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## Long-time County Clerk Wright resigns

### County commissioners appoint Brent Zitterkopf to fill the vacancy Monday

**By ROBERT BARLOW**  
 Staff Writer  
 The commissioners court held on Monday accepted the official resignation of Donna Wright who has been the county clerk for the last 18 years and has been working with courthouse for the last 40 years.

"I have served Howard County for the past 40 years with great pleasure," said Wright as she stood before the court to read her official letter of resignation. "It's been my honor to serve



Wright Zitterkopf

the community and this court as county clerk since 1999. I truly loved my job, but at this time I notify you that my last day will be June 3." Commissioner Jimmie Long who motioned the

approval first mentioned his appreciation for all the work Wright has done for the county. Long was followed by Judge Kathryn Wiseman who thanked Wright for the efforts she has put forth towards the community and courthouse as well. See **COUNTY**, Page 3

## And the winner is....



Courtesy photo

Cars, Stars and Handlebars Chair Stacy Barr announces tickets drawn during the 11th Annual Cars, Stars and Handlebars Saturday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum benefiting the patients at Big Spring State Hospital and children's literacy in Howard County. The Rotary Club of Big Spring partnered with Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Services Council in the fundraising event. Bob Price won the vehicle and Adrian Burrola won the Gator. Roddy Caffey walked away with the flat-screen television set.

## HC trustees approve concealed gun carry policy on campus at Monday meeting

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees approved a new policy Monday during their monthly meeting establishing rules about concealed carry firearms on campus. Starting in August, licensed concealed carry gun owners will be able to bring their weapons on to Howard College campus, into buildings, and into dormitories in accordance with a 2015 state law. According to the law, public universities and colleges had until August 2016 to develop policies regarding concealed gun carry and community colleges have until August 2017.

Essentially, the college was tightly restricted by the new law on where banning guns on campus can occur. Gun owners can not bring their weapons near the college's pre-k program or into governmental meetings such as the monthly board of trustees meeting. Also, the law restricts gun owners from carrying their weapons into certain youth events such as athletic meets or camp type activities. Testing centers are also off limited along with certain laboratory settings which is dependent on what type of chemical the lab stores. The law does allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons into the classroom and in the dormitories. As part of the draft policy, Howard College will require those individuals to store

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## First round of 5th & 8th grade STAAR testing scores for Big Spring ISD shows improvement

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

The first round of STAAR test results for fifth and eighth grades have returned, according to a release by the Big Spring ISD. "BSISD is pleased to report that fifth grade math scores have increased from 47 percent to 62 percent of all students meeting the 2017 passing standard," said George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD community relations coordinator. "Reading scores for fifth grade showed 46 percent

of students meeting standard. Eighth grade scores reported passing rates of 55 percent in reading and 43 percent for math." According to Bancroft, Texas requires that 60 percent of students meet the passing standard in order for schools to meet expected accountability requirements. "Students not meeting the passing standard during the first administration will have a second opportunity to retest in May," Bancroft said.

## Early voter turn out for city elections slow

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Early voting for the Big Spring and Coahoma city council elections began yesterday with a rather slow start. According to the Howard County Election's Office, a total of three people cast their ballots in person Monday out of 2,023 eligible voters. The office has also received 12 mail in ballots as of Monday. Voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The election's office will have extended hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and again Tuesday, May 2. Election Day is Saturday, May 6, where voters will decide who will sit in a leadership role for the city. In the Big Spring city council election, incumbent Raul


Marquez Jr. and Tracy Parker are seeking the District 1 position. Only registered voters with primary residence located in District 1 can vote in the election. If your Howard County voter registration card states Precinct 11, then you are eligible to vote in this race. Four candidates are running for two at-large seats on the Coahoma city council. Voters will choose between Jay Holt, Brandy Manning — both incumbents — T.J. Rueda, and John Mulkey. If your voter registration card states Precinct 207C, then you are eligible to vote in this election. In order to vote, you must show one of seven valid forms of ID: a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;

Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS; United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; and United States passport. With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. If you do not have the listed forms above and still want to vote, contact county election's office at 432-264-2273 for more information.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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## Obituaries

### Kenneth W. Franklin, Sr.



Kenneth W. Franklin, Sr., 73, of Big Spring died Saturday, April 22, 2017, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with Military Honors will be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with Rev. Alan Matthies officiating.

He was born September 5, 1943, in San Angelo to Mary Bledsoe Franklin and Jess Willard Franklin. He lived most of his life in Big Spring and was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy from 1964 until 1968, serving on the guided missile destroyer, USS Towers DDG-9. He went to Viet Nam twice. He worked most of his life in the oil field, and worked a number of years for Walsh & Watts, retiring in 2008. He married Donna Sue Carter, December 27, 1977, in Big Spring. She preceded him

in death on July 31, 2012. He married Ellen Jarrell on March 4, 2013.

Kenneth is survived by his wife: Ellen Franklin of Big Spring; one son: Ken Franklin, Jr. of Maricopa, Arizona; two daughters: Misty Matthies and her husband Jimmy of Big Spring and Brenda Franklin of Big Spring; two brothers: Doug Franklin and his wife Diane of Hamilton, Texas, and John Franklin and his wife Gina of Bastrop; one sister: Doris McKinnon and her husband Ray of Coahoma; six grandchildren: Bree Franklin, Ely Matthies, Krislynn Matthies, and Emma Matthies, all of Big Spring, and Ken Franklin and Candance Franklin, both of Minnesota; and one great granddaughter: Kenzlee Franklin.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Matthies, Ely Matthies, Jesse Dickens, Jerome Phifer, Wayne Wilson and Ray McKinnon.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Rosa Lopez



Rosa Lopez, 62, of Rupert, Idaho, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, died Saturday, April 22, 2017.

She will be in state from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Rosa was born October 11, 1954 in Robbstown, Texas and married Joe Lopez February 11, 1974 in Burley, Idaho.

Rosario is survived by her husband Joe Lopez of Rupert, ID; two sons, Joe Lopez, Jr. and wife, Robyn of Big Spring, TX, and Tony Lopez and wife, Karmella of Heyburn, ID; one daughter, Diana Lopez and husband, Kris Garcia of Rupert, ID; nine grandchildren; and one sister, Rosalinda Sandoval of Boise, ID.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Porfirio and Margarita (Luna) Sandoval.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Take Note

The West Texas Marine Corps League will be having our first meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Meeting location will be at 705 FM 700 in Big Spring.

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines, retired, active duty or reserve, FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains, who proudly wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor of the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps League is Marines helping Marines in and around Howard County. For more info call Doc Rodman at 325-232-0665

The Big Spring Salvation Army and the Big Spring Center for Skilled Care are holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those 55 and older in Howard County. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; or to the Center for Skilled Care at 3701 Wasson Rd. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seniors 55 and older who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 or the Center for Skilled Care at 432-606-5012 to register and receive the distribution date.

Tickets for the Howard College production of "Chess" are now on sale. Show dates for the musical will be held at 7:30 p.m., April 27-29. Tickets are \$10 for standard seats and \$5 for side seats. Tickets can be reserved by e-mailing Wills at [ewills@howardcollege.edu](mailto:ewills@howardcollege.edu) or calling 412-432-5103.

The Permian Basin Underground Water District for will host its 2017 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, Texas and is free to the public. This year's guest speaker will be Extension Agent in Horticulture Jeff Floyd with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The Texas Department of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is being offered in Big Spring on April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. at Howard College's GC Broughton Agriculture Complex, 2411 Echols Drive. The class, which is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, is required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The class is a basic overview of food safety

practices that are necessary to ensure such safe food practices as: good personal hygiene, prevention of cross contamination, and good time and temperature practices. The cost of the program is \$20. To register, call 432-264-2236.

Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or [www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx](http://www.relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx). For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from current A&M students. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. For more information and to find the application, visit <https://westexags.com/>. Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

The Howard County Fair thanks everyone who has picked up a crossstitch square for the annual quilt fundraiser. There are still a few squares left, so if you can do one, please see Cheryl at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. April 20 and 21 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first,

third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Raul "Pelon" Gonzales, Sr.

