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County road projects in full swing with more to come

By ROBERT BARLOW

Staff Writer

Oil and gas production seems to be buzzing along in Howard County according to the increase in pipeline cross permit requests coming across the Road and Bridge Administration office.

More than a dozen pipeline crossing requests have been turned into the court,

County Road and Bridge Administrator Brian Klinksiek told Howard County commissioners during their meeting Monday afternoon at the county courthouse. "All of them related to oil

and gas," Klinksliek said. "I have 15 road bores (pipe-

line crossing requests) for you this time. Thirteen are in Precinct 1 and two of are in Precinct 3," Klinksiek said. "Everybody tivity out there the last time has paid and everyone has met our specifications.' Road work and construc-

tion has increased significantly in Precinct 1 recently, with Judge Kathryn Wiseman stating she had her first resident come out and complain about the dust being stirred up by the trucks driving on cliche roads.

"I could not believe the ac-

I went through," said Wiseman. "It's in full swing."

Klinksiek also discussed that he had sent the out bill to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for reimbursement on the road ramp project that has begun recently.

"Our out bill was \$445,824.04 and so we'll be asking for 80 percent of that which is \$356,659.23," said Klinksiek. "This billing is for that and for the LRA (Limestone Rock Asphalt). We did not complete hauling all that material until today."

There was some slight concern from Wiseman on how long it could potentially take for TXDOT to reimburse the county for the money that

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Family Medical Center announces new name

Special to the Herald

Family Medical Center will become Scenic Mountain Medical Group effective this month.

Over the past two years, service lines wound care, orthopedics, bio-identical hormone replacement therapy and ENT were added to Family Medical Center. In addition, the hospital and Family Medical Center has brought on 10 providers.

"When people talk about Family Medical Center, we want them to remember that we have podiatry, orthopedics, general surgery and family practice," said Mitzi Knight, practice manager of Family Medical Center. "The new name will allow us to show unification between the hospital and the clinic."

"We are truly better together," said Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Emma Krabill. "Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a name that we are proud of and we are excited to extend that brand to our clinic, as well as offer our patients access to more specialties and services."

"Both organizations strive to provide high-quality and affordable patient care

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Former official says she warned White House about Flynn

By ERIC TUCKER and EILEEN SULLIVAN

Associated Press



Yates

WASHINGTON (AP) Former acting Attorney General Sally Yates says she bluntly warned the Trump White House in January that new National Security Adviser Michael Flynn "essentially could be blackmailed" by the Russians because he apparently had lied to his bosses about his contacts with Moscow's

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Running for 'Life'



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

A check for \$600 was presented by Craig Felty on behalf of Permian Basin Events to the Life Center — Big Spring last week for the annual Master the Mountain run. "Permian Basin Events is really excited to help support The Life Center and help get things started here in Big Spring," said Craig Felty. "And we appreciate the support for life," added The Life Center - Big Spring Director Tracy Watson. From left, Shannon Tissue, Crystal Garcia, Watson, and Felty.

Moonlight Rave Run set for Friday

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Picture a mountain path, surrounded by wilderness plants and mysterious darkness. In the distance are the lights of a familiar city, small as an ant colony from your vantage point. You're walking or jogging along the path, in the cool of the desert midnight. A full moon beams overhead, lighting your steps brightly. Perhaps you're wearing colorful glow necklaces or bracelets. Your neon-hued shirt glows brightly in blacklight that occasionally shines from the path's

A strange fantasy setting? No, in fact, you have three opportunities this summer to experience just such an adventure during the scheduled 5K Moonlight Rave Runs, organized by Permian Ba-

sin Events. "The view of the Big Spring State Park at especially the night, scenic overlook, is just breathtaking," said Cherise Felty, co-owner of Permian Basin Events. "It's always during the full moon, so it's really bright. Our shirts light up in the dark. We put a decoration on the front that is glow-paint, so the shirts glow in the dark. And we usually pick a

neon color so that also glows in the dark. We put several black lights along the run, so that while you're going by those black lights, the shirts light up even more. Those are just spaced out along the run."

The three events happen during the full moons in May, June, and August this summer, said Felty.

"We usually have three per summer. So the first one is coming up on May 12, and it is at 11:55 p.m.," she said. "We encourage people to register online as always, because you guarantee your shirt size and save a little money. The other two runs

will be June 9, and Aug. 4. If they want to register on the evening of the Moonlight Run, they need to be there really about 11 o'clock, because we'll have to close the gate at 11:30 to get ready for the race."

People of all athletic abilities are welcome, Felty said.

"Like all of our runs, we encourage walkers and we encourage families

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Finest Furniture Store 2309 Scurry St.

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Obituaries

Harvey C. Hocker



Harvey C. Hocker, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 6, 2017 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Jeffrey Stehle, of Three Rivers, officiating. Harvey was born Sept. 5, 1931 in

Magnolia, Ark., to Luna Adonia Parham Hocker and John Coleman Hocker. He married Jerene Dolores Stehle on Aug. 28, 1951 in Ballinger, Texas. They came to Big Spring in 1955 from Brady. Harvey began working for Cosden Refinery in 1956 as an electri-

cian. He retired in 1991. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church and served as a deacon. Harvey is survived by his wife Jerene Hocker of Big Spring; two sons, H.L. Hocker and wife, Jerri, of Big Spring and Kevin Lee Hocker and wife, Cindy, Fargo of Illinois City, IL; three brothers, Lonnie Hocker and wife, Marilyn, of Goleta, Calif., Robert Hocker and wife. Kathleen of Pottstown, Pa., and Thomas Hocker and wife, Esther, of Grandview; two sisters: Emma Lou Allen of Arlington and Ida Fay Caddel of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. In addition to his parents, Harvey was preceded in death by one son, Wynfred Hocker and two sisters, Dorothy Teague and Shirley Ann Davis. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

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Rayford Herman Gillihan Rayford Herman Gillihan, 92, of



Big Spring, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 6, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends

from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Nally-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Rayford was born June 29, 1924 in Dunn, Texas to Robert and Minnie Gillihan.

He was a World War II veteran and POW. After his military service, he entered the car business in Big Spring, During his 65 years of car business, he sold used cars and owned the Chrysler dealership in the early sixties. He was president of the Western District of the Texas Independent Auto Dealers Association. He continued to sell used vehicles until he retired in 2008. Rayford was a member of the local Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Rayford enjoyed travel, dancing and playing the slot machines. He also loved to hunt with his family and friends on the Foster Ranch in Sterling City. He had many friends and thoroughly enjoyed life and his family.

Rayford is survived by his wife, Jo Reba Gillihan of Big Spring; three sons, Waylan Gillihan and wife, Clark, Gary Gillihan and wife, Glenda, Lonnie Gillihan and wife, Christie; one daughter, Sherri Adkins and husband, David; Waylan's mother, Opal Martin; seven grandchildren, Adam Gillihan, Michael Gillihan, Chris Spencer, Brad Gillihan, Brent Harris, Lee Gillihan and Andrea Wright; eight great-granchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wanda Gillihan; and six brothers and five sisters.

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

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Support Groups members and friends of alcohol-

TUESDAY

- 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

ics 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

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.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weighin is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical • Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Center Veteran's Healing Center.

Police, Fire, & EMS reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DAMIAN WESLEY BAI-**LEY,** 26, of 2609 Wasson Road 63, was arrested on five warrants by other agencies.
- FRANCISCO OLIVAREZ **JR.,** 55, of 906 San Antonio, was arrested on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, possession of marijuana (2 ounces or less); and possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- JOSE MIGUEL RODRI-**GUEZ**, 26, of 10075 Royal Lane No. 1119, Dallas, Texas, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (two ounces or less); and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- OMAR KRUZ HERNAN-**DEZ**, 20, of 1405 S. Runnels St, was arrested on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed; two counts of expired registration, and two counts of failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- MICHAEL LEE MARBEIT-**ER**, 42, of 1212 E. 17th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- CODY JERMANE HODG-**ES**, 38, of 2401 S. Main St. was arrested on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility, and failed to control speed.
- BRYCE TAVIN GARZA, 18, of 1506 Johnson St. was arrested on charges of fail to identify-fugitive give false information, possession of drug paraphernalia, fail to appear, deadly conduct,
- aggravated robbery, and deadly conduct discharge of firearm in a habitation, building, vehicle. • CALEB JAMES LOVE-**LESS**, 23, of 707 W. 7th St. was arrested on three warrants from

other agencies.

