent fall

Special to the Herald

Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 2.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.09/g Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 0.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.29/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 6.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 4.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 6.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands

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HERALD photo/Andreia Meldin

What's for lunch? Well, a Big Mac, apparently. A new McDonald's will be located inside the Pilot Travel Center under construction at Owens and the Interstate 20 access road.

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Police/Sheriff's report

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

- FIDEL GARCIA JR., 23, of 10130 Highway 64 No. 42, Tyler, Texas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- SELENA ANGELINA CASTILLO, 18, of 2600 Crestline Road 15C, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.
- THOMAS AGUILAR, 30, of 206 Sharrod Road, Garden City, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- TAYLOR SCOTT, 38, of 422 Hillside Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Creighton St. and the 1800 block of Owens St.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 100 block of S. Main St.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported on I-20 at mile marker 178 east bound.
- HARRASMENT was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80.
- UNWANTED SUBJECT was reported in the 300 block of S. Owens Street.

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.
- CHRISTOPHER CLINT ENRIQUEZ, 31, was booked by the HCSO on a Howard County warrant for sentence/ possession of a controlled substance.
 - MIGUEL ANGEL REYES JR. 35, was booked by the HCSO on a Howard County warrant for sentence/driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.
 - TERRENCE A. YOUNG, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for harassment, criminal tres-

- pass, and burglary of a vehicle.
- TERN ANTHONY GONZALEZ, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounce, in a drug free zone.
 - EDWARD JAMES AUSBIE, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of marijuana, less than or equal to ¼ ounces, in a drug free zone.
 - FELIPE FABIAN NAVA, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - JOE ANGEL LUNA, 34, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$50 but less than \$100.
 - BRANDON JOE ROBINSON, 28, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault, family.
 - JOHN WILLIAM TONNER, 56, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - SCOTT LEE TAYLOR, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
 - HAYLEA NICOLE HODNETT, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to display or expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and speeding in school zone, 32 mph in a 20 mph zone.
 - BRANDY LEANN TAYLOR, 32, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - FIDEL GARCIA JR. 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - SELENA ANGELINA CASTILLO, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive, giving false information.
 - THOMAS AGUILAR, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - OSCAR CORDOVA JR., 30, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with previous conviction, suspension; possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram but less than 4 grams; and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Take Note

The community is invited to join Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Family Medical Center as we bid a fond farewell to Alan Abel, MD on Jan. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a come and go reception. The celebration will take place in the Surgical Clinic at the Malone and Hogan building.

• Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps offers 12 weeks of job training for women seeking employment or better employment. We provide computer training, resume preparation, and interview skills in a Christian setting. We also have a free certified nurses aide training program. The next session starts Feb. 3. Applications are being accepted now. For more information or to get an application, call 432-517-4627. Leave a message and your phone number if there is no answer.

• Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filling fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800

• Big Spring RSVP is celebrating the 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through Jan. 20 by coordinating a local book drive benefitting the children of West, Texas. RSVP volunteers will collect new or gently used children's books at the Big

Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• The Big Spring Pow Wow Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main. Whether you are a Native American or interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary of the Big Spring Pow Wow, you are invited. For more information, call Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

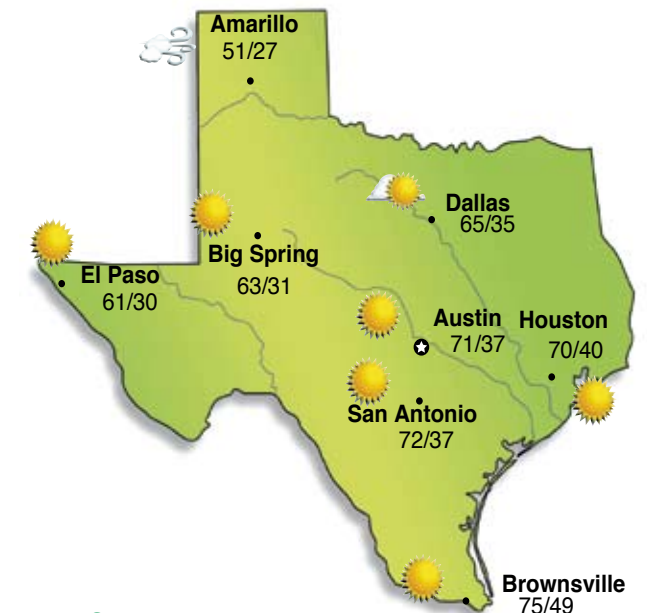
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/14	Wed 1/15	Thu 1/16	Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18
63/31 Sunny skies. High 63F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph.	65/36 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/33 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	57/35 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/35 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 6:07 PM