Raul "Pelon" Gonzales, Sr., 65, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Samuel Ray Myers, Jr.

Samuel Ray Myers, Jr., 90, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 24, 2017 at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Dolores LeVier

Dolores LeVier, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, April 24, 2017. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JESUS PEREA**, 29, of 4616 S 87 was arrested on a warrant for parking or standing in front of public/private driveway.

• **GRACIELA LEAL**, 46, of 1733 Purdue Avenue was arrested on a warrant for driving with invalid license, disregarding a stop sign, harassment, and a warrant from another agency.

• **RENEA RENNA BOOKER**, 35, of 1009 S Scurry was arrested on a warrant for two counts of theft of service (greater than \$750 but less than \$2,500) and possession of marijuana (less than or equal to two ounces).

• **EMMANUEL PINEADA MALDONADO**, 31, of 3509 E I 20 Lot 29 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **JARED GRIFFIN BABB**, 26, of 6401 Eastridge Road was arrested on a warrant for speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw Street.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3500 block of E I20.

• **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported in the 4100 block of E FM 700.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W FM 700 and the 1600 block of Ave X.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington Ave.

## Support Groups

### 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700.

There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided.

Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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

### WEDNESDAY

RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a 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. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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# Gov't shutdown, health bill rescue at stake in Congress

By ALAN FRAM and  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bipartisan bargainers are making progress toward a budget deal to prevent a partial federal shutdown this weekend, a major hurdle overcome when President Donald Trump signaled he would put off his demand that the measure include money to build his border wall with Mexico.

Republicans are also vetting proposed changes to their beleaguered health care bill that they hope will attract enough votes to finally push it through the House.

Both efforts come with Congress back from a two-week break just days before Trump's 100th day in office, an unofficial measuring stick of a new president's effectiveness. With little to show in legislative victories so far, the Trump administration would love to claim achievements on Capitol Hill by that day — this Saturday.

The same day, federal agencies would have to close unless lawmakers pass a \$1 tril-

lion spending bill financing them or legislation keeping them open temporarily while talks continue. Republicans hope to avoid the ignominy of a government shutdown while their party controls Congress and the White House.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Monday that administration negotiators including Trump's budget chief, Mick Mulvaney, "feel very confident" that a shutdown won't occur.

Democrats, whose votes are needed to pass the budget measure, had a less charitable version of negotiations. In a conference call with reporters aimed at criticizing Trump's first 100 days as ineffective, party leaders said the biggest shutdown threat was from Trump's demand that the spending bill include funds for the barricade along the Mexican border.

That threat appeared to be lifting Monday evening when Trump told a gathering of reporters from conservative media that he would be willing to return to the funding

issue in September. Two people in the room described his comments to The Associated Press.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., approved of Trump's apparent shift. "The president's comments this evening are welcome news given the bipartisan opposition to the wall, and the obstacle it has been to the continuing bipartisan negotiations in the appropriations committees," she said in a statement late Monday.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said, "It's good for the country that President Trump is taking the wall off the table in these negotiations." Both Democratic leaders had criticized Trump earlier Monday.

Trump had told supporters Mexico would pay for the wall, but with Mexico refusing to foot the bill he now wants Congress to make a down payment. The wall's cost estimates range past \$20 billion. Republicans are seeking an initial \$1.4 billion in the spending bill, but many question the wisdom of an

enormous wall.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said there was a need to boost border security funds, adding, "But a 2,200-mile wall, I don't think there's a whole lot of support for it."

The other major budget stumbling block involved a Democratic demand for money for insurance companies that help low-income people afford health policies under President Barack Obama's health law, or that Trump abandon a threat to use the payments as a bargaining chip. Supporters of the health law warn its marketplaces could collapse if those funds are taken away.

Separately, the White House and congressional Republicans are gauging whether a plan to revise the GOP's stalled health care bill would garner enough converts to rekindle hopes for House passage of the legislation.

Their initial bill would repeal some coverage requirements under Obama's law, offer skimpier subsidies for consumers to buy care and roll back a Medicaid expansion. GOP leaders avoided a planned House vote last

month, which would have failed due to opposition from GOP moderates and conservatives alike.

The proposed changes would retain several requirements imposed by Obama's 2010 statute, including obliging insurers to cover seriously ill customers.

But states could obtain federal waivers to some of those requirements. Those include mandates that insurers charge healthy and seriously ill customers the same premiums and cover specified services like hospitalization and emergency room visits.

Supporters say the proposal is significant because it would retain guaranteed coverage for people with costly illnesses. Critics say it would effectively weaken that assurance because insurers in states getting waivers could charge sky-high rates.

Those waivers may not help win moderate support. They have opposed the underlying GOP bill because of its cuts in Medicaid and to federal subsidies Obama's law provides many people buying individual policies.

## HC

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their weapons in a college approved locked gun safe located in the individual room while in the dormitories.

The policy heavily models the one Texas Tech University instituted on its campus. Now approved, Howard College officials will be working quickly to get signage up on the campus to prepare for the implementation come Aug. 1, Howard College President Dr. Sparks said.

In other business, the college plans a year-long tribute to the late Marie

Hall, a long-time benefactor to many of the college's programs. Hall died earlier this month. "We are all very saddened by the recent death of Marie Hall," Sparks said to the small crowd attending the board meeting.

Her list of contributions, Sparks said, included a major endowment fund for the college's nursing program, helping to fund the college's simulation lab for the dental hygiene program, funding for the college's early long-distance learning program, and Hall was a major financial backer to the construction of the fine arts building lo-

cated on the Big Spring campus.

Sparks said Hall preferred to keep her charitable donations private. "She was very quite about these things she was doing," Sparks said. "We finally talked her into naming the Hall Center after her family. Her impact on this college district and Howard County and then when you look at what she has done across the state of Texas, it's unbelievable. She has helped other colleges and universities across the state."

Sparks said Hall's main motivation was to see people excel.

"When you talked

to her about students that's when her eyes went up," Sparks said. "She loved seeing people have opportunity. So, we are forever indebted to her and in this small way we can give honor to her."

During an update on the search for a new head college/county librarian, the college has narrowed down the application pool and expects to begin interview via conference call sometime next week. The interview committee will consist of two college officials and Howard County Commissioner Craig Bailey. In January, the college and Howard County

commissioners agreed to share a head librarian for both entities' program. One of the tasks for the new person will be to research the possibility of merging the two programs. "I personally see this as a four stage type process," Sparks said. "This is the first thing we are doing are going through a conceptual phase. Looking at what will it be. How it would work. Each community and each library has its uniqueness...Then you start looking at the space. What do we need for the space for what we want to do."

Sparks said if the college and county then

agreed to go ahead with the merging, the third step is fundraising for the project with the fourth step implementation.

"There is a lot of works to be done for that whole process," Sparks said. "Obviously at the appropriate time, the commissioner and the college board will have to make the decision it is a go."

## COUNTY

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The court then proceeded to executive closed session to discuss who may be replacing Wright as the county clerk. After resuming in open session, the commissioners said Brent Zitterkopf would be appointed as the replacement for Wright.

In other news at the meeting, there was a lengthy discussion over the purchase of fuel for the next fiscal year. The purchase would include buying an amount in a "locked" price, which indicates that both the county and the company supplying the fuel would agree on a

fixed rate for a certain amount of fuel for the year.

"Here's the way it works, when we say we were going to lock, they assume our risk that fuel prices are going to go up or down," said Brian Klinksiek, Howard County Road and Bridge Administrator. "So they are pricing this based on what they anticipate the market doing next year."

After some dispute on whether or not this was the best deal for the county to take, as well as a lack of some specific financial figures for the deal, it was motioned that the discussion be tabled until a future time.

Klinksiek went on

to discuss a number of proposals including an action on the status of Wooten Road which was discussed in the last meeting. After a map was located from 2005 marking the road as belonging to the county, it was proposed that it be officially recognized by the court as a county road. This would enable city work forces to repair and perform work on the road including patching and filling of potholes. The motion was approved by the court.