- DOMESTIC **DISTUR-BANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VE-**HICLE** was reported in the 600
- block of W. I-20. MINOR ACCIDENT was reported n the area of FM 700 and
- Birdwell Lane. • STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of State
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg.

The Big Spring Fire/EMS reported the following activity

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600 block of Lynn. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore. No transport. • MEDICAL CALL was re-
- ported in the 37000 block of Wasson Road. One person was
- transported to Scenic Moun-Medical Center (SMMC). MEDICAL
- CALL was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL
- CALL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

- · MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4400 block of Elder. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg St. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of Ohio. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. No transport.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of E. 6th St. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, will host a reception today at 2 p.m. to honor nurses during National Nursing Week. Compass Hospice is sponsoring the event by serving cake and refreshments. The public is invited to Parkview to help celebrate this special occasion.
- Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3200 Parkway, will hold a celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 19, in observance of National Nursing Home Week. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served. Dimples the Clown, face painting, a DJ, train rides, game booths, and a bouncy water slide will be available to entertain youngsters, while adults can meet the staff, visit with Parkview residents, and see recent changes to the home. Parkview has recently undergone remodeling and renovation. For more information, contact Parkview at 432-263-4041.
- 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 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.

- 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. 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

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

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 a 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.

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to come out. Sometimes

people even bring their

dog, but the dog must be

on a leash, according to

the park manager, Ron

Alton, Felty said. "It's a

lot of fun. Some people

just do the loop around

the top, instead of go-

ing all the way down

to the bottom and back

up. Sometimes on the

Senate panel approves Trump's pick for US envoy to China RUN

By RICHARD LARDNER

Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) A Senate panel on Tuesday easily ap-

proved Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad's nomination to be the U.S. ambassador to China, a move that all but assures full Senate confirmation of President Donald Trump's pick for the key diplomatic post.

Members of the Foreign Relations Committee approved Branstad by voice vote. Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, the committee's top Democrat, described Branstad as

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was put forth into road con-

struction projects. Klinksiek

stated the time it takes to re-

fund the money heavily relies

on when TXDOT receives the

bill and the amount for which

Klinksiek went on to talk

about the possibility of start-

ing some road widening proj-

"fully qualified" for the job at a time when the Trump administration is pushing the Chinese to act more aggressively to defuse North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

During his confirmation hearing last week, Branstad pledged to confront Beijing on a range of thorny subjects, including human rights and trade.

Branstad told senators he plans to leverage his decades-long relationship with Chinese President Xi Jinping to advance U.S. and international interests.

The two met in 1985

ects in the county now that the

materials have come in that

are needed for the construc-

tion. Klinksiek said he is only

waiting to hear approval back

from TXDOT before he can

"It's my intention to kick off

road widening as early as next

In other business, Commis-

sioner Craig Bailey was also

appointed as the liaison to the

Howard County Library by the

start the projects.

week," said Klinksiek.

when Xi, at the time a provincial official, led an agricultural trade delegation to Iowa.

Branstad said North Korea's push for a weapon of mass destruction is a "threat to all of humankind."

said He recent events. which clude missile tests by Pyongyang, should prompt China to take the threat more seriously.

He also said he

expects China to become more engaged because of concerns that North Korean refugees may flood China if the crisis on the Korean Peninsula escalates further.

Branstad, 70, is in his sixth nonconsecutive term as governor. He served from 1983 to 1999 before entering the private sector. He was re-elected in 2010. With more than 22 years heading Iowa government, Branstad is the country's longest serving governor.

Reach Richard Lardner on Twitter: http:// twitter.com/rplardner

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ter. "We want the com-

munity to know that

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focused on a positive communication Duforat, manager

facility and in our provider's offices. There is no need to travel out of town when it comes to most healthcare needs." A new logo for the

hospital will also be launched, reflecting the partnership.

Moonlight Runs, they they can receive qualjust want to do their 5K ity, timely care in the around the top. That's perfectly fine with us. We did that several times last year for some people. Especially if they're walkers, they may just want to do the loop around the top, which if you do it twice, that's about the same distance." Felty said the upper loop is significantly less steeply inclined than

the main course, which approaches the park entrance before angling back upwards to the starting line near the park headquarters. To pre-register, or for

more information about Moonlight Rave Runs or other Permian Basin Events races, visit www.permianbasinevents.com.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232.

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court. Bailey has taken point

on discussions between How-

ard College and the county

on the possibility to combine

library services offered to the

The two entities signed an

agreement in January to share

a head librarian for both pro-

grams. A search is underway

by a committee consisting of

Bailey and two Howard College

Other news covered at the

officials to fill that position.

community.

patient experience. The tween the hospital and our providers enhances the continuum of care for our patients, in the hospital and after discharge," said Amanda marketing Scenic

meeting included:

- A budget workshop was held prior to the commissioners court meeting.
- A problem with a road and bridge time clock that occurred last week that was brought up by Klinksiek has since been resolved.

Contact Staff Writer Robert Barlow at (432) 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

YATES

the county is asking.

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ambassador in Washington.

The congressional testimony Monday from Yates, an Obama administration holdover fired soon after for other reasons, marked her first public comments about the concerns she raised and filled in basic details about the chain of events that led to Flynn's ouster in February. Her testimony, coupled with the revela-

tion hours earlier that President Barack Obama himself had warned Donald Trump against hiring Flynn shortly after the November election, made clear that alarms about Flynn had reached the highest levels of the U.S. government months before. Flynn had been an adviser to Trump and an outspoken supporter of his presidential candidacy in the 2016 campaign.

Yates, appearing before a Senate panel investigating Russian interference in the election, described discussions with Don McGahn, the Trump White House counsel, in which she warned that Flynn apparently had misled the administration about his communications with Sergey Kislyak, the Russian ambassador.

White House officials, including Vice President Mike Pence, had insisted that Flynn had not discussed U.S.-imposed sanctions with Kislyak during the presidential transition period. But they asked Flynn to resign after news reports indicated he had lied about the nature of the calls.

"We felt like it was critical that we get this information to the White House, in part because the vice president was unknowingly making false statements to the public and because we believed that Gen. Flynn was compromised with respect to the Russians," Yates said. "To state the obvious," she added later,

"you don't want your national security adviser compromised with the Russians."

She said she was briefing the Trump White House so that officials could take "the action that they deemed appropriate" and that she believed the Russians already had the same information.

Yates' questioning by a Senate panel investigating Russian interference in the presidential election was just one portion of a politically charged day that began with combative tweets from Trump and continued with disclosures from Obama administration officials about a private Oval Office conversation between Obama and his successor.

Republican senators in the hearing re-

peatedly pressed Yates on an unrelated matter — her refusal to defend the Trump administration's travel ban — and whether she was responsible for leaking classified information. She said she was not.

Trump shouldered into the conversation in the morning, tweeting that it was the Obama administration, not he, that had given Lt. Gen. Flynn "the highest security clearance" when he worked at the Pentagon. Trump made no mention of the fact that Flynn had been fired from his high position by the Obama administration in 2014. Yates filled in new details of the events

of Jan. 26, describing contacting McGahn in the morning and telling him she had something sensitive to discuss in person. Later that day, at the White House, she told him there was an alarming discrepancy between how Trump officials, including Pence, were characterizing Flynn's contacts with Kislyak and what intelligence officials knew to be true based on recordings they'd reviewed.

The pair spoke several times over the next two days, with McGahn asking Yates how Flynn had fared during an interview with the FBI earlier that week — she did not answer — and why it was the concern of the Justice Department if White House officials had misled each other.

Flynn's forced resignation followed media reports that he had discussed U.S.imposed sanctions on Russia with Ambassador Kislyak, which was contrary to the public representations of the Trump White House.