Texas At A Glance



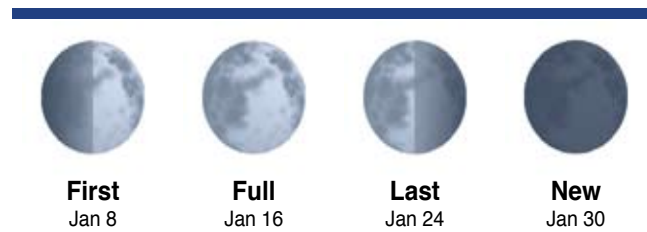
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	63	33	sunny	Kingsville	76	44	sunny
Amarillo	51	27	windy	Livingston	69	35	sunny
Austin	71	37	sunny	Longview	64	34	mst sunny
Beaumont	69	39	sunny	Lubbock	59	26	sunny
Brownsville	75	49	sunny	Lufkin	69	35	sunny
Brownwood	66	34	sunny	Midland	62	33	sunny
Corpus Christi	72	44	sunny	Raymondville	73	44	sunny
Corsicana	64	33	sunny	Rosenberg	70	40	sunny
Dallas	65	35	mst sunny	San Antonio	72	37	sunny
Del Rio	70	37	sunny	San Marcos	72	37	sunny
El Paso	61	30	sunny	Sulphur Springs	63	35	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	64	36	sunny	Sweetwater	62	33	sunny
Gainesville	61	30	mst sunny	Tyler	65	34	mst sunny
Greenville	62	31	mst sunny	Weatherford	63	30	mst sunny
Houston	70	40	sunny	Wichita Falls	60	30	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	56	35	pt sunny	Minneapolis	18	-3	sn shower
Boston	48	34	rain	New York	48	39	rain
Chicago	33	14	sn shower	Phoenix	72	44	sunny
Dallas	65	35	mst sunny	San Francisco	67	44	sunny
Denver	46	30	sn shower	Seattle	51	43	rain
Houston	70	40	sunny	St. Louis	46	23	windy
Los Angeles	79	50	windy	Washington, DC	54	37	rain
Miami	83	62	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 1/14	Wed 1/15	Thu 1/16	Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ A J 4
♦ A 10
♣ Q 7 5 4

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

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

SOUTH
♠ K Q 2
♥ 10 9 8 6 2
♦ Q 9
♣ A K 9

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦* Pass 1♥
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♣
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥

* Less than 16 high-card points.
Opening lead six of clubs.

This deal occurred in the 1992 World Team Olympiad final, which saw France defeat the United States in a 96-deal match. Neither side gained on the deal, but Eric Rodwell of the U.S. was sorely tested when the French found the best defense against his four-heart contract.

West, Paul Chemla, led his singleton club, and Rodwell took East's ten with the ace. Declarer carefully led the six of hearts, covered by the queen and ace. Dummy's jack of hearts was then led, and Rodwell deposited the eight on the jack as

West won with the king. Chemla returned a spade to East's ace and ruffed the club return with the seven. He then exited with a diamond in this position:

North
♠ 8 7 5
♥ 4
♦ A 10
♣ Q 7

West
♠ J 9
♦ J 8 7 5 4 2

East
♠ 10 6
♥ K 6 3
♦ J 8 3

South
♠ K Q
♥ 10 9 2
♦ Q 9
♣ K

It was at this point that Rodwell's advance planning paid off. Had he not preserved the heart deuce in his hand, he would have had no choice but to play low from dummy on the diamond return, and when East produced the king, the contract would have gone down one.

As it was, though, Rodwell was now able to put up dummy's diamond ace and lead a club to the king, unblocking the suit. The heart deuce was then led to dummy's four, and Rodwell discarded the diamond queen on the club queen to make his game.

At the other table, the French declarer had no problem making the same contract after the U.S. West led a spade to his partner's ace at trick one.

Tomorrow: Choosing the trump suit.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lighthearted Gemini Moon

If you're focused on resisting what is, you won't be able to see the big and rich opportunity in it. Acceptance is a balm. You don't have to like the way things are to accept them. Also, you really can accept an apology you never got. Doing so will help your heart feel as light as the waxing Gemini moon.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Wherever you go today, send your imagination first. It is by wondering and making

predictions that you get into the truly interesting bits of life that others haven't dared to find out about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You always respond well to the qualities of Venus, your ruling planet, and today holds more Venusian delights than usual. You can expect hours filled with pleasure, romance and creativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Of yourself you have to think of yourself and your own needs, or you won't have anything to give others. This is so simple, and yet it's very difficult for you these days when you see so much you can do to help others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When the work is flowing well, don't interrupt. Phone

calls, distractions, even lunch can negatively impact the momentum you have going on this afternoon. Ride out the productive wave to its natural end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Letting go of the thing that's bothering you could be a long, drawn-out process. Or you could just let it go. Once you do, what was hidden will be revealed, and what was lost will be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be in a group of strangers. You might be surprised by who is worth getting to know in this crowd. In order to figure out whether you like someone or not, you'll have to let your defenses down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe those people who say