It was also brought to the court's attention that an intersection located at Sterling Road and Howard Street did not have a stop sign. A concerned citizen

brought the issue to the county that the lack of a stop sign could potentially result in a driver running into the house across from the intersection.

"It is a T intersection, in the time since we last met we had to go out there because one of the residents was worried about drivers running into their fence," said Klinksiek. "Being a T intersection, it warrants a stop sign. If somebody goes barreling through there they would end up in somebody's living room."

The motion was approved by the court to put in a stop sign at the intersection.

Other items discussed at yesterday's meeting included:

- The extended warranty for the new air conditioning unit was approved by the court.

- Approved Pavetex as a professional service to conduct some research and testing for a road grant project.

- The reading of a proposal for a resolution for Nurses Week in Howard County by Les White, Chief of Nursing Services.

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## Man sentenced to 80 years in prison for strangling co-worker

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — Sharon Trimble and Earlene Warrell were both co-workers of Temmie Cooley — Trimble at a Dallas hospital and Warrell, at a suburban Dallas diner.

Detectives say Trimble and Warrell both decided to become romantically involved with Cooley and both were strangled to death and dumped partially clothed beside a country road. Trimble was killed in 1989 and Warrell in 2001.

Cooley has now been sentenced to 80 years in prison for Trimble's killing, to be served concurrently with a 35-year term assessed in 2004 for the Warrell murder.

Trial testimony showed Trimble told her husband she was going to a club with a friend the Friday night after Thanksgiving 1989 when she told her baby sitter she was going to put an end to something, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Her body was found the next morning beside a rural road in Plano in Collin County, north of Dallas. Like Warrell 12 years later, she was dead of ligature strangulation. Collin County Medical Examiner William Rohr testified that he had seen only two other such cases in more than 30 years as a medical examiner.

"They're not common in any medical examiner's career, but they are easy to identify," he said.

Cooley had confessed to the Warrell killing and admitted having sex with Trimble but denied killing her. That's where thing stood until January 2014 when Plano police detectives interviewed him. This time, his statements were inconsistent with his previous accounts and he was indicted in late 2014.

## Costs mount despite Waco motorcycle gang trials on hold

WACO, Texas (AP) — Costs are mounting for the Texas county where a fatal gunfight involving two motorcycle gangs and police led to the indictments of more than 150 bikers.

The trials arising from the May 2015 shooting at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco are on hold until a federal case against leaders of the Bandidos motorcycle gang wraps up, which could be at least several months, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported.

But that hasn't meant a slowdown for McLennan County, where prosecutors are sharing massive amounts of evidence with defense attorneys while awaiting tests on DNA samples from the shootout that killed nine people and wounded 20 others.

So far, work related to the case tops \$200,000 for the county, not including more than \$500,000 defrayed by state and federal grants and reimbursements. The balance can be paid over several budget years.

The case involves about 70 defense court-appointed attorneys, meaning the county is responsible for their fees that range from \$75 to \$80 an hour for work in and out of the courtroom. They also receive \$50 an hour for travel time, plus mileage compensation. One defense attorney notes she's received more than 870,000 pages of documents to review.

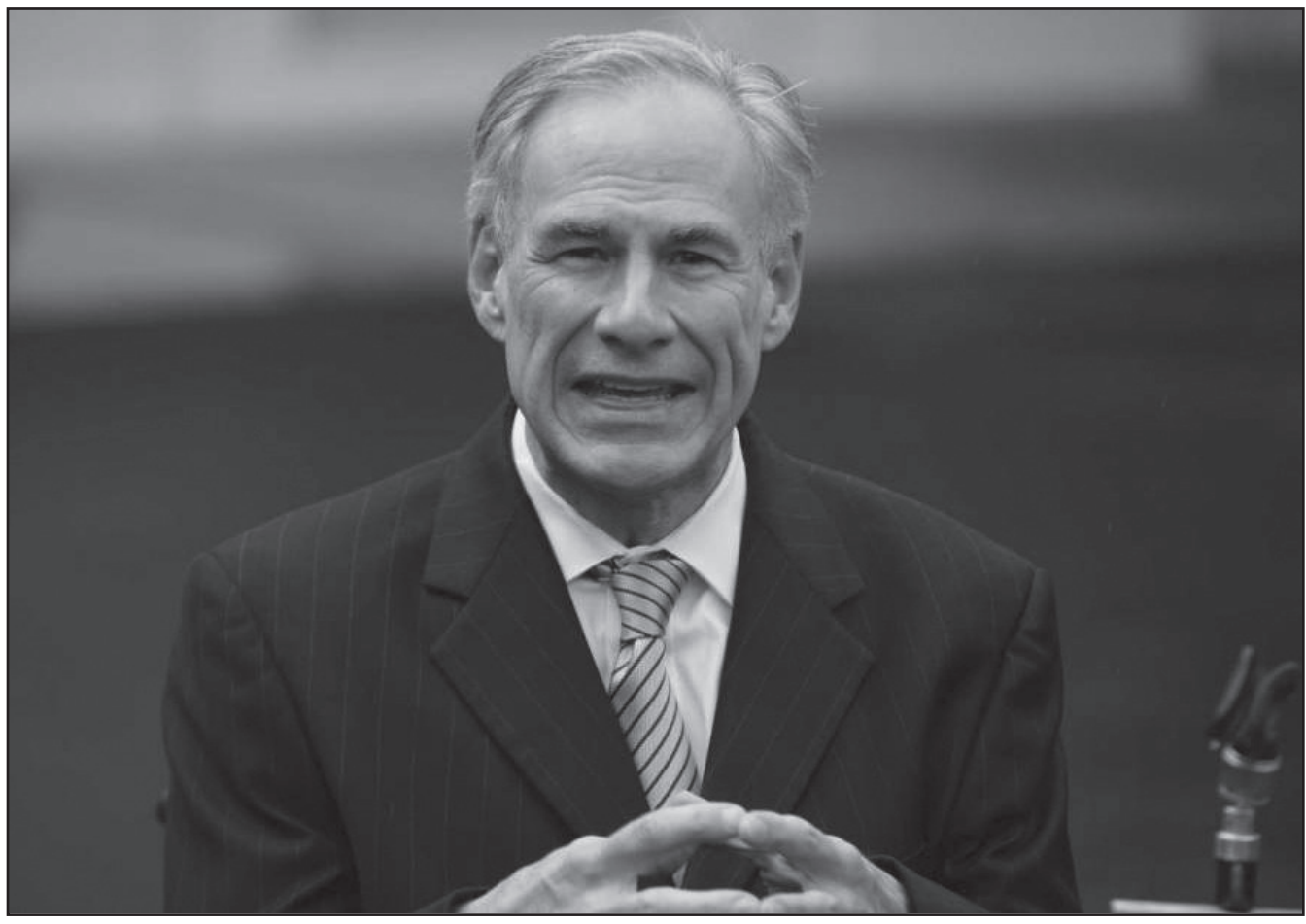
Six top Bandidos leaders are scheduled to go on trial Aug. 7 in San Antonio on federal charges, including racketeering, that allege they sanctioned a deadly years-long fight on the rival Cossacks gang.

Investigators have said the Waco shootout involved members of the same two motorcycle gangs, and that a fight erupted during a gathering of various motorcycle clubs.

The Associated Press reported in May 2016 that ballistics reports reviewed by AP showed four of the people killed were struck by the same caliber of rifle fired by Waco police. A Waco police spokesman declined to comment at the time, citing a gag order in the criminal case of one of the bikers.

Federal prosecutors have told McLennan County officials they have evidence related to the Twin Peaks shootout but are keeping it under wraps until trial.

# What to Watch: Abbott breathes new life into bathroom bill



AP photo

In this March 24, 2017, file photo, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott talks to reporters outside the White House in Washington.

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — For months, Gov. Greg Abbott stayed silent and Texas' bathroom bill languished in the Legislature amid mounting criticism from LGBT activists and business groups.