Yates herself, a longtime federal prosecutor, was fired by Trump on Jan. 30 after refusing to defend his travel ban. James Clapper, director of national intelligence under Obama, also testified Monday. He retired when Trump took office.

Separately Monday, former Obama officials said that Obama had raised general concerns about Flynn with Trump and had told the incoming president there were better people for the national security post. Trump's press secretary Sean

Spicer said in response that if Obama "was seriously concerned" about Flynn's connections to Russia or other foreign countries, he should have withheld Flynn's security clearance. Flynn served under Obama as defense intelligence chief before Obama dismissed him. Trump repeatedly has said he

has no ties to Russia and isn't

aware of any involvement by his aides in any Russian interference in the election. He's dismissed FBI and congressional investigations into his campaign's possible ties to the election meddling as a "hoax" driven by Democrats bitter over losing the White House. After the hearing Monday, Trump tweeted: "The Russia-Trump collusion story is a total hoax, when will this taxpayer funded charade end?" The Associated Press reported last

week that one sign taken as a warning by Obama officials about Flynn's contacts with Kislyak was a request by a member of Trump's own transition team made to national security officials in the Obama White House for the classified CIA profile of Kislyak.

The AP interviewed multiple former U.S. officials, most of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss sensitive national security information. Yates' warning about Flynn capped weeks of concern among top Obama officials, former officials told the AP. Obama himself told one of his closest advisers that the FBI, which by then had been investigating Trump associates' possible ties to Russia for about six months, seemed particularly focused on Flynn.

Yates, a longtime federal prosecutor and Obama administration holdover, had been scheduled to appear weeks ago before the House intelligence committee, but that hearing was canceled. The subcommittee that held Monday's

hearing is running one of multiple congressional -probes into the inter-Russia ference, along with House and Senate 1 intelligence | panels. All the committees are led by Republi-

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zales, Jr., 37, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel, Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Evangelina Arenivaz, 70, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Orvel "Red" Oringderff, 74, died Friday. Services are pending. Janet Meyer Rouille, 71, died Saturday. Services are pending. Terri Davis, 59, died

Sunday. Services are pending.

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Texas pizza delivery driver fatally shoots robbery suspect

MESQUITE, Texas (AP) — Police in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite say a pizza delivery driver shot and killed a 16-year-old robbery suspect during an exchange of gunfire.

The 39-year-old driver told police he was confronted by two robbery suspects after arriving to deliver a pizza Saturday night. Police later determined the house was vacant.

Mesquite police Lt. Brian Parrish says one of the suspects was armed with a handgun and fired it at the delivery driver. He says the driver then fired Both suspects were from Mesquite. The teen who

died fled the scene but was found. The other 16-yearold was arrested. Parrish says the driver didn't have a license to

carry a concealed handgun.

Police say the shooting death will be turned over to a grand jury for consideration.

Houston-area student, 18, wins race for his school board

PEARLAND, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old Houston-area high school student will now join his school district's board and become one of the youngest elected officials in the United States.

Michael Floyd won a seat Saturday on the Pearland Independent School District board, beating incumbent Rusty DeBorde by almost 500 votes.

Floyd told the Houston Chronicle in March that he ran in part because the district superintendent, John Kelly, questioned whether transgender children should be allowed to use the bathroom of their choice. Kelly said he thought "legalizing pedophilia and polygamy" might be next.

He also says the board needs to be more transparent and responsive to students and teachers.

Rooming houses like site of deadly fire stymie Houston brass HOUSTON (AP) — Rooming houses like the Hous-

ton facility where two residents died in a fire challenge lawmakers who want to improve inspections and code enforcement, without taking away living spaces for low-income residents.

The Houston Chronicle reports that officials don't know exactly how many rooming houses are in the city. But the Houston public complaints hotline has received more than 450 complaints since 2014 about "unsafe boarding houses." A state report previously counted more than 800 such facilities in Texas.

The newspaper found that in Houston, agencies don't share records effectively to identify houses most in need of inspection.

A March fire at the Briscoe's Place rooming house, with about 20 windowless bedrooms, killed two people trying to escape. One fire official called it a "maze."

Austin police say man shot dead fired at officers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Austin police say they've shot and killed a man after he fired his gun in the direction of two officers.

Police said that they spotted someone on security cameras firing a handgun in the air outside an Austin nightclub just after 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Officers located the man, who fled.

Interim Austin police chief Brian Manley said Sunday that a "preliminary investigation" showed the man fired at the pursuing officers, who then returned fire and struck him.

He was pronounced dead at an area hospital shortly afterward.

The man was not immediately identified.

Manley says both officers have been placed on administrative duty as the investigation into the shooting continues.

Texas judge reprimanded for 'tree and a rope' post

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas judge has been formally reprimanded for a social media post that said a "tree and a rope" were needed for a man accused of fatally shooting a San Antonio police de-

The Austin American-Statesman reports (https:// atxne.ws/2qN4Jrs) James Oakley was given the reprimand by the State Commission on Judicial

Oakley, Burnet County's top administrator, must complete a 30-hour training program for new judges and four hours of racial sensitivity training with a

Oakley has said his comment was intended to reflect his personal feelings that the killing "should qualify for the death penalty." He said it had nothing to do with race. The suspect in last year's shooting is black; Oakley is white. The commission said it received 18 written complaints about Oakley, including ones about the post's racial overtones.

University of Texas stabbings put campus carry law to test



In this Monday, May, 1, 2017, file photo, law enforcement officers secure the scene after a fatal stabbing attack on the University of Texas campus. The nightmare scenario of a knife wielding attacker put Texas' college campus concealed carry law to the test but provided no real conclusion. Both gun rights and gun control activists insist the attack bolstered their argument that guns do or don't belong on campus.

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – It was the nightmare scenario that had been at the heart of the debate over Texas' new law allowing concealed handguns on college campuses: a knifewielding attacker stabbing and slashing his way through a crowd of panicked students.

But no gun-toting student or professor pulled a pistol to stop the man in his tracks. No shots were fired and no gun was even drawn until police swarmed in to subdue the suspect at the University of Texas, where one student was killed and three more wounded by a 21-year- the campus carry law, selves,"

old classmate with a knife and a reported history of mental health problems.

Texas' new campus carry law was put to the ultimate test but provided no real conclusion — with both gun rights and gun control activists insisting Monday's attack bolstered their argument that guns do or don't belong at college.

"Had there been firearms added to that mix. it would have been far more disastrous," said Susan Schorn, a writing instructor at the University of Texas who has been involved in the Gun-Free UT group that had lobbied against which was approved by Texas' Republicancontrolled Legislature in 2015.

C.J. Grisham sees just the opposite. The founder of Open Carry Texas, which seeks to expand gun rights, said the campus carry law is still too restrictive. If more students were allowed to carry weapons, he argues, the stabber could have been stopped sooner, even if no one pulled a trigger.

"When you produce a handgun, it immediately stops the aggression, just showing it," Grisham said. "Gun owners I know aren't itching to shoot somebody. They want to defend them-

According to police, Texas student Kendrex J. White used a large "Bowie-style" knife in an early-afternoon attack in the heart of campus.

Police say White walked into a treecovered plaza of picnic tables outside a student activity center and fatally stabbed firstyear student Harrison Brown, then worked his way through the crowd. Another victim was stabbed in the head at a picnic table. Another was struck while standing in line at a food truck. One witness described seeing White standing and waving

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Family sues Texas officer, department in 15-year-old's death

DALLAS (AP) — The family of a black 15-year-old shot and killed by a white suburban Dallas police officer has sued the officer and his department, accusing the department of inadequately training the officer and ignoring warning signs that he was prone to erratic behavior.

Jordan Edwards' funeral was Saturday, one week after he was shot dead in a vehicle leaving a house party in Balch Springs, Texas. According to the Edwards family's lawyers, Officer Roy Oliver fired his rifle at the vehicle as it was driving away, piercing a passenger-side window and striking Edwards.

Oliver was fired last week and arrested on a murder charge.

The lawsuit, filed Friday, says police should have known Oliver had "exhibited a pattern of esca-

lating encounters with the public," including a prosecutor's complaint about his aggressive behavior detailed in

Oliver to attend a trial and used language vulgar enough that one prosecutor sent an intern out of the room. Oliver received a 16hour suspension over the complaint.