no frequently have a good reason for doing so. Better to model them than overextend yourself. Beware: What seems like a passing suggestion may take hours to fulfill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get an example of how chemistry influences a person's thought processes. Whether the chemical changes are caused by love, hormones or something else, they will affect the afflicted person's sense of reason.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). True, a new possession would distract you from what's not working. Just remember that everything new becomes old with time. Your habit of fixing things will serve you well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). There is no reason to back off of your business, even though the circumstances will be unfamiliar. Ask questions that will help you pinpoint what the problem is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The psychic vibrations are stronger in you now than they have been in a while. Make a prediction and write it down so you can later check the accuracy of your intuition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have the heart of a poet, and that's what allows you to do something magical this evening. You'll talk about what is true in an eloquent way and melt someone's heart.

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Support Groups

MONDAY
• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Reformers Anonymous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church

Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anony-

mous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY
• "A Journey to a New Normal," a grief support network, meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 602 S. Main. For information, call 263-5999.

• RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-

smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups,

hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Chris Puga, 40, died Monday. The family will receive friends from 6 - 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will immediately follow at 7 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel.
Cosme A. Ramirez, Sr., 74, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.
Marcelo L. Torres, 93, died Thursday. Funeral services with Military Honors will be 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

CHILI

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"West Texas Centers provides mental health care for more than 2,000 children and adults each month," Smith said. "But the state and federal government do not provide funding for the little extras that can make a difference in a child's successful treatment.

ment.

"They may need assistance purchasing soccer cleats, a ballet costume for a recital, school supplies or funding to cover the cost of specialized summer camps," she said. "There are so many extras that need to be considered when treating children. The Children-In-Need Fund helps take care of those situations.

"The Chili Cook-off

is the major contributor to the fund," Smith said. "Until the Eagles stepped forth more than 11 years ago and took this on as a service project, many of the needs of these children were going unmet."

The chili pots fire up at 8 a.m., and judging begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per chili entry, with a maximum of two persons per cooking team for each entry.

Each team is asked to cook a minimum of five pounds of chili, to allow the public to have plenty of opportunities to try everyone's chili, Sturdivant said.

Participants may begin eating as judging begins at 11:30. A \$5 cover charge will allow guests to sample chili from each team and judge for themselves which pot of chili is

the best.

For more information on the chili cook-off, call Sturdivant at 432 264-3247.

The cook-off will be at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third St. Big Spring, Texas.

GAS

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3.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"As expected, the deep freeze during the last week impacted more than just the air temperature, but also kept a grip on gasoline prices," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "We saw very little change

in the national average during the last seven days, and it's likely that the winter blues continue to lead to an overall dull next few weeks at gasoline pumps across much of the country.

"Due to the slow demand that January and

February typically see, it'd really take a monumental ice breaker to crack the grip that holds the national average in place. I foresee prices remaining relatively quiet this week," DeHaan said.

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Women's basketball
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TUESDAY

Girls' basketball
Big Spring at Monahan, 6:15 p.m.
Coahoma at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m.
Seagraves at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

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Big Spring at Monahan, 7:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Colorado City, 8 p.m.
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Howard College photo

Jalin Barnes (20) of the Howard College Hawks attempts a shot during the Hawks' game vs. Clarendon Thursday. Howard travels to Borger to face Frank Phillips tonight. The women's game begins at 5:45 p.m., followed by the men's game at 7:45 p.m.

NFL playoffs:

Broncos, 49ers step closer to Super Bowl

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**

AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — Peyton Manning welcomed Wes Welker back into the lineup with a touchdown toss and the Denver Broncos narrowly avoided a repeat of their playoff slip from last year, advancing to the AFC championship game with a 24-17 win over the San Diego Chargers on Sunday. The Broncos (14-3) took a 17-0 lead into the fourth

Conference championships

Sunday AFC

New England at Denver, noon (CBS).

NFC

San Francisco at Seattle, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)

quarter. Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers then capitalized on an injury to cornerback Chris Harris Jr. to stage a comeback reminiscent of Baltimore's shocking win at Denver exactly a year earlier.

This time, however, Manning rescued the Broncos from the brink of another crushing col-

lapse and sent them into the title game for the first time in eight seasons.

They'll host the New England Patriots (13-4) on Sunday.

Get ready for Brady vs. Manning once more.

In the most recent matchup of QBs with Hall of Fame credentials, Tom Brady and the Patriots rallying Bronco Manning and the visiting Broncos 34-31 in overtime on Nov. 24.

"It's the Broncos versus the Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against each other a lot," Manning said after beating San Diego. "But when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there."