Now Abbott's all-in, becoming the nation's first governor to fully embrace the issue. That makes the prospects for Texas blocking its own cities and school districts from instituting transgender-friendly policies on public restrooms suddenly bright — even with barely five weeks left before the legislative session ends May 29.

Abbott promised to cooperate with state lawmakers to "get a bill to my desk that I will sign into law."

The Senate weeks ago rushed to approve a bill mandating that transgender Texans use public bathrooms corresponding to their birth-certificate gender. But that seemed a tough sell in the House, where Speaker Joe Straus criticized it as bad for business and the governor's previous failure

to weigh in offered no cover for would-be supporters.

Abbott's blessing only came after the House said it was setting aside the Senate bill and instead advancing one prohibiting policies seeking to protect transgender rights in public bathrooms without specifically addressing birth-certificate gender.

Hundreds of people, including chambers of commerce representatives, decried the House bill as discriminatory during a recent, all-night hearing. But it should nonetheless be approved by committee this week, clearing it for a House floor vote.

North Carolina passed a law similar to the Texas Senate's bill last year, sparking national outcry and costly boycotts. That state partially repealed the law last month, making it closer to what the Texas House is now considering. What's likely to emerge in Texas should look more like North Carolina's rolled-back version.

Here are some other top issues to watch this week in the Texas Legislature:

**SANCTUARY CITIES**  
A sweeping, anti-"sanctuary cities" bill

hits the House floor Wednesday and is expected to pass.

The measure compels state and local police to help enforce federal immigration law. It even allows for criminal charges against sheriffs and city or county officials who intentionally refuse to comply with attempts to deport people in the country illegally who already have been jailed on crimes unrelated to immigration.

The Senate already approved the bill, which has been bitterly opposed by immigrant rights groups, civil liberties organizations and top Texas sheriffs.

The House modified the Senate's version, only allowing police to inquire about immigration status if someone is arrested, rather than simply being detained. But detractors say that's not enough.

**REDISTRICTING CASE**

On Thursday, a panel of three federal judges in San Antonio will hold a hearing in the ongoing lawsuit challenging Texas' state and congressional maps for the 2018 election.

That comes a week after a separate federal court ruled that bound-

aries for state House districts drawn by the Republican-controlled Legislature intentionally discriminate against minority voters. In less than a month, now, Texas' voter ID law, congressional maps and state legislative maps, all enacted in 2011, have been found to violate the U.S. Voting Rights Act.

Minority rights groups could use the upcoming hearing to ask federal judges to redraw electoral maps for the 2018 elections.

They may also push for Texas to be pressed back into "preclearance." That process once required Texas and other states with a history of racial discrimination to get changes to electoral law endorsed by federal courts. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down that provision in 2013, when it voided much of the Voting Rights Act — but it retained the chance that states could again fall under federal oversight in cases where intentional discrimination is found.

**FETAL REMAINS**  
A bill requiring fetal remains from abortions and miscarriages to be buried or cremated is nearing House approval.



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# Astronaut breaks US space record, gets call from Trump

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronaut Peggy Whitson broke the U.S. record Monday for most time in space and talked up Mars during a congratulatory call from President Donald Trump.

The International Space Station's commander surpassed the record of 534 days, two hours and 48 minutes for most accumulated time in space by an American.

"This is a very special day in the glorious history of American spaceflight," Trump said. His daughter and close adviser, Ivanka Trump, also offered congratulations to Whitson from the Oval Office. Whitson said it's "a huge honor" to break such a record. "It's an exciting time" as NASA prepares for human expeditions to Mars in the 2030s, included in new legislation signed by Trump last month. She called the space station "a key bridge" between living on Earth and traveling into deep space, and she singled out the station's recycling system that transforms astronauts' urine into drinking water.

"It's really not as bad as it sounds," she assured the president.

"Well, that's good, I'm glad to hear that," he replied. "Better you than me."

Whitson already was the world's most experienced spacewoman and female spacewalker and, at 57, the oldest woman in space. By

the time she returns to Earth in September, she'll have logged 666 days in orbit over three flights.

The world record — 879 days — is held by Russian Gennady Padalka. Whitson broke the NASA cumulative record set last year by astronaut Jeffrey Williams; Scott Kelly holds the U.S. record for consecutive days in space — 340.

Whitson is also the first woman to command the space station twice and the only woman to have led NASA's astronaut corps. Behind her was a banner that read: "Congrats Peggy!! New U.S. High-Time Space Ninja." The sign arrived Saturday on the commercial cargo ship, the S.S. John Glenn — barely in time for Monday's celebration.

NASA astronaut Jack Fischer, who arrived at the space station last week and took part in Monday's call, said the space station is "by far the best example of international cooperation."

Whitson told the president that spaceflight takes a lot of time and money, so getting to Mars will require collaboration from other countries to succeed. NASA is building the hardware right now to test a new rocket that will carry astronauts farther from Earth than ever before, she said.

"Well, we want to try and do it during my first term



AP photo  
**President Donald Trump, flanked by NASA astronaut Kate Rubins, left, and his daughter Ivanka Trump, gives a thumbs up following a video conference with the International Space Station, Monday, April 24, 2017, from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.**

or, at worst, during my second term, so we'll have to speed that up a little bit, OK?" Trump replied.

"We'll do our best," Whitson replied.

The debut of the mega rocket is still more than a year away — at least. The date will depend on whether astronauts are on board for the test flight, which could hoist

the new Orion capsule to the vicinity of the moon.

Both Whitson and Fischer raised a hand when Trump asked which one of them was ready to go to Mars.

Joining Trump in the Oval Office was astronaut Kate Rubins, who last summer became the first person in space to perform entire DNA decoding, or sequencing. She said

she used a device the size of a cellphone for the job, and noted that such sequencing can detect microbes aboard spacecraft and monitor astronaut health.

"That's fantastic," Trump said. "I've been dealing with politicians so much, I'm so much more impressed with these people, you have no idea."

# New Orleans takes down white supremacist monument

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND and GERALD HERBERT**

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A monument to a deadly white-supremacist uprising in 1874 was removed under cover of darkness by workers in masks and bulletproof vests Monday as New Orleans joined the movement to take down symbols of the Confederacy and the Jim Crow South.

The Liberty Place monument, a 35-foot granite obelisk that pays tribute to whites who tried to topple a biracial Reconstruction government installed in New Orleans after the Civil War, was taken away on a truck in pieces before daybreak after a few hours of work.

In the coming days, the city will also remove three statues of Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and P.G.T. Beauregard and Confederate President Jefferson Davis, now that legal challenges have been overcome.

"We will no longer allow the Confederacy to literally be put on a pedestal in the heart of our city," Mayor Mitch Landrieu vowed.

The removal of the obelisk was carried out early in the morning because of death threats and fears of disruption from supporters of the monuments.

The workers wore military-style helmets and had scarves over their

faces.

Police were on hand, with officers watching from atop a hotel parking garage.

"The statue was put up to honor the killing of police officers by white supremacists," Landrieu said. "Of the four that we will move, this statue is perhaps the most blatant affront to the values that make America and New Orleans strong today."

Citing safety concerns, the mayor would not disclose exactly when the other monuments would be taken down, except to say that it will be done at night to avoid trouble.

He said the monuments will be put in storage until an appropriate place to display them is determined.

Nationally, the debate over Confederate symbols has flared since nine black parishioners were shot to death by an avowed racist at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015.

South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from its statehouse grounds in the weeks after, and several Southern cities have since considered removing monuments.

The University of Mississippi took down its state flag because it includes the Confederate emblem.

New Orleans is a mostly black city of nearly 390,000. The majority-black City Council voted 6-1 in 2015 to take the monuments down, but legal bat-

tles held up action.

Landrieu, a white Democrat, proposed the monuments' removal and rode to victory twice with overwhelming support from the city's black residents.

Opponents of the memorials say they are offensive artifacts honoring the region's racist past.

Others say the monuments are part of history and should be preserved.

Robert Bonner, a 63-year-old Civil War re-enactor, was there to protest the monument's removal.

"I think it's a terrible thing," he said. "When you start removing the history of the city, you start losing money. You start losing where you came from and where you've been."