But the lawsuit also blames Balch Springs Police Chief Jonathan Haber and the department for having "failed to provide adequate training to Oliver on appropriate methods and techniques to control situations similar to the one" that occurred on the night of April 29, when police were called to investigate underage drinking at a chaotic house party with dozens of teenagers.

"There was no reason that any person in America — not just a black person — should ever have to bury their 15-year-old child who was doing everything right

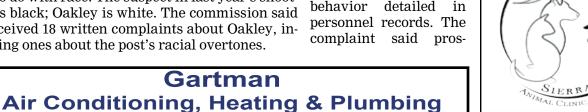
ecutors had a hard time getting in life," Jasmine Crockett, one of the family's attorneys, said Sun-

> Crockett said attorneys filed the lawsuit to preserve the legal rights of the teenager's father, Odell Edwards. The lawsuit broadly seeks damages for Edwards' wrongful death, but does not list a specific amount of money. No hearings have been sched-

> Even with the quick action to fire and arrest Oliver, as Edwards' family and people protesting the shooting had demanded, "people are still nervous and expecting to be disappointed," Crockett said.

"That's what we expect from our system time and time again," she said.

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What to watch: Texas backs convention that'll never happen

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Boom. Sure. But if Gov. Greg Abbott was really going for dramatic effect, he may want to look for a new type of political dy-

Abbott tweeted "Boom" in celebration of the Texas Legislature approving a call for a "convention of states." The idea is for lawmakers in 34 states — representing two-thirds of the nation — to bypass Congress and approve convening a gathering to amend the U.S. Constitution, including things like a federal balanced budget amendment.

Somewhat less bombastically, the governor also released a statement calling the approval "an important step toward restraining a runaway federal government." That's more like it. But a step to where, exactly?

Texas is the 11th state to approve the latest round of "convention of states" calls. This also, however, marks the 17th time that Texas has approved calls for a gathering to amend the Constitution since 1899. State lawmakers previously wanted ones for a host of reasons, including prohibiting bigamy and opposing governmentmandated busing that integrated public schools.

None of those ever happened, of course. And this one almost certainly

In fact, Congress was so quaking in its boots about the prospect of states mutinying and convening a confab to alter the Constitution that at virtually the same time Texas was approving its call, the U.S. House was passing a new health care law without waiting to see how much it will cost — potentially adding billions to already mountainous federal deficits.

Convention of states supporters say that's the point since Congress won't stop out of control spending until the states force it to. Abbott even declared endorsing a convention of states one of his just four "emergency items" for the Legislature, so getting this far is a win — even if achieving it will have no effect on anyone, now or for the next 118-plus years.

Here are other issues to watch this week in the Texas Legislature.

HOUSE BILLS DEADLINE

Thursday at midnight is the deadline for the House to pass bills that originate in the chamber. After that,

In this March 24, 2017, file photo, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott talks to reporters outside the White House in Washington. Abbott tweeted the word "Boom" in celebration of the Texas Legislature approving a call for a "convention of states." The idea is for lawmakers in 34 states, representing two-thirds of the nation, to approve convening a gathering to amend the U.S. Constitution and include things like a federal balanced budget amendment to beat back Washington's "overreach."

it can only approve Senate bills or proposals that started in and cleared the House but were later passed by the Senate with modifications.

House lawmakers will work until 12 a.m. that night because anything they doesn't pass will die, unless it can be attached to related legislation that's already advancing or live on through a similar proposal drafted in the Sen-

No bill is truly dead until the legislative session ends May 29 — but Thursday's deadline all-but dooms thousands of would-be laws.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILLS

A pair of proposals pushed unsuccessfully in previous sessions by House Democrats to prevent employment and housing discrimination statewide based on sexual orientation or gender identity unexpectedly cleared committee last week. But will they make it to a floor vote in time?

San Antonio Democratic Rep. Diego Bernal's bill on housing rules and Dallas Democratic Rep. Eric Johnson's employment regulations passed the Committee on Business and Industry on a 4-3 vote — but only after Rep. Jason Villalba, a Dallas Republican, broke with other members of his party to support them.

That happened so close to the House bill deadline, though, that neither may make it onto the House legislative calendar. And even if they do, it's hard to see either prevailing in a vote on the House floor given the GOP's 40seat majority.

'SANCTUARY CITIES' LAWSUITS? The governor late Sunday signed into law a ban on so-called "sanctuary cities" that allows police to ask about a person's immigration status during

routine interactions like traffic stops

while also threatening to jail sheriffs who refuse to work with federal au-

Abbott made curbing sanctuary cities another of his "emergency item' legislative priorities, and after the bill cleared the Legislature last week he wasted little time signing it. But he chose to forgo a formal ceremony that would have fired up his conservative base and instead did a short broadcast on Facebook with little advance

Doing so spared Abbott from facing protesters. Last week, opponents of the bill staged a raucous, hours-long sit-in at a state building near the Texas Capitol where Abbott has an office but wasn't present.

The law is sure to draw federal lawsuits challenging its constitutional ity, but Abbott said while signing it that similar bans in other states have been upheld in federal court.

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The day after the shooting, police issued a statement saving the vehicle was reversing toward officers "in an aggressive manner." Haber would correct that statement Monday after reviewing police video footage, saying the vehicle was actually driving away from the officers when Oliver fired his

Balch Springs' use of force policy

 in line with national recommendations — instructs officers to avoid shooting at moving vehicles unless their lives or others' are in imminent danger. But the lawsuit says officials had the responsibility to determine whether Oliver knew how to respond.

"Oliver's inadequate training resulted in the death of Edwards," the lawsuit said. A spokesman for police and an attorney for Oliver, Cindy Stormer, did not return messages Sunday seeking comment on the lawsuit.

his knife above his head as students fled.

White crossed the street and briefly made it into a dorm and classroom complex, where police say he was apprehended by officers who arrived within 90 seconds of the first emer-

gency call. University of Texas Police Chief David Carter said police believe White had a "mental health issue" and had been involuntarily committed a few weeks before the attack, but Carter did not elaborate. White, who has been charged with murder, told officers he didn't remember the attack, according to court documents.

Texas is the most populous state to allow people to carry guns onto university campuses. Debate raged for years before the measure was approved,

and the Austin campus was the focus of does is even the play-Continued from Page sometimes outlandish ing field," Grisham demonstrations and lawsuits. Some of the school's key academic leaders chose to leave rather than allow guns in their classrooms.

> Opponents protested by openly carrying sex toys to class. Supporters staged a mock shooting to demonstrate how an attacker with a gun could pick off multiple victims before police arrived. Three professors sued to block the law, but their case was dismissed.

> Under the law, license holders must at least 21 years old (18 if in the military) to carry a gun onto campus, eliminating most of the nearly 50,000 students.

Grisham advocates allowing people to carry a gun just about anywhere without a license.

"All unlicensed carry

said. Mia Carter, an associate English professor and one of the plaintiffs who unsuccessfully sued to block the law, argues that would have led to

more bloodshed. She pointed to social media-fed rumors of other attacks near including campus, a reported stabbing that police later deter-

mined was false. Tensions at the university remained high even after White was arrested and classes were canceled for the day.

"People were posting rumors that the attacker was Muslim, that he was targeting fraternity members," Carter said. With more guns, she said, "We could have had a terrible tragedy compounded."

Experts: Convicting ex-officer in teen's death will be tough

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities who've charged a white suburban Dallas police officer with murder in a black teenager's death face a tough task in getting a conviction as few of these cases go to trial and, when they do, juries remain reluctant to second guess an officer's decision to use deadly force, legal experts said Saturday.

Roy Oliver is free on bond after being charged Friday in the death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards. Investigators say Oliver shot into a car of teenagers leaving an unruly party on April 29, killing Edwards. Oliver was fired by the Balch Springs Police Department three days after

the shooting. Philip Stinson, a criminal justice professor at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, said data he's collected since 2005 on police shootings shows officers rarely are ing. charged in deadly shootings. It's even rarer for an officer to be convict-

ed, according to the data.