Manning ended a personal three-game postseason skid in winning for the first time since leading Indianapolis over the Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game on Jan. 24, 2010.

Manning completed 25 of 36 passes for 230 yards and two TDs, numbers that weren't quite up to the standards he set during a record-breaking regular season.

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60 Minutes airs interview with A-Rod accuser

By **HOWIE RUMBERG**

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball's key witness in its case against Alex Rodriguez said he designed and administered an elaborate doping program for the 14-time All-Star starting in 2010.

Anthony Bosch, the owner of the now shuttered Florida anti-aging clinic, Biogenesis, said in a "60 Minutes" interview aired on CBS on Sunday night that Rodriguez paid him \$12,000 per month to provide him with an assortment of banned drugs that includ-

ed testosterone and human growth hormone.

Rob Manfred, the chief operating officer of Major League Baseball, said during the program that Bosch chose to cooperate in the investigation because he feared for his life.

MLB's suspension of Rodriguez was reduced on Saturday by an arbitrator from 211 games to 162, plus all playoff games next season.

Commissioner Bud Selig, who did not testify during the slugger's appeal, defended the largest suspension ever handed out under the Joint

Drug Agreement.

"In my judgment his actions were beyond comprehension," Selig said on the show. "I think 211 games was a very fair penalty."

Bosch said he began working with Rodriguez five days before the New York Yankees third baseman hit his 600th career home run on Aug. 4, 2010. Bosch said the first words of Rodriguez's mouth were: "What did Manny Ramirez take in 2008 and 2009?"

Ramirez was suspended 50 games in 2009 while with the

Los Angeles Dodgers after testing positive for a banned drug, his first of two offenses.

Of the 14 players suspended as a result of MLB's investigation into Biogenesis, Rodriguez was the only one to appeal the ban.

A self-taught practitioner who was once fined \$5,000 for practicing medicine without a license, Bosch outlined his relationship with the three-time AL MVP. He said he designed the program to help Rodriguez maximize the effects of the drugs and remain clean in the eyes of baseball.

Rodriguez never failed a test during the period in question.

Detailing a clandestine operation, Bosch said the duo used code words for the drugs like "gummies" for testosterone lozenges, which Rodriguez sometimes took right before games. Bosch said he once tested A-Rod's blood in the bathroom stall of a Miami restaurant.

Bosch also said he injected A-Rod with banned drugs because the slugger with 654 career homers was afraid of needles.

NBA: Refs missed call

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA says an officiating mistake at the end of this weekend's game between Dallas and New Orleans cost the Pelicans a chance to tie it.

This was the second time in two weeks the NBA acknowledged a missed call near the end of a close game won by the Mavericks.

President of Basketball Operations Rod Thorn said Sunday that a foul should've been called on Monta Ellis of the Mavericks as Austin Rivers tried a 3-point shot.

Rivers was tied up by Ellis and the shot got nowhere close to the basket Saturday night. The Mavericks won 110-107.

Thorn says a review of postgame video shows Ellis made contact with Austin's arms. The NBA says Austin should have been given three free throws.

Abbott wins 4th U.S. skating title

By **RACHEL COHEN**

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Jeremy Abbott was reminding himself to feel his legs, the pressure of the moment weighing down on him.

Then he heard the chants from the crowd: "5... 4... 3..." Abbott hurried to the center of the ice, and when his music started just before the countdown clock expired, he thought, "Thank God I'm not disqualified."

Better than that: He's a four-time U.S. figure skating cham-

pion and a repeat Olympian.

Abbott steered himself through the nerves in his free skate Sunday to win at his final nationals. Teenager Jason Brown was second, earning the Americans' second spot in Sochi.

For a skater who has turned in some brilliant performances at this event, Abbott's program Sunday was far from his best — but more than enough.

"It wasn't a perfect skate, but, God, I enjoyed every moment of it," he said.

Defending champion Max Aaron was third. The top-two

finishers didn't automatically qualify for the Olympics, but U.S. Figure Skating officials in picking the team later Sunday.

Skating last, Abbott had a cushion of nearly 13 points on Aaron after the short program, and once he landed a quadruple toe loop to open the free skate, the Olympic berth was in his grasp.

Since winning his last U.S. title two years ago, the 28-year-old Abbott had struggled as he overhauled his training regimen. But a superb short pro-

gram Friday put him back on top in his last season before retiring.

"Because the short program was so magical, I knew that he was going to have a little bit of a struggle," said his coach, Yuka Sato. "But I thought he managed himself so well."

Abbott fought to land a few jumps and reduced the rotation on a couple of others; the only truly shaky moment, though, came before he even began. Abbott later thanked the fans for their assist.

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Top 25 roundup:

Iowa rallies to hand Ohio State 2nd loss in a row

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Roy Devin Marble scored 22 points, Aaron White added 19 and No. 20 Iowa ended the game on a 22-9 run to hand No. 3 Ohio State its second loss of the week, 84-74 on Sunday.