The Monumental Task Committee, which sued to preserve the memorials, condemned the middle-of-the-night removal as "atrocious government."

The Liberty Place monument was erected in 1891 to commemorate the failed uprising by the Crescent City White League.

Sixteen White Leaguers, 13 members of the white and black Metropolitan police force and six bystanders were among those killed in the bloody battle down Canal Street.

President Ulysses Grant sent federal troops to take the city back three

days later.

However, the White League grew in power in New Orleans after the battle, with its members and allies taking over the city and state government after Reconstruction.

An inscription added in 1932 said the Yankees withdrew federal troops and "recognized white supremacy in the South" after the uprising.

In 1993, those words were covered by a granite slab with a new inscription, saying the obelisk honors "Americans on both sides" who died and that the conflict "should teach us lessons for the future."

New Orleans removed the memorial from busy Canal Street during a paving project in 1989 and didn't put it back up until the city was sued. Even then, it was consigned to an obscure spot on a side street.

Landrieu said the memorials don't represent his city as it approaches its 300th anniversary next year.

Removing the monuments is "not about blame," the mayor said. Rather, he said, it's about "showing the whole world that we as a city and as people are able to acknowledge, understand, reconcile and — most importantly — choose a better future, making straight what has been crooked and right what has been wrong."

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### Evans throws shutout in Lady Buffs' 16-0 victory over Tahoka

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

The Forsan varsity softball team made their way to Tahoka on Monday for a district match up with the Lady Bulldogs. With a hot hand and some solid defense to back her up, Macey Evans threw a big 16-0 shutout victory for the Lady Buffs.

Forsan didn't waste any time as they grabbed an early lead with a total of nine runs in the top of the first. The big inning was thanks to an RBI double by Evans, an RBI single by Hunter Seymore, a score by Ashtyn Pearson on a steal of home, an RBI double by Ashlee Hardin, a score by Kaylee Morgan on an error, a 2RBI double by Kendall Phillips, another RBI single by Evans, and a score by Destiny Mata on a steal of home.

After a scoreless second inning, Phillips snagged another run with a steal of home and put the Lady Buffs at a 10-0 lead.

Forsan iced the game with another six runs, putting the game entirely out of the Tahoka's reach if it wasn't already. Triple by Evans, an RBI double and a steal of home, both by Pearson, followed with steals of home by Seymore, Morgan, and Hardin.

The Lady Bulldogs just

could not keep up, and fell in a very one-sided 16-0 defeat to the Lady Buffs in just five innings.

Evans was tagged with the win after her strong performance on the mound. She threw for all five innings, surrendered only one hit, walked one, and sat seven.

"Macy showed a lot of strength as our pitcher tonight," said head softball coach Shanna Taylor. "Adding her to our pitching lineup makes us that much stronger as a team."

Forsan's sticks were on fire as they knocked around a total of 20 hits in just five innings. Phillips, Seymore, Hardin, Pearson, and Morgan all collected multiple hits for the Lady Buffs, but it was Evans that led the team offensively as she went 4-4 on the day with three runs batted in.

"The girls did an excellent job of hitting tonight," said Taylor. "We have a good chance of really going deep into the playoffs with our batting lineup being as strong as



Lady Buff sophomore Macey Evans brings the heat from the mound in Forsan's at home match up against the Westbrook Wildcats on March 21, 2017.

File photo

it is."

Forsan was sure-handed as they did not commit one error in the field. Seymore had the most chances with eight plays.

The Lady Buffs ran wild on

the base paths with a team total of eleven stolen bases. Hardin led the team with two.

Forsan is the No. 1 seed in their district heading into the playoffs. They will have a first round bye, and face

the winner of Abernathy and Clarendon for the area round of the playoffs. But before that, the Lady Buffs will make their way to San Angelo for a warm up game vs. Mason this Friday at 6:00 p.m.

### Kawhi Leonard locked in a playoff duel with Mike Conley



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) stands on the court during the second half of Game 4 in an NBA basketball first-round playoff series against the Memphis Grizzlies Saturday, April 22, 2017, in Memphis, Tenn. Memphis won 110-108.

By **JON KRAWCZYNSKI**  
AP Basketball Writer

Memphis Grizzlies coach David Fizdale sat down behind the microphone after surviving a 110-108 overtime thriller that tied their first-round series with the San Antonio Spurs at two games apiece.

After Marc Gasol hit the game-winner with 1 second to play, the only thing better than the shot to Fizdale was that there wasn't enough time left for Kawhi Leonard to get a chance of his own.

"I'm taking suggestions on how to guard Kawhi Leonard," Fizdale with a sigh. "I've tried everything. The guy, he's tough. Man, he's a superstar."

After an MVP-caliber regular season, Leonard has been even better in the playoffs for the No. 2-seeded Spurs. He is averaging 32.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists, and has been astonishingly efficient, shooting 58 percent from the field and 53 percent from 3-point range.

Long known for ball move-

ment and spreading the wealth offensively, the Spurs have become Kawhi-centric in these playoffs while getting pushed by the Grizzlies. Trailing by eight points with four minutes to play in regulation of Game 4, Leonard scored San Antonio's final 16 points of the quarter, including a jumper with 12 seconds to play to put them up 96-94.

"We trust him to make big plays and not only score on the

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### Bulldogettes fall to Haskell 6-5 in warm up game for playoffs

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

The Coahoma varsity softball team made their way to Snyder on Monday where they took on the Haskell Indians, who are the No. 1 seed in their district (2A), for a practice match to get warmed up for their upcoming playoff games.

"Any chance we get to play extra games, I will always take it," said head softball coach Alex Orosco. "We knew Haskell was going to be pretty good, which was good for us as we are working on finding our rhythm, creating those pressure situations, and executing them."

Despite the fourth-inning deficit in the fourth inning, the Bulldogettes nearly came all the way back, but eventually fell to the Indians with a final score of 6-5.

Coahoma kicked things off in the bottom of the second with an RBI single by Caitlyn Corley out to left field, which drove Maddie Daniels in for the first run of the game.

Haskell answered right back with an RBI single by Laura Fuentes in the top of the third that brought Jordan Garvin across the plate to tie the scores at one.

After three quick outs to retire the third in-

ning, the Indians found their rhythm at the plate as they established a 6-1 lead with a big five-run inning, all thanks to a score by Lauren Alexander on a sacrifice fly from Garvin, a score by Fuentes on an error, an RBI triple by Gabby Mendoza, and an RBI single by Fuentes.

The Bulldogettes went on to hold Haskell scoreless for the rest of the game, and in a comeback attempt, brought four runs of their own across. The runs came on an RBI single by Breanna Grant in the fourth, a walk by Indians pitcher, Garvin, with the bases loaded that drove Annie Chandler across the plate, and a score by Cassie Grant on an error in the fifth, followed with a score by Chandler on an error in the sixth.

"We came into a crucial pressure situation in the fifth inning. Our bases were loaded with no outs, and I felt like we were going to come out with a big inning. This is what we had been working on, executing in a pressure situation," said Orosco. "We were able to score two runs out of it, so it wasn't the worst case scenario, but it wasn't what we were hoping for either. We

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### Serena Williams at No. 1, despite not playing since January

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Tennis Writer

Serena Williams is briefly back at No. 1 in the WTA rankings, despite not playing a match since January, and plans to take the rest of 2017 off because she is expecting a baby.

Thanks to a calendar quirk, Williams moved up one spot Monday from No. 2, swapping places with Angelique Kerber.

The return to No. 1, which gives the 31-year-old American her 317th week

there, comes less than a week after Williams let the world know via Snapchat that she is pregnant. The baby is due in the fall, and spokeswoman Kelly Bush Novak said Williams will take off the rest of this season and intends to return to the tour next year.

Williams confirmed that timetable on Instagram on Monday, when she posted a photo of herself and a note addressed to "My Dearest Baby."

"You gave me the strength I didn't know I had. You taught me the true meaning of serenity and peace. I can't

wait to meet you. I can't force you to join the players box next year. But most importantly, I am so happy to share being number one in the world with you.... once again today," the post reads.