From his research, Stinson estimates that fatal shootings by U.S. police officers who are on duty occur about 1,000 times a year. But since 2005, only 81 officers have been charged with murder or manslaughter resulting from an on-duty shooting, he said. Of these 81 cases, there have been 30 convictions, 31 cases with no conviction and 20 that are still pend-

In recent years, many police shootings have been captured on video taken by officers' body cameras or witnesses' cellphones. But Stinson said such evidence still doesn't guarantee a conviction.

He points to the 2015 shooting in South Carolina of black motorist Walter Scott by officer Michael Slager. A cellphone video captured Slager shooting Scott five times in the back as the

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States brace for big decisions under GOP health care changes

By GEOFF MULVIHILL

Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Even as the Republican health care overhaul remains a work in progress, states are planning for big changes that could swell the ranks of the uninsured and hit them with higher costs.

A key tenet underlying the GOP plan is to give states more authority over how to structure their health care markets.

That approach is welcome in states that want fewer mandates from the federal government but is causing alarm in states that embraced former President Barack Obama's Affordable

This is especially true for states that expanded their Medicaid programs and could now see a huge pool of federal health care money evaporate. They will face tough decisions about balancing costs and care.

States' preparations come even as Republican members of the U.S. Senate promise significant revisions to the health care bill that narrowly passed last week in the House.

Some governors already have begun pressing their senators to soften the bill in ways that would lessen the financial blow to the states.

The current GOP plan would undo a mostly federally funded expansion of Medicaid coverage for low-income adults and allow insurance companies to charge far higher premiums on older Americans and some people with pre-existing conditions.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner of Illinois, a state that expanded coverage under Obama's law, said he will push senators to change the legislation so the impacts are not as dire for

"Recent changes did not address fundamental concerns about the bill's impact on the 650,000 individuals that are part of our Medicaid expansion population," he said, "nor have those changes eased the concerns of the 350,000 people in the individual market who are dealing with skyrocketing premiums and fewer choices."

Undoing Obama's law has been a goal for Republican lawmakers since it was adopted in 2011 and was a top campaign promise of Pres-Donald ident Trump.

As soon as Trump was elected, state officials were on notice that changes likely.

Even if it gets major revisions in the Senate, the House bill is serving as a baseline for a task force in New Jersey organized by Joseph Vitale, chairman of the state Senate's health committee. It starts meeting this month to consider how the state might respond.

they landed yesterday," Vitale said Friday, a day af-

ter the House vote. Officials in Connecticut have set up

a similar task force, and New York lawmakers say they are prepared to hold a special session later this year to deal with any fallout from the health care changes. New Jersey, along with 30 other

states and the District of Columbia, accepted a core deal from Obama's health overhaul to expand Medicaid; 550,000 people have gained coverage through it in New Jersey alone. Nationwide, the Medicaid expan-

sion provided coverage to about 11 million people who were newly eli-

No government estimates have been released showing how much it would cost the states to keep the expansion



In this Thursday, May 4, 2017 file photo, demonstrators hold signs during a health-"It's unlikely to care rally in Salt Lake City. Utah's all-Republican House delegation voted Thursday get worse from in favor of a health care overhaul that could impact people with pre-existing condihere from where tions, triggering serious worries from people who fit that category.

and pay for it on their own.

In March, a Congressional Budget Office estimate for an earlier version of the bill said it eventually would lead to 24 million Americans losing their health coverage.

The same report found that federal Medicaid subsidies to states, which run the programs, would be \$880 billion less over 10 years because of the end of the expansion and other changes that would affect allocations even to states that chose not to expand.

In a report this week, Fitch Ratings said states would have to make "material, but not impossible" budget changes to absorb the blow. But it also said implementing those changes by 2020 gives states little time to figure out what to do.

New York officials estimate the GOP bill would lead to 2.7 million residents losing coverage and the state losing up to \$6.9 billion in federal Medicaid money. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said such cuts would reduce support for hospitals, nursing homes and 7 million New Yorkers who rely on the program.

"They're trying to gut Medicaid," he said Friday. "They're trying to put our hospitals out of business.'

It's not just Democratic governors sounding the alarm.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a former Republican candidate for president, has been consistently critical of his own party's attempts to make deep cuts in the Medicaid program.

He supported Medicaid expansion in his state and called the House bill "woefully short on the necessary resources to maintain health care for our nation's most vulnerable citizens."

Underscoring those concerns, Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, a Republican, said he does not support the House bill in its current form, in part because it does not protect Ohioans who benefited from the Medicaid expansion.

A recent Ohio State University

study found that almost everyone covered through Ohio's Medicaid expansion would have no other viable insurance option if the Affordable Care Act is repealed. That's roughly 712,000 people.

State Medicaid data also show that Ohio schools would lose about \$8 million a year in Medicaid funding for special education services under the House bill.

Katherine Hempstead, who analyzes health policy at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, said she does not expect any states to be able to afford keeping the Medicaid expansion in place.

But she said some could choose to use federal money for subsidies, in addition to what would be offered anyway, for people who buy insurance on the individual market. In many states, premiums have been ris-

ing and insurance choices dwindling. "States might face a choice of what population they want to reinforce," she said.

Under the House bill, states would be allowed to reduce coverage requirements for people who buy individual insurance plans while allowing insurers to charge higher premiums to older people and those with pre-existing conditions if they

had a lapse in coverage. States taking that step would have to establish government-operated insurance programs for expensive patients called high-risk pools.

Hempstead said she expects that states with more consumer protections won't go that route.

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton, a Democrat, is resolute on that issue: "I would not entertain that notion," he

In some of the states that are likely to relax standards and set up the highrisk pools, the choices that lie ahead are being welcomed. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, said he would consider allowing the higher

charges for pre-existing conditions.

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unarmed 50-year-old man ran away during a traffic stop. In December a mistrial was declared in Slager's murder trial after a jury couldn't reach a verdict. Slager pleaded guilty on Tuesday to a federal charge of violating Scott's civil rights.

"I'm not willing to say it's jury nullification where the jury is just not going to convict in any scenario," Stinson said. "But we are getting close to that, to the extent that even in what seem to be the strongest cases for a prosecutor, such as the Slager case, a jury is just very reluctant to convict the officer."

Attorneys for Oliver didn't immediately return calls or emails seeking comment on Saturday.

Oliver's mother, Linda, has told KXAS-TV her son is "a man of strong character."

Edwards' family issued a statement late Friday saying Oliver's arrest on the murder charge "brings hope that the justice system will bend against the overwhelming weight of our frus-

A private funeral service for Ed-

wards was held on Saturday.

Balch Springs police had originally said the vehicle Edwards was a passenger in was reversing "in an aggressive manner" toward officers, who had responded to a complaint about underage drinking. But Police Chief Jonathan Haber

later said video taken at the scene proved the vehicle was actually driving away. Oliver opened fire on the teenagers' car with a rifle. The bullets shattered the front passenger-side window and fatally struck Edwards.

The warrant issued on Friday for Oliver's arrest was based on evidence that suggested Oliver "intended to cause serious bodily injury and commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death," said the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, which is investigating the shooting along with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.

Records show that Oliver was briefly suspended in 2013 following a complaint about his conduct while serving as a witness in a drunken-driving

Philip Hilder, a Houston criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, said the issue of race will be "in the back of everybody's mind going forward in this case" but whether it's brought up at trial will be up to

"The fact (authorities) moved as rapidly as they have indicates confidence in their case and that they believe they will be able to prevail on the murder charge because in a situation like this, it's very unusual to have a charging decision so soon after the shooting," Hilder said.



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Hawks split with NMJC, will enter regional tournament as No. 4 seed

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team hosted the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds over the weekend for the last four-game conference series of the regular season where both teams split; NMJC with two wins on Friday (4-3, 10-4), and Howard College with two wins on Saturday (7-4, 9-8). The split with NMJC put the Hawks as the number 4 seed going into the upcoming regional tourna-

Friday, May 5 Game One: Howard College 3 - NMJC 4

The Hawks got things started with an RBI double and a score on a wild pitch both by Reese O'Farrell in the top of the second inning to take an early 2-0 lead.