Melsahn Besabe had 11 points and 10 rebounds, Mike Gesell added 11 points and Jarrod Uthoff had 10 for the Hawkeyes (14-3, 3-1 Big Ten), who ended a string of eight straight losses to the Buckeyes.

LaQuinton Ross scored 22 points, Amir Williams had 11

and Lenzelle Smith Jr. 10 for Ohio State (15-2, 2-2), which had opened with 15 consecutive wins. The Buckeyes fell 72-68 in overtime at No. 5 Michigan State on Tuesday night.

It was Iowa's first win over a top 5 team since an 83-65 victory at No. 2 Missouri on Dec. 15, 2011.

Iowa was 0-2 on opponents' home courts coming in. Their three losses have come against teams with a combined 45-2 record (Villanova, Iowa State and Wisconsin) — with each

loss coming by five or fewer points.

The Hawkeyes had not won in Columbus since 2004, losing on their last seven trips.

No. 12 LOUISVILLE 71, SMU 63

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Luke Hancock had a career-high 23 points, including two free throws with 46 seconds remaining, for Louisville in a meeting of Hall of Fame coaches.

Hancock's second straight 20-point game helped Rick

Pitino's Cardinals (14-3, 3-1 American Athletic Conference) get the final word in his first collegiate matchup against Larry Brown and his Mustangs (11-4, 1-2).

Making his first start despite dealing with a left Achilles issue, the senior guard made 8 of 15 from the field — 4 of 9 from 3-point range — to help keep Louisville ahead in a tense game that Montrezl Harrell finally settled with a dunk and a block after Hancock's free

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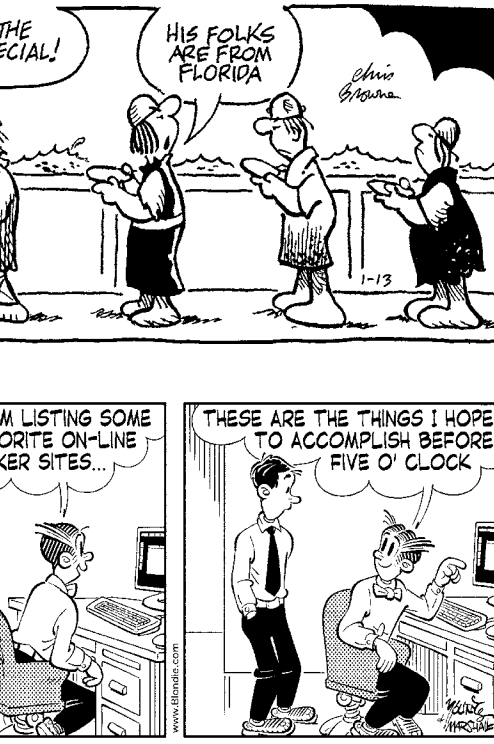
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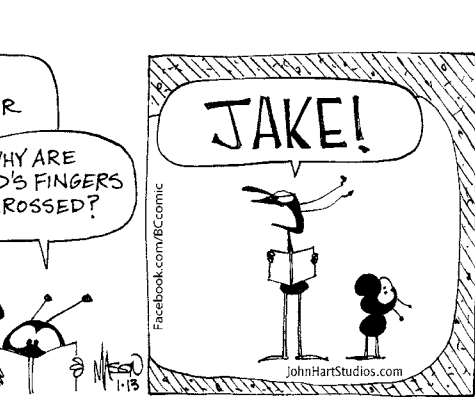
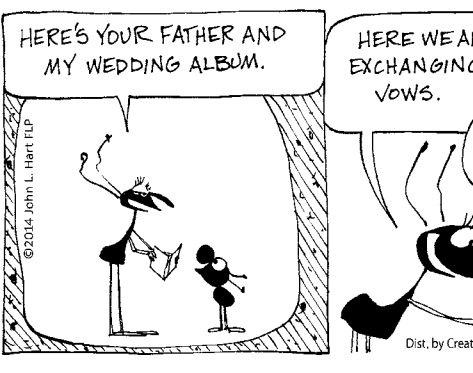
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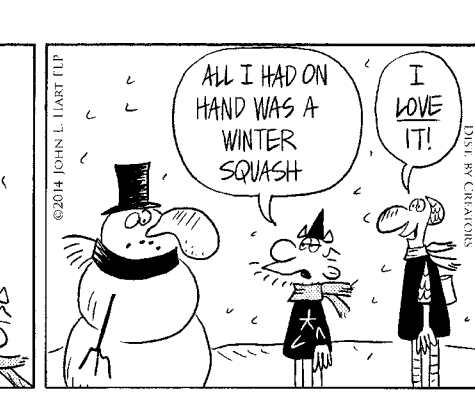