Williams closed it with: "from the world's oldest number one to the world's youngest number one. -Your Mommy"

The reason Williams was able to supplant Kerber for at least a week — and possibly more — is that the women's clay-court tournament that

is being played this week in Stuttgart, Germany, was played a week earlier a year ago. So Kerber, a two-time defending champion at that event, lost the rankings points she earned there and can't replace them until the end of this year's tournament.

Kerber can reclaim the top ranking by winning two matches in Stuttgart.

Williams hasn't competed since winning her Open era-record 23rd Grand Slam singles title at the Australian Open at the end of January. She was pregnant at the time.

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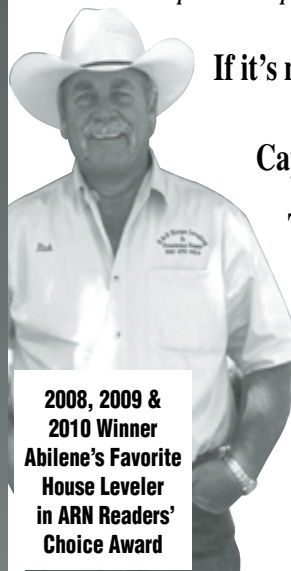
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** A lot of the work that relationships require will have to do with being tolerant and understanding that the other person's brain works differently from yours. Be patient with those differences.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Earning won't be a problem for you, but your spend-

ing style could be. Expensive tastes are the reason. Delay your gratification until you can truly afford it and you'll suddenly feel rich.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There are fundamental differences between you and a partner, but none of it needs to hinder the relationship's progress -- quite the opposite, in fact. You're your teamwork will be made stronger for your varied strengths.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Does a seashell know sacred geometry; a flower, perfect symmetry? Beauty will fall perfectly into place because nature is elegant that way. All you have to do is let things unfold naturally.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Success will come as you observe your world and use what you find. Don't worry; you can be original and still utilize what's common. (It's too costly and time-consuming to invent everything you need!)

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Long stretches of peace

and quiet are a rarity now, but if you can make this happen even for an hour you'll be healthier and more productive for the effort.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your winning mindset is unstoppable, though some will try to stop you. The games you choose are hard enough on their own without teammates dragging you down. Seek supportive company wherever possible.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The mental chatter will distract you from your goals if you let it. First of all, a lot of it is static you don't need and shouldn't put much stock in. If you can't separate the noise from the message, disregard both. Hard work is the answer.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** When things seem to get a little too ordinary, you feel genuinely out of place. True, you were meant for the extraordinary, and in today's case it's up to you to create the transformation.

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're lucky to know what will make you happy and pursue it: Many do not have this kind of happiness compass. Just be aware that the magnetism of "happiness" will move for you like the magnetic poles do.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Don't be too worried about the disapproval of others. A little conflict will spice up the scene. On a related note, adrenaline is good for romance, maybe even essential.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 25).** The criterion you use to choose your work will greatly impact your happiness, since work will get the best of your energy over the next 10 weeks. It's the ones you serve and care for who define your summer months. Children wrap around your heart in June. There's a performance

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Looks are important to everyone, especially proud, presentational Leo. As you make this decision, keep the big picture in mind. Think of beauty as not merely an arrangement of features, but an overall effect. Nothing is more beautiful than a beautiful mind. Consider whether there might be other things you could do that will make you feel more attractive, such as pursuing a study, interest or cause. Look objectively at many before and after pictures of the procedures you are thinking

about and ask yourself whether the subjects actually look more attractive in the after photos. In some cases you will probably think that the naturalness in the before picture seems better than the new improved version. If you still want the surgery after all your research, it is probably right for you. I suggest you try to schedule it on the new moon.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Oscar-winner Renee Zellweger surprised her high school friends and teachers by showing up at a reunion party recently. The irresistible Taurus actress and fashionista was born when the sun and Mercury were in determined Taurus and the moon was in Leo, the sign of the entertainer. Zellweger will star in the drama "Same Kind of Different as Me" with Jon Voight and Greg Kinnear.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Rift and a Dying Friend

**Dear Annie:** My question is urgent and can't wait. I don't know what to do.

My best friend is suffering from a quick and aggressive form of ovarian cancer. We don't know how much longer she has and suspect it won't be long. For more than 25 years, I have talked to her at least four times a week and seen her at least once a week. She has been an active participant

in my entire family life and is beloved by my spouse, children and extended family. We are all taking this news extremely hard. The hole in our lives is huge.

About 10 years ago, there was a rumor that she and my husband had a thing. It was small-town jealousy of the fact that the four of us had happy lives. If we had lived anywhere else, it would not have been an issue to have opposite-sex friendships. Small towns where people don't

move away focus on anything that seems interesting.

We thought it was all fine, but it now seems her husband never was OK with it. He quit coming around, and we never addressed it. We thought that the reason he declined our invitations was that he was busy working. Now we know he is still uncomfortable with us. She probably didn't tell us because she was embarrassed.

If there were time to be mad, I would be so mad. We would have made it right if we had known he was harboring this type of resentment. We could have made sure everyone was OK. Now she is probably dying, and we aren't there

with her.

There was a time when we would have been the people he would have called for any kind of help. We moved the furniture, chopped the trees, patched the driveway, etc. We were the best friends when he needed us to be and out of sight and out of mind the rest of the time, I guess.

How do we fix this before it is too late? He is controlling of time and visitors and not receptive right now. We don't want to go behind his back and want to make this right. This is so heartbreaking to all. The few family members who have been able to see her say she is depressed and so sad about the loss

of control of her life and feels trapped and dependent.

I miss my best friend and don't know how to make this better for everyone. What do you suggest to heal this rift I didn't realize was this deep? Don't want my heart to die, too. -- Love My Friend

**Dear Love:** If ever there was a time to heal this rift, it's now. Call her husband. Empathize with the complicated emotions he's no doubt feeling. He may have seized onto this issue as something external on which he could project all his anger over his wife's illness. Whatever his reasons, remind him that a grudge hurts the person holding it. And if he's so attached to the

pain that he doesn't want to let go, that's his own prerogative. He can stay angry. But he can't force his wife to be part of that anger. Implore him, for her sake, to allow you to visit. If he feels uncomfortable, he can leave the house for a few hours while you're there. Ultimately, if you want to see your best friend and she wants to see you, go see her -- with or without his permission.

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By Steve Becker  
What can defeat me?

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 10 4  
♥ A K Q 9  
♦ 8 5 2  
♣ 10 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ K 9 6 5  
♥ J 10 4 3  
♦ J  
♣ Q J 9 5

**EAST**  
♠ J 8 7 3 2  
♥ —  
♦ 10 9 7 6 3  
♣ A K 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ A  
♥ 8 7 6 5 2  
♦ A K Q 4  
♣ 6 3 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Whenever you're playing a contract that appears unbeatable, you should stop and ask yourself, "What, if anything, can defeat me?" If you think along these lines, you can occasionally avoid disaster.

Observe what happened to declarer on this deal. West led the club queen, and the defense took three club tricks before shifting to a diamond.

South won with the ace and played a trump to the queen, on which East showed out. A spade to the ace was then followed by another trump,

dummy winning West's ten with the king. South next ruffed a spade and led another heart, finessing the nine after West played low.

With only one trump left in each hand, declarer cashed the ace but later had to lose a diamond trick to go down one. However, he should have made the contract.

When South wins the diamond return at trick four, he should start thinking in terms of "What can defeat me?" The obvious answer is that only four trumps in one hand can jeopardize the contract.

Declarer has no chance if East has four trumps, so all his thoughts should be centered on the possibility that West has them. As we've seen, South fails if he tackles trumps at once.

Instead, he should cash the ace of spades before leading a trump. This might not seem like a critical play, but it makes all the difference between success and failure.

After East shows out at trick six, South ruffs the spade ten and leads a trump. He wins West's ten with the king and then ruffs the spade queen.