New Mexico decreased their deficit by one with a score by Gavin Johnson on a ground out play.

Following a scoreless third inning, both teams plated one run each with a solo home run by Nick Colacecchi in the top of the fourth for Howard College, and an RBI single by Johnson in the bottom of the fifth for the Thunderbirds.

Sitting at a 3-2 lead, New Mexico added another two runs to the board with a 2RBI single by Chase Whetsel in the sixth. Howard College couldn't string anything together in the seventh inning to stay alive, and New Mexico came away with the 4-3 win in game one.



Photo by Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com) Howard College's Caleb Kyle hits a home run during the second game of a doubleheader played with Odessa College on Friday, April 21, 2017.

game on the mound for the Hawks. He threw for four and two-thirds innings, allowed two runs on six hits, walked lege 4 - New Mexico 10 five, and sat five. Tristan Tom took over late in the fourth inout three.

Hawks

Brandon Young started the one hit each for the team. O'Farrell and Colacecchi each had one RBI.

Game Two: Howard Col-

Both teams kicked off game two with one run each, a ning, allowed two runs on two Hawk score by Robert Bullhits, walked one and struck ard Jr. on a sacrifice fly in the first inning, and a solo home contributed run out to center field by

Thunderbird Colton Buckner in the second inning.

Following a scoreless third and fourth, the Thunderbirds had a big five-run inning thanks to a score by Eddy Vasquez on a walk by Hawk pitcher Luke Haynes with the bases loaded, a 2RBI single by Ryan Rijo, a score by Jesse Becton on an error, and a

HBP with the bases loaded.

Howard College answered with three runs of their own on scores from a walk and a HPB with the bases loaded in the sixth, and an RBI double by Grant Golson in the sev-

With a 6-4 lead, New Mexico iced the game with four runs

Curry's 30 lead Warriors to sweep after 121-95 win over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Splash Brothers provided the fast start, and the Golden State Warriors made portant thing it a quick finish to the second was we imposed round.

They're four wins from another NBA Finals appearance, and so far nobody can slow them down.

Stephen Curry scored 30 points and the Warriors completed a second-round sweep of the Utah Jazz with a 121-95

victory Monday night. "We have a lot of talent," Curry said. "We never know who is going to have a hot night.

"We try to move the ball, use each other to create open shots and when we do that, the ball is hopping and a lot of good things happen."

The defending Western Conference champions have won both their series in four games and now await the winner of the Rockets-Spurs series that is tied at 2-2.

The Warriors kept pace with defending champion Cleveland in what has appeared like an inevitable third straight NBA Finals matchup. Both teams are 8-0

"Steph was Steph and we fed off him," Warriors interim head coach Mike Brown said.

Brown said before the game he hoped his team would get out to a fast start and the Warriors did exactly that. Golden State led 39-17 at the end of the first quarter after an onslaught from Klay Thompson and Curry. They combined to shoot 6 for 8 in the opening period.

Thompson finished with 21, Kevin Durant scored 18 and Draymond Green posted his third career postseason triple-double with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

Gordon Hayward led the Jazz with 25 points and chipped in 18.

"The most imour will on the game and we had the game at our pace," Green said.

Curry entered the game averaging 26.7 points in the playoffs, but Thompson had struggled against the Jazz. That ended Monday.

Thompson rebounded from a six-point effort in Game 3 with back-to-back jumpers out the gate. Curry drained consecutive 3s and the rout was on.

The Jazz started 3 for 16 from the field as Golden State hit from all areas and finished shooting 57.1 percent in the first quarter.

Curry picked up right where he left off after

an 11-point fourth quarter in Game 3 with a 14-point first quarter. He, Thompson and Green combined for 29 points in that first 12 minutes.

The Jazz tried to put off their vacation. They used a 14-0 run early in the second quarter, sparked by the suddenly active Dante Exum and Derrick Favors, to cut the lead to 10 points. Utah closed the half with a 12-2 run to trail 60-52 at halftime, but every time the Jazz made a



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives as Utah Jazz guard Shelvin Mack (8) defends in the first half during Game 4 of the NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Monday, May 8, 2017, in Salt Lake City.

significant run the rest of the way, the Warriors answered and pushed the lead back to double digits.

The Jazz never led Monday and in three of the four games against the Warriors.

Utah ended a four-year playoff drought. Hayward developed into an All-Star and Rudy Gobert became a Defensive Player of the Year candidate. The addition of veterans George Hill, Joe Johnson and Boris Diaw to the young corps of Hayward, Gobert, Favors,

Hood and Joe Ingles turned into the team's first secondround appearance since 2010.

"It's been a unique arc for us," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "The adversity that kind of continued to rear its head and the way these guys dealt with it. It was apropos tonight.

"What happened, happened.

We got blitzed." Eight consecutive wins to start a postseason is a franchise record. ... If Golden

State wins the next round, it

will be the first time in franchise history it has gone to three consecutive NBA Fi-

Warriors coach Steve Kerr remains out after having a spinal cord leak procedure at Duke University on Friday. There is no timetable for his return. Kerr had back surgery about two years ago and has been dealing with complications. Brown took over as acting coach for Game 3 of the first-round series against the Portland Trail Blazers.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're rested and cared for, your enthusiasm is naturally strong. If you're feeling less than enthusiastic, don't mistake this for intuition or a judgment about the circumstances. It could very well just mean that you need

TAURUS (April

20-May 20). You're in danger of making things more complicated than they have to be. Take a step back. Breathe deep. Yes, there are many moving parts here, but most happen as a chain reaction to your moving only one or two of them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't assume that as long as your time is available you should keep filling it up. Every commitment affects every other commitment. Leave a wide stretch of open space in that schedule and you'll be glad you did.

CANCER (June **22-July 22)**. Lately you couldn't care less about what people think of you -- which is precisely why you are so well-liked. If you dare to extend an invitation, you'll be most pleased with the response you receive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know what you want to accomplish, and momentum will be on your side all day long. Also, there are many who want to (and have the means to) help you with your quest.

VIRGO (Aug.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

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23-Sept. 22). You've been worried that you're not quite qualified to take on a certain job, but the thing is that no one is until the job is theirs. This type of work can only be learned by doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you find that your ability has been underestimated, there's a fantastic opportunity in this. You are now in the perfect position to impress and impact with a performance they weren't expecting.

SCORPIO (Oct. **24-Nov. 21)**. Every flight plan includes a destination point and an estimated time of arrival. Similarly, your current plan will require a few time and space specifics before you'll be allowed to take off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your social flair is going strong today, and a wide range of people will be drawn to you, though most notably your fellow fire signs, Aries and Leo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People who don't want to do boring work will try and rope you into doing it. How frus-

parents even ap-

proved of him. We talk

every once in a while,

and he seems happy

where he is, but I am

still wondering wheth-

er there will ever be a

chance of our getting

back together. -- Still

ended abruptly and

you're wondering what

bizarrely, and now

might have been.

That's totally under-

Dear Still: Things

Hung Up

trating! But actually, you might find that it's not half as boring as you thought. In fact, there's something juicy in this for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let no man speak on behalf of your satisfaction and comfort level. The only person who knows if you're really comfortable is you. In fact, you cannot be comfortable unless and until you decide that you are! PISCES (Feb.

19-March 20). At best, it will be useless to talk about anything outside your realm of direct experience and knowledge. At worst, such talk will be harmful. Gossip is dangerous to both the gossiper and the subject of gossip.

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (May 9). In the next 10 weeks, a growth process exhilarates production in a couple key areas of your life. Also, your attitude shifts. What used to feel like an obligation will feel like an opportunity. You'll earn big in July and in October. You'll educate and celebrate others in August. There's a move featured in

September. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 3, 13 and 19.

ASTROLOGI-CAL QUESTIONS: "What activity might my 4-year-old Virgo and 7-year-old Taurus enjoy doing together? I'm a stay-at-home mom who is running short on ideas and patience lately. My kids fight when they are bored. I have to constantly keep them busy if I don't want to

listen to the bickering!"