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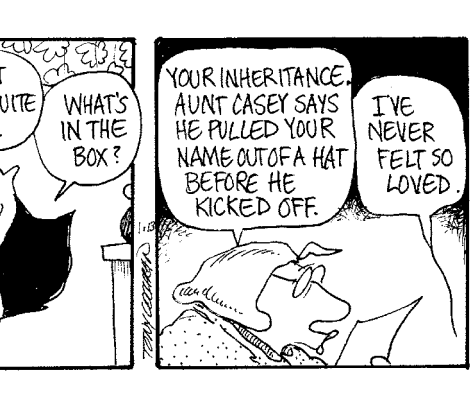
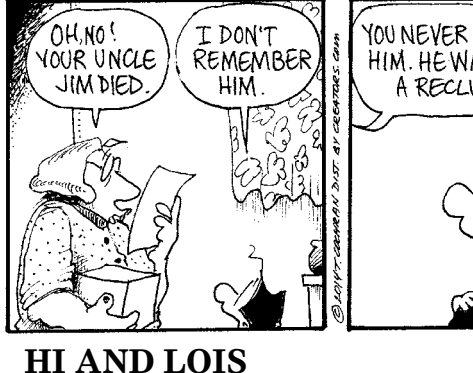
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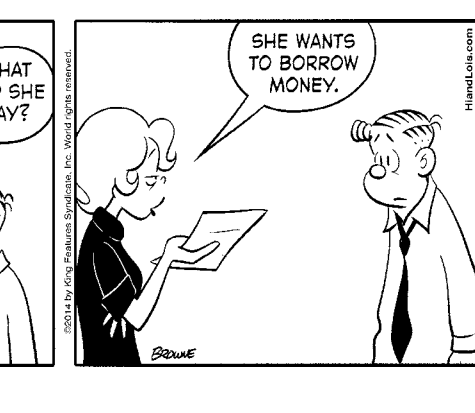
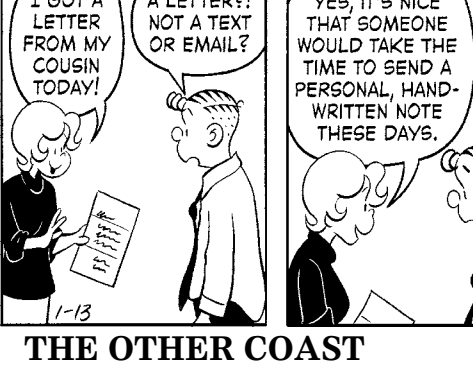
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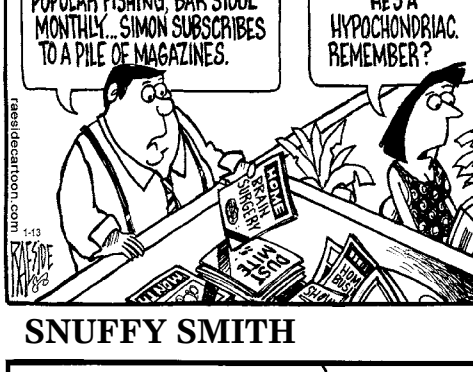
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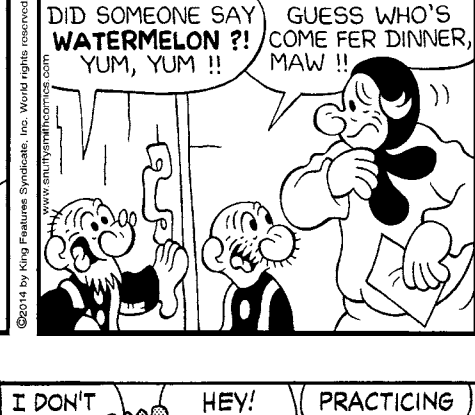
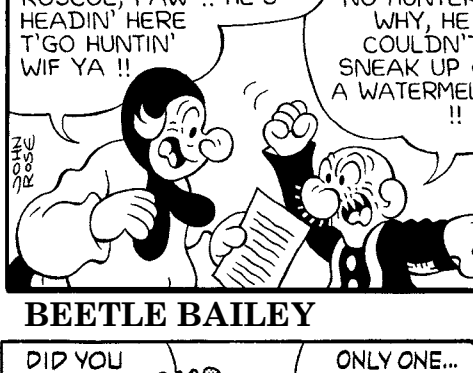
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.

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"I've never cut it that close before," he said. "I was starting to feel a little overwhelmed. I was just trying to remind myself of my checklist ... feel my legs."

When it was over, he skated slowly across the ice, sobbing.

"I knew that I was going to cry today — good or bad," he said.