This leaves South with one trump while West and dummy each have two. Declarer now leads his last trump, trapping West's J-4 in front of dummy's A-9. South then discards his four of diamonds as dummy's last trump is cashed, and the contract is home.

Tomorrow: Evasive tactics.  
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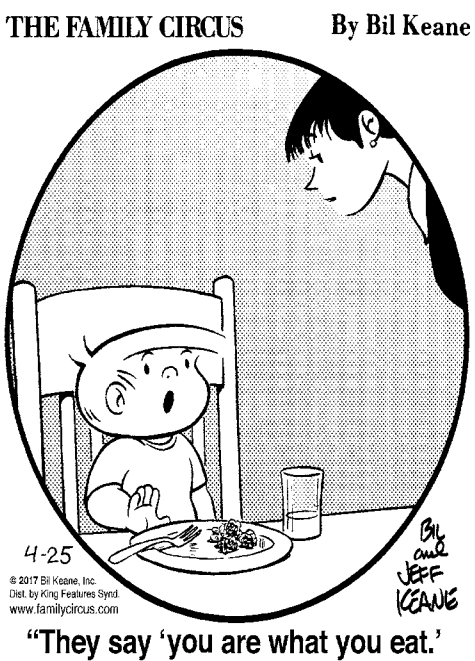
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"THIS IS A FRENCH RESTAURANT AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRENCH FRIES?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

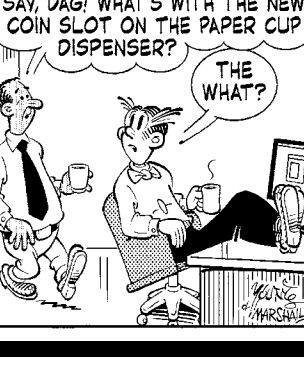


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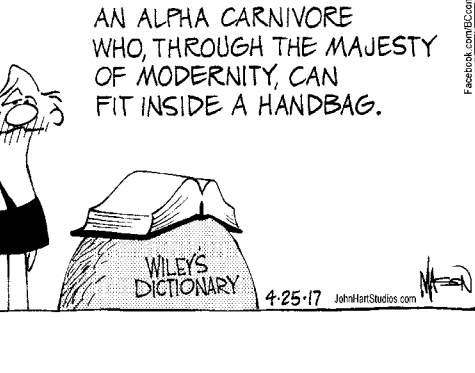
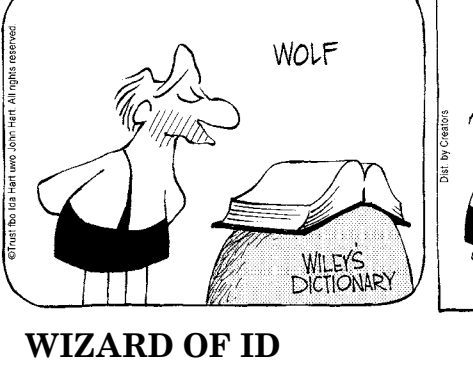
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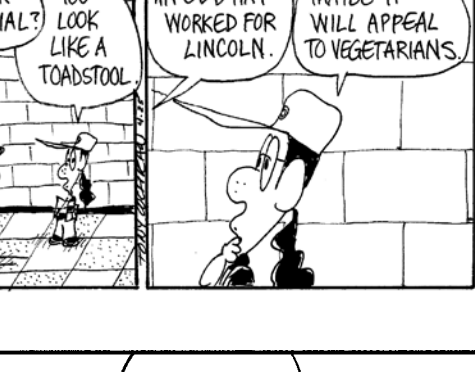
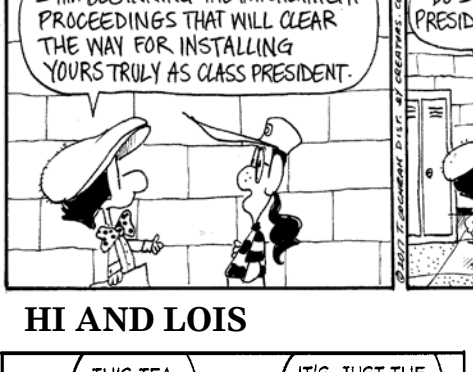
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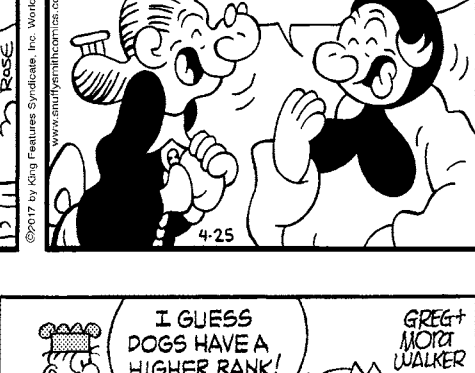
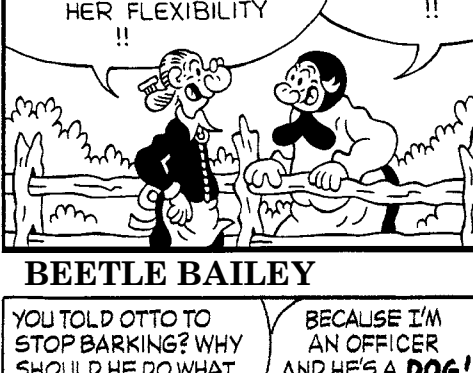
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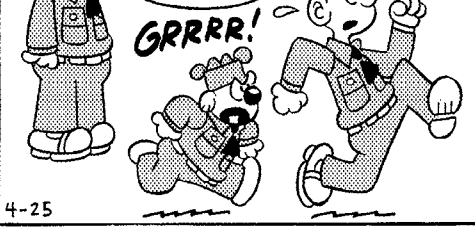
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 25, the 115th day of 2017. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 25, 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehv-POO'-chee).

On this date: In 404 B.C., the Peloponnesian War ended as Athens surrendered to Sparta.

In 1792, French highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1917, legendary jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River,

a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries gathered in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1964, vandals sawed off the head of the "Little Mermaid" statue in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 1974, the "Carnation Revolution" took place in Portugal as a bloodless military coup toppled the Estado Novo regime.

In 1983, 10-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, received a reply from Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov to a letter she'd written expressing her concerns about nuclear war; Andropov gave assurances that the Soviet Union did not want war, and invited Samantha to visit his country, a trip she made in July.

In 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was deployed in orbit from the space shuttle Discovery. (It was later discovered that the telescope's primary mirror was flawed, requiring the installation of corrective components to achieve optimal focus.)

In 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes of the Grammy-winning trio TLC died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

Ten years ago: Brushing off a presidential veto threat, the

House passed, 218-208, a \$12.4 billion supplemental spending bill ordering U.S. troops to begin coming home from Iraq in the fall of 2007. The Dow Jones industrial average topped 13,000 for the first time, ending the day at 13,089.89.

Singer-songwriter Bobby "Boris" Pickett of "Monster Mash" fame died in Los Angeles at age 69.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on Arizona's tough immigration law. (A divided court later threw out major parts of the law.)

One year ago: The city of Cleveland reached a \$6 million settlement in a lawsuit over the death of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy shot by a white police officer while playing with a pellet gun outside a recreation center.