One activity that

earth-sign children (Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn) especially enjoy is making fairy houses. Go on a walk and gather up twigs, rocks, leaves, pinecones and other interesting bits of nature. Find a location that seems hospitable to a fairy and use the materials you collected to build a dwelling. It can be open and airy, like a little nest, or covered. It can be as elaborate as the children want to make it. This activity engages the imagination and attunes the senses to the wonders of nature that might normally go unnoticed. You

don't have to live near a garden or forest, either -- city fairies need houses, too! As for your children getting along, they will do much better together when they are in their teenage years. In fact, they will likely be so close that they will conspire to keep one another's secrets from you -- something to watch out for!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Piano

man Billy Joel is a multi-Grammy winner and one of the best-selling artists of all time, with hits in three decades of music. Joel is a fine example of the identifiable style and strong vocals associated with Taurus, which rules the throat. The superstar was born when the sun, Venus and Mars were all in Taurus, a Venus-ruled energy that thrives in connection with art,

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music and beauty.

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Dear Annie: I need your help with something. I am still in high school and have hit a bump in the road with a relationship issue. I was dating this

guy, "Andrew," for 10 months, and I really thought we had something going. Then I met this guy "Will," but we were just friends. One of my really good friends, "Natasha," would always talk to Andrew at the time, and it bothered me. I asked both of them

whether anything was

that Will liked me, but I didn't like him back. So Natasha and Will made up a plan to break Andrew and me up. They told lies about me, and Andrew believed them and broke up with me.

Now my used-tobe-friend Natasha and Andrew are dating, and though I am happy in the relationship that I am in now, I still feel hung up on him, and I am not quite sure how to get over



By Steve Becker

Consider this deal where South is

in four spades and West leads the

diamond queen. If declarer plays strictly from force of habit, he goes down one. He wins the diamond and

takes a trump finesse. East wins,

cashes two diamonds and returns a

heart. Declarer finesses successfully but winds up a trick short when he

later attempts a club finesse that

The correct line of play is not really difficult. South sees 25 high-

card points between his own hand

and dummy, and also notes West's queen-of-diamonds lead. It certainly

seems reasonable to assume that East for his opening bid, holds the four missing kings, and declarer should

adapt his line of play accordingly.

South should win the diamond

lead with the ace and play a spade to the ace, deliberately rejecting the finesse. He then leads a heart to the

jack and a club to the acc (again

rejecting the finesse), followed by a

With everything going along smooth as silk, declarer next cashes

the ace of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy, and his work is

done. He loses only a spade, a dia-

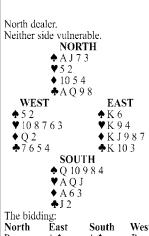
mond and a club, and he has the sat-

isfaction of knowing that he played the hand as though all 52 cards were face up on the table.

Tomorrow: Heigh-ho, Sylvia.

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The science of deduction



West South Pass Pass Opening lead queen of diamonds. It's usually easy for declarer to

play a hand perfectly if he can see the opponents' cards. But at the table, the dummy's. Nevertheless, he is expected to achieve the best result possible on nearly every hand he

The reason for this is that there are almost always clues to point declarer in the right direction. The clues might come from the bidding,

the play or a combination of both.

Later, I found out

him. He was a big

standable. But Andrew began disrespecting your relationship the minute he took Will and Natasha's word over yours, and he really fouled things up once he started dating Natasha. Just as any real friend wouldn't date your ex-boyfriend (without permission), any guy worthy of your love wouldn't immedi-

ately start dating your

friend, no matter the circumstances.

Dating other people can be helpful after a breakup, as it's good to see for yourself that there are plenty more fish in the sea. But real closure can only come from within. If you're not smitten with your current boyfriend. don't hesitate to end things. You'll find someone who makes you forget all about Andrew eventually. In the meantime, focus on your own hobbies and goals, and spend quality time with true friends (i.e., not Natasha).

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Distracted by His Distraction," who is happy with her boyfriend aside from his staring at attractive women in public. Many years ago, I was engaged

to a very macho man who frequently flirted with other women in front of me. He was also insanely jealous of other men and constantly accusatory of me.

We would be walking down the street, and I would see him exchange eye contact and a sexy little smile with any attractive woman who walked past. If I said anything, he would tell me that I was jealous. He never took responsibility for his demeaning actions.

Then one day, we were in the supermarket, and I turned around to see him flirting with a woman in line at the front of the store. I told him that he was disrespectful of me and that if I ever saw him flirting again, I would yell, for all to hear, "He is unem-

ployed and impotent, but if you want him, you can have him!" He knew I was serious. Of course, I soon broke up with him and eventually married someone else, but at that moment, it was a sweet victory. I made my point and took back my power. -- Threats Can Work With Jerks

Dear Threats: Threatening jerks is not so effective as leaving them, so kudos to you for getting out of there.

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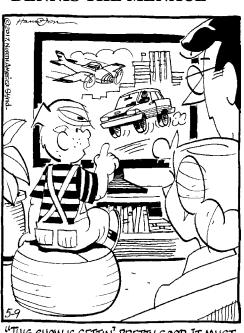
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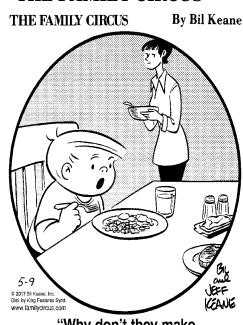
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 9, the 129th day of 2017. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 9, 1754, a political cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette depicted a snake cut into eight pieces, each section representing a part of the American colonies; the caption read, "JOIN, or

On this date:

In 1814, the Jane Austen novel "Mansfield Park" was first published in London.

In 1864, Union Maj. Gen.

John Sedgwick was killed by a Confederate sniper during the Civil War Battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia. In 1914, President Woodrow

Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett supposedly became the first men to fly over the North Pole. (However, U.S. scholars announced in 1996 that their examination of Byrd's flight diary suggested he had turned back 150 miles short of his

Italy annexed Ethiopia. In 1945, with World War II in

Europe at an end, Soviet forces liberated Czechoslovakia from Nazi occupation. U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew being lifted immediately. In 1951, the U.S. conducted

its first thermonuclear experiment as part of Operation Greenhouse by detonating a 225-kiloton device on Enewetak Atoll in the Pacific nicknamed "George." In 1961, in a speech to the

National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened public hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Richard Nixon. (The committee ended up adopting three articles of impeachment against the president, who resigned before the full House took up any of them.)

In 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.

In 1987, 183 people were killed when a New York-bound Polish jetliner crashed while attempting an emergency return to Warsaw.

In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

Ten years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney pressed Iraq's leaders to do more to reduce violence and achieve political reconciliation during a trip to Baghdad that was punctuated by an explosion that shook windows at the U.S. Embassy where Cheney was visiting. Pope Benedict XVI began his first papal trip to Latin America as he arrived in Brazil.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama declared his unequivocal support for samesex marriage in a historic announcement that came three days after Vice President Joe Biden spoke in favor of such unions on NBC's "Meet the

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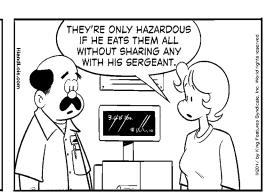


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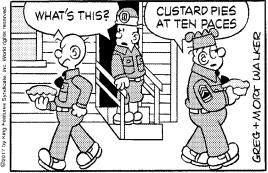
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ing the second game of a doubleheader played with Odessa College on complete a double play during the second game of a double-Friday, April 21, 2017.

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in the bottom of the eighth when Whetsel stepped up to the plate and knocked out a grand slam to left field, driving Levi Dixon, Vasquez, and Riley Peterson across the plate.

The Hawks had no answer in the top of the ninth, and the Thunderbirds took game two with a final score of

Howard College pitched a four man committee of Denny Bently, Luke Haynes, Parker Towns, and Ryan Williams. Bentley pitched four and one thirds innings, surrendered four runs on five hits, walked two and struck out eight. Haynes pitched for one-third of an inning, allowed two runs on one hit, walked two and struck one out. Towns pitched two innings, surrendered zero runs on zero hits, walked none, and struck out five. Williams pitched one and one thirds innings, gave up four runs on two hits, and walked three.