Abbott is the 11th man to win at least four U.S. championships, a list that includes Dick Button, Scott Hamilton, Brian Boitano and Todd Eldredge. He beat Evan Lysacek at the 2010 nationals before the last Olympics, only to finish ninth when his countryman captured gold in Vancouver.

Now Abbott gets a chance at redemption at the Sochi Games.

Brown receives the rock star treatment from fans, and he certainly looks the part with his long ponytail and sequined costumes. He turned 19 less than a month ago, but he's a natural showman.

Every move was perfectly in time to his Irish stepdance music, as Brown played to the crowd the whole way. People were on their feet to give him a standing ovation before he had even completed his final spin.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more," Brown said. "I went out there, I was so trained and I was ready to fight for whatever I could. That's what I did. I enjoyed every moment. I

enjoyed the crowd. They could not have been more responsive, more generous, more exciting."

He didn't try any quads. But other than under-rotating one triple axel, Brown landed all his jumps with ease.

As he waited for his marks, Brown rested his head on his coach's shoulder, overwhelmed by his performance. He squinted at his score in feigned disbelief when the number was posted, putting him temporarily in first place.

And when Richard Dornbush, second after the short program, pulled up short on several jumps, Brown was guaranteed to finish no worse than second. Dornbush fell to fifth.

The world junior silver medalist, Brown was eighth at last year's senior nationals. He was thinking about the 2018 Games, but his coach kept saying 2014.

A strong fall season gave notice that he was a contender for an Olympic berth.

"Midway through the season I started to believe it," Brown said. "Over time, I got more and more confident that it could be a reality."

Brown's score of 182.61 won the free skate. Abbott had a total of 274.27 points, while Brown had 270.08 and Aaron 260.44.

Aaron landed one quad salchow and put his hand down on another, not enough to move into the top two after finishing the short program in fourth.

"I really want the best men to go, and if it's not me, it's not me," he said.

TOP 25

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throws.

Russ Smith scored 23 points and Harrell added 12 points and 13 rebounds as Louisville bounced back from Thursday's loss to No. 24 Memphis with 47 percent shooting, despite being outrebounded 48-35 including 20-6 on the offensive end.

Markus Kennedy had 12 points and eight rebounds in his first start of the season for SMU while Shawn Williams added 10 points. The Mustangs hit just 24 of 65 from the field (a season-low 37 percent), well below their league-best 50 percent mark coming in.

SMU made just 13 of 25 free throws and were only 2 of 11 from beyond the arc.

No. 13 SAN DIEGO ST. 79, AIR FORCE 72

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — JJ O'Brien had 18 points and 11 rebounds as San Diego State extended its winning streak to 13 games.

It is the second-longest winning streak in school history for the Aztecs (14-1, 3-0 Mountain West) and it continues their second-best start ever behind 20-0 in 2010-11.

Tre' Coggins had 29 points, including five 3-pointers, for the Falcons (8-7, 2-2), who led for much of the first half before

trailing 31-27 at the break.

The Aztecs held a 39-30 rebounding edge including 17-6 on the offensive end. The Aztecs were 7 of 14 from beyond the arc while the Falcons were 7 of 20.

Xavier Thames had 16 points for the Aztecs and Josh Davis added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

WASHINGTON 71, No. 15 COLORADO 54

SEATTLE (AP) — C.J. Wilcox set career highs with seven 3-pointers and 31 points, including 21 in the second half, for Washington.

Washington (11-6, 3-1 Pac-12) had lost 12 straight against ranked teams.

Colorado (14-3, 3-1) never recovered after leading scorer Spencer Dinwiddie crumbled to the court late in the first half after his left knee buckled while dribbling on a fast break. Dinwiddie had to be helped to the locker room by teammates and did not return.

The Huskies outscored the Buffaloes 49-29 after Dinwiddie's injury.

Josh Scott led Colorado with 15 points. Askia Booker, the reigning Pac-12 player of the week, was 0 for 9 from the field and went scoreless for just the second time in his college career.

STANFORD 82, No. 17 OREGON 80

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Anthony Brown scored a career-high 24 points and Stanford held on to

send Oregon to its third straight loss.

Chasson Randle had 23 points for the Cardinal (10-5, 1-2 Pac-12), who beat their second ranked team this season, something they hadn't accomplished since 2009.

Mike Moser scored 24 points to lead the Ducks (13-3, 1-3), who had two chances to tie the game in the final 8 seconds but Johnathan Loyd missed an open jumper and Dominic Artis had a last-ditch layup roll off the rim as time expired.

Oregon opened the season 13-0 but hasn't won since beating Utah in overtime on Jan. 2.

Brown made his first seven attempts from the field and 10 of 12 overall. Randle, who was coming off a 30-point performance in a loss to Oregon State in Thursday, was 8 of 14 from the field.

NORTHWESTERN 49, No. 23 ILLINOIS 43

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Tre Demps scored 11 points and made three late 3-pointers to lead Northwestern to the upset of in-state rival Illinois.