Answers to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Cable TV film channel
  - 4 Wine barrel
  - 8 Ship's freight
  - 13 In \_\_\_ of (instead of)
  - 14 Intro drawing class
  - 15 Hunter constellation
  - 16 Take a crack \_\_\_ (try)
  - 17 End of a kite
  - 18 Lawful
  - 19 Grilled beef serving
  - 22 Pigpen
  - 23 Fine wool
  - 24 Con game
  - 26 On \_\_\_ with (equal to)
  - 29 End of a pencil
  - 33 Perfect example
  - 37 Hawaiian feast
  - 39 Dove shelter
  - 40 Small cabbagelike veggies
  - 43 Old West icon Wyatt
  - 44 Affirmative votes
  - 45 Small bay
  - 46 Spacious, as a garage
  - 48 Discontinue
  - 50 \_\_\_ up (misbehaves)
  - 52 Get cozy
  - 57 Folding bed
  - 60 Stuffed poultry serving
  - 63 Higher than
  - 65 \_\_\_ the line (followed orders)
  - 66 Outer boundary
  - 67 Thick cords
  - 68 Neck of the woods

- DOWN
- 1 Discover, as an idea
  - 2 For the time \_\_\_ (temporarily)
  - 3 Perform better than
  - 4 Short snooze
  - 5 Typical Jordanian
  - 6 Mix with a spoon
  - 7 2.2-pound measures, for short
  - 8 Dog's neckwear
  - 9 Exist
  - 10 Oil-drilling structures
  - 11 Bearded baryard beast
  - 12 Nothing but
  - 13 Tra \_\_\_ (song syllables)
  - 20 Nonwritten exams
  - 21 Freeze over
  - 25 Georgia city
  - 27 Comrade in battle
  - 28 Deceptions
  - 30 Rhythm-and-blues music
  - 31 Suffix for luncheon
  - 32 Reaminder
  - 33 Skeptic's remark
  - 34 Sketch something
  - 35 Money in France
  - 36 Pet adoption org.
  - 38 Aide: Abbr.
  - 41 Down to \_\_\_ (unpretentious)
  - 42 Become
  - 47 Gain entry to
  - 49 Eventually
  - 51 Stringed instrument of India
  - 53 Depicts unfairly
  - 54 Of ocean motion
  - 55 Long-limbed
  - 56 Days before holidays
  - 57 Supermarket vehicle
  - 58 Clarinet cousin
  - 59 Performs better than
  - 61 Center of an apple
  - 62 \_\_\_ over (topple)
  - 64 Former soldier, for short

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# Cowboys honor Ware, ponder needs with post-Romo future secure

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jerry Jones honored DeMarcus Ware with a ceremonial signing Monday that allowed the franchise sacks leader to retire as a Dallas Cowboy on the same day the team owner discussed how the draft might help find the next dominant pass rusher.

Whenever the Cowboys decide to pay homage to Tony Romo with their 10-year starter heading to the broadcast booth, they will do so feeling secure about their future under center. They won't be thinking much about quarterbacks in the first round Thursday night.

Jones couldn't have imagined this a year ago before the Cowboys took Dak Prescott in the fourth round with the idea he might someday replace Romo. Instead, Prescott put up one of the best rookie seasons in NFL history to basically end Romo's Dallas tenure.

"It just really shows me that positive things are more likely to happen to you than because of you," Jones said. "To be sitting here right now with the future as we have it, I could have never dreamed that this hand would have been dealt this way."

So maybe the Cowboys can get lucky in their search for the next Ware, who won his only Super Bowl in three seasons with Denver after Dallas cut him

in a salary cap move following the 2013 season when he had 117 sacks in nine years. The 34-year-old Ware, who retired last month, finished with 138 1/2 sacks, eighth on NFL's career list.

Dallas just hasn't had much luck trying to replace Ware, using second-round picks in 2014 and 2015 on DeMarcus Lawrence, with back issues, and a player who had a documented substance-abuse problem (Randy Gregory, now suspended for almost all of 2017).

The Cowboys have the 28th pick after a franchise-record 11-game winning streak led to the top seed in the NFC, a run fueled by Prescott and fellow rookie sensation Ezekiel Elliott.

Defense would appear to be the focus because Dallas also needs help in the secondary following the departures in free agency of cornerbacks Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne and safeties Barry Church and J.J. Wilcox.

The Cowboys rebuilt their offensive line with three first-round picks in a



This Oct. 11, 2015 photo shows Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, right, talking with quarterback Tony Romo before an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Arlington, Texas. Oct. 11, 2015.

AP photo

span of four seasons (2011-2014), a big part of why they've been offensive-minded at the top of the draft most of the past decade.

Now that Dallas is getting into the second contracts for those blockers,

along with a \$70 million, five-year deal for 2014 All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant, most of the salary cap is taken by the offense. They're set at quarterback, just not with the guy they figured it would be a year ago.

## SPURS

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ball, but making the right play," Spurs forward David Lee said. "Some times that's a good pass. He made a couple of unbelievable shots to tie it late."

In overtime, Leonard hit two 3s in the final 23 seconds to tie the score at 108, finishing with 43 points before Gasol came through. The only jaw that wasn't dropped was that of Leonard, who is known for his unflappable demeanor.

"He was standing next to me the other night, and he wasn't breathing," Fizdale said earlier in the series. "So I'm going to check the rulebook to see if robots are allowed to play in the NBA. ... I think he bleeds antifreeze or something."

As relentless as Leonard has been, Mike Conley has been every bit his equal after a disappointing Game 1. With his Grizzlies in a 2-0 hole coming home to Memphis, Conley averaged 29.5 points, 8.0 assists and 5.0 rebounds while shooting 56 percent from the floor and 46 percent from 3-point range to even the series.

"When he first got into the league, he wasn't very comfortable shooting the ball from 15 feet out," said Spurs forward Pau Gasol, a teammate of Conley's in Memphis earlier in his career. "He was a rookie, just like we've all been there. You can tell that he has worked on his game, has tremendous confidence on his outside jumper. This year, he's been shooting more threes at a higher percentage. He's become an elite point guard."

The series shifts back to San Antonio for a pivotal Game 5 on Tuesday, and Leonard is less focused on the points he has piled up than he is on shoring up the team's defense.

"They took care of home court, but it's not about that," said the two-time defensive player of the year, who has guarded Conley periodically throughout the series. "We've got to do a better job defensively. We can't let them get up to 100 points."

The Grizzlies lost by a combined 33 points in Games 1 and 2 in San Antonio, in part because Conley was outplayed by Spurs veteran Tony Parker at point guard. Conley

managed just 13 points in Game 1 before rebounding to hit four 3s and score 24 points in Game 2. But Memphis also managed just 82 points in each of the first two games and was unable to sustain any kind of offensive production in San Antonio.

Conley dominated the matchup in Memphis, galvanizing the Grizzlies.

"Of course we are in desperation. According to the media, we were supposed to get swept anyway," Conley said. "So every game is like our last game, like we are going home. We have to keep that mentality because at this point we just have to find a way to win on the road. In order to win the series, you have to win on the road."

## CHS

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had a little bit of good and a little bit of bad in that situation."

Unfortunately for Coahoma, the five-run comeback attempt was not enough to stay alive. Garvin went on to end to the game by inducing two ground outs and a fly out in the bottom of the seventh inning, ensuring their 6-5 victory over the Bulldogettes.

C. Grant started the game on the mound for Coahoma. She threw for five innings, surrendered six runs on three hits, walked five, and struck out three.

Daniels entered the game in the sixth inning, surrendered zero runs on three hits, walked zero, and struck out three.

The Bulldogettes collected a total of 11 hits for the game. B. Grant, Daniels, Deel, and Corley

led the we way at the plate with two hits each.

"We were able to get on base in every inning and put the ball in play with some big hits, but they were mainly hit right to the defender," said Orosco. "The big thing about these warm up games, is it's extra softball to keep the team in sync. It would have been nice to win today, but what's important is winning playoff games."

Coming up, the Coahoma softball team will make their way to Abilene Christian University for their first playoff match against the Early Longhorns this Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

"Early won their district, and we know that they are a good team and can make plays," said Orosco. "But so are we. We just have to make them make those plays, and get the outs that they hit to us."

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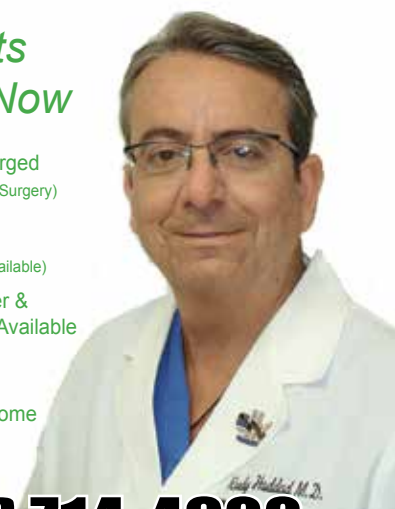
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