"Friday just wasn't our day. We really just played bad all the way around," said head baseball coach Rob Martinez. "It really started in game one. We were out of control the entire game, and made a couple of costly mistakes that let them take the

Saturday, May 6 Game Three: Howard College 7 -New Mexico 4

Both the Hawks and Thunderbirds started game three with strong defense as they held each other from scoring for the first two innings. The Hawks put the first two runs on the board with a solo home run by

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Colacecchi in the third, followed with an RBI double by Jordan Stephens in

New Mexico stole the lead with four runs in the top of the fourth, all thanks to a 2RBI double by Rijo and a 2RBI single by Jose Rodrigo Avina.

Down 4-2, the Hawks responded in the bottom of the fourth with five runs of their own to reclaim the lead and backed it up with some exceptional defense as they kept the Thunderbirds from crossing the mound to ensure their 7-4 victory. Howard College's late scores came from an RBI single by O'Farrell in the sixth, an RBI single by Andrew Beck, and a 2RBI home run by Mason Peterson in the seventh.

Andrew McInvale started the game on the mound for the Hawks. He pitched five and one thirds innings, allowed three runs on two hits, walked two, and sat seven.

The Hawks collected a total of eight runs for the game. Beck led at the plate with three hits in four at bats. Peterson led offensively with three runs batted in.

Game Four: Howard College 9 -New Mexico 3

The Thunderbirds kicked things off in game four with a score by Jake Dickerson on a sacrifice fly to grab an early one-run lead in the top of the second inning.

The Hawks snatched the lead with two back-to-back RBI doubles from

Caleb Kyle and Trey Ochoa in the bottom of the third, putting them up 2-1. With an RBI single byJohn-

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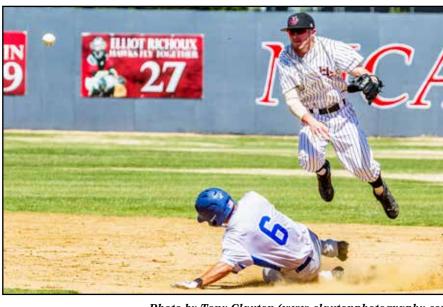


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Howard College first baseman Mason Peterson tags a runner out dur- Howard College shortstop Trey Ochoa throws to first to header played with Odessa College on Friday, April 21,

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left field by Larry Leitha, New Mexico reclaimed the lead in the fourth inning with a score of 3-2.

Howard College continued the backand-fourth pattern as they plated four runs in response, all thanks to a score by Stephens on Kyle's sacrifice bunt, an RBI single by Ochoa, and an RBI home run by Hawk slugger, Doug

Both teams managed to drive one run across the plate, a score on a bases-loaded walk for New Mexico and and an RBI triple by Ochoa for Howard before the Thunderbirds pulled out a big four-run inning in the ninth to take a late 8-7 lead.

Their big inning was driven by a HBP with the bases loaded, a score on an error and a 2RBI single by Vasquez.

The Hawks remained in control in the bottom of the ninth. Following his game-tying RBI double, Peterson managed to score the game-winning run on an error by New

Mexico right fielder, Dickerson, brought Howard College the 9-8 victory in game four.

Brock Figueroa started the game on the mound for the Hawks. He pitched five and two thirds innings, allowed four runs on seven hits, walked three, and sat

five. Chris Fearon earned the win for Howard College. He went one inning, surrendering four runs, one hit, striking out two, and walking one.

The Hawks collected a total of sixteen hits for the game. Ochoa, Beck, Peterson, Facendo, and Austin Baker each contributed multiple hits. Ochoa led the way to victory with three runs batted in.

"We really turned it around on Saturday and played great in both games. Although we were able to hit a lot of balls, they didn't always fall for us where we wanted them to," said Martinez. "Fortunately for us, we stayed locked in we found a way to get it done. The guvs really responded well to the challenge after Friday's losses and showed up ready to go."

Coming up, the Hawks will make their way to the regional tournament which will take place at Texas Tech University with their first game to begin on Friday, May 15 at 8:00 p.m. vs. McLennan.



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News in brief

Teen earns college degree before high school diploma

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania girl has earned an associate's degree at a community college even before she has received her high school diploma.

WPMT-TV reports 17-year-old Sadira Stallings will receive her degree in business administration from Harrisburg Area Community College on

Stallings completed 63 credit hours through the schools dual-enrollment program and is the first high school student from the community college's Gettysburg campus to earn her degree before finishing high school. Stallings took the courses online, which gave her

the time to work two jobs and also participate in high school activities.

She'll receive her diploma from South Western High School in June.

She plans to pursue an associate's degree in nursing at the community college this fall so she can become a registered nurse.

Judge to hear arguments on bid to erase Hernandez conviction

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — A judge is set to hear

arguments in a push by lawyers for late NFL star Aaron Hernandez to erase his conviction in a 2013 The former New England Patriots tight end

hanged himself in his prison cell on April 19 while serving a life sentence in the killing of semi-professional football player Odin Lloyd. His suicide came just five days after he was acquitted in a separate double slaying in 2012. Hernandez's appellate attorneys have made their

request under a long-standing legal principle in Massachusetts holding that when defendants die before their direct appeal is decided, their convictions should be vacated. Prosecutors, however, have argued that dismiss-

ing his murder conviction would reward his "conscious, deliberate and voluntary" act of taking his own life.

The judge who presided at Hernandez's trial in Lloyd's killing has scheduled a hearing Tuesday.

In a court filing last week, Bristol District Attorney Thomas Quinn III argued that a defendant's death while an appeal is pending does not always require what is known as "abatement," including when "a defendant's death is a result of his own conscious, deliberate and voluntary act."

Hernandez's appellate lawyers say his conviction in the Lloyd case is not considered final because the automatic appeal he was entitled to had not been heard at the time of his death.

Hernandez's lawyers also said the some of the



In this March 15, 2017, file photo, Defendant Aaron Hernandez listens during his double murder trial in Suffolk Superior Court, in Boston. A judge is set to hear arguments in a push by lawyers for former NFL star Aaron Hernandez to erase his conviction in a 2013 murder. The former New England Patriots tight end hanged himself in his prison cell April 19 while serving a life sentence in the killing of semi-professional football player Odin Lloyd.

documents submitted by the state, including the death certificate and a suicide note to his fiancee, are irrelevant and asked that they be stricken.

Hernandez, who grew up in Bristol, Connecticut, and played football at the University of Florida. was considered an up-and-coming star during his three seasons with the Patriots (2010-2012). He was cut from the team hours after his arrest in the killing of Lloyd.

Suspect in doctors' slayings once worked at their posh condo

BOSTON (AP) — Police say the man suspected of killing two engaged Boston doctors in their luxury penthouse condominium once held a security job

The Boston Globe says a Boston Police Department report indicates that Bampumim Teixeira worked at the complex sometime before 2016. There was no evidence that he was employed there

The 30-year-old Teixeira is charged with two counts of murder in the Friday deaths of Dr. Lina Bolanos and Dr. Richard Field.

His attorney entered no-guilty pleas on his behalf during his arraignment Monday at the hospital where he is recovering from gunshot wounds suffered during a standoff with police.

Responding officers found the victims bound and dead. A black bag of jewelry was also found inside their unit.

Kidnapping survivor Michelle Knight writing second book

NEW YORK (AP) — Michelle Knight, one of three survivors from being kidnapped and held for years in a Cleveland house, is writing a follow-up to her best-selling memoir about her ordeal.

Weinstein Books told The Associated Press on Tuesday that it will publish Knight's "Life After Darkness: My Journey to Happiness." The book is scheduled for May 2018, the fifth anniversary of her rescue, and will be a story of "life filled with hope after suffering deep tragedy." Knight was kidnapped in 2002 by Ariel Castro and kept in brutal captivity for more than a decade. Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus were later abducted by Castro and kept in the same house.

Knight's best-selling "Finding Me" came out in 2014. Berry and DeJesus collaborated on a separate memoir, "Hope," published in 2015.



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