Drew Crawford added 14 points and JerShon Cobb had 11 for Northwestern (8-9, 1-3 Big Ten), which gave coach Chris Collins his first conference victory.

Tracy Abrams had 13 and Rayvonte Rice had eight for the Fighting Illini (13-4, 2-2), who have lost two straight after four consecutive wins.

Leonard scores 17 as Spurs beat Wolves 104-86

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half, and the San Antonio Spurs held off the Minnesota Timberwolves 104-86 on Sunday night for their fourth straight win.

Tim Duncan had 15 points and Tony Parker added 14 points and 10 assists for Western Conference-leading San Antonio. Matt Bonner also scored 14 points — including 4-for-5 shooting on

3-pointers — and Marco Belinelli had 13 points and Patty Mills added 10.

Nikola Pekovic scored 22 points to lead Minnesota. Kevin Love had 14 points and Alexey Shved added 11.

Already without Manu Ginobili and Tiago Splitter, the Spurs lost Danny Green early in the second quarter to a sprained finger.

Minus two of their top wings,

Leonard took over in the second half.

He had nine points in the third quarter, continually cutting to the basket to escape his defender for a series of dunks and layups. Leonard's final basket of the quarter was a layup off an assist from Aron Baynes to put San Antonio up 81-71 entering the fourth.

Leonard finished 6 for 9 from the field in the second half.

NFL

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when he established new benchmarks with 55 TD throws and 5,447 yards through the air.

But it was windy and the Broncos were intent on establishing the run and controlling the clock. San Diego had Manning and his high-octane offense cooling their cleats on the sideline for more than 38 minutes in both of their meetings during the regular season, when both teams won on the road.

Denver had the ball for 35 minutes, 27 seconds in this game, to San Diego's 24:33.

After gaining just 18 yards on the ground against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Knowshon Moreno, whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left.

After that, things got interesting. Quentin Jammer, who gave up San Diego's first TD, a 16-yarder to Keenen Allen early in the fourth quarter, surrendered a 49-yard catch by Allen on fourth-and-5 from the San Diego 25 with seven minutes left.

That led to Allen's second TD, also from 16 yards out, that pulled the Chargers to 24-14 with 5:43 left.

Eric Decker then made his third big blunder of the day, flubbing the onside kick, which San Diego recovered.

Nick Novak's 30-yard field goal with 3:53 pulled the Chargers (10-8) to within a touch-

down.

San Francisco 23 Carolina 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Colin Kaepernick raced into the end zone, then pretended to rip open his shirt with both hands imitating Cam Newton's Superman touchdown celebration.

Three years of frustration had come to a head. "Just a little shout-out," Kaepernick said.

To whom? "I think you know the answer," Kaepernick said with a grin.

Kaepernick said he "will never forget" that he was selected in the second round of the 2011 NFL draft, 35 spots behind Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner and the top pick that season.

On Sunday, he outplayed his quarterback counterpart, throwing one touchdown pass and running for another score as the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Carolina Panthers 23-10 to advance to the NFC title game for the third straight season.

Kaepernick completed 15 of 28 passes for 196 yards in the divisional playoff win, avenging his worst statistical performance of the season two months ago against the Panthers.

"That's not the first, nor will it be the last time somebody does that," Newton said of Kaepernick's copycat display before leaving the postgame podium.

Anquan Boldin had eight catches for 136 yards and Frank Gore ran for 84 yards on 17 carries for the 49ers (14-

4), who will visit Seattle next Sunday looking for a return trip to the Super Bowl.

"I think we're the two teams that everybody was looking at from the beginning," Kaepernick said. "It's going to be a knockdown, drag-out game."

The 49ers will have their hands full.

San Francisco (14-4) split two games with the Seahawks this season, but lost 29-3 at CenturyLink Field in September.

The 49ers were missing receiver Michael Crabtree in that lopsided loss. Crabtree only had three catches for 26 yards against Carolina, but Boldin said he drew plenty of double teams that allowed him to get open.

"That's the great thing about our team

— we have weapons all around," Boldin said. "You try to take one guy out and you still have two or three guys left who can make big plays."

The 49ers held Newton in check, intercepting him twice and sacking him five times while stopping the Panthers (12-5) twice on the 1-yard line in the first half.

Newton finished with 267 yards passing and had 54 yards on 10 carries, but the Panthers

only found the end zone once — on a 31-yard TD strike to Steve Smith.

It was a rough playoff debut for Newton.

Linebacker Ahmad Brooks stopped Newton on a fourth-down sneak early in the second. Later, Brooks vaulted over the line and past Newton — he was called for offsides, but the 49ers showed the Panthers it wouldn't be easy.

"Terrible ending to a great season," Newton said.

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