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Honoring our fallen heros

Scouts, Young Marines to honor military heroes for Memorial Day

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices" – President Harry S. Truman, 1945.

Monday, our country remembers our military servicemen and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. It's Memorial Day, and a couple of Big Spring youth organiza-

tions are pitching in to help make it a solemn occasion. The Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America and the Crossroads Young Marines have some busy days planned to assist in honoring veterans, both living and dead.

Both groups will be working Saturday to place flags on the graves of deceased veterans; the Boy Scouts will be at Trinity Memorial Park, while the Young Marines will cover Mount Olive Cemetery.



Richardson

"On Saturday, the Scouts are going to meet out at Trinity Memorial Park around 9 o'clock and place flags on all the gravesites of all veterans and first responders," said Mark Richardson, chairman of the BSA's Lone Star District. "I don't know how many years we've been doing it but it goes a long way back. It's just a great opportunity to go out and honor the memory of our fallen soldiers and those who protected all of our freedoms and those who fought for the rights that we are fortunate enough to share."

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Memorial Day Schedule:

Saturday:

- 9 a.m.: Crossroads Young Marines will place flags on graves of veterans at Mount Olive Cemetery.
- 9:30 a.m.: Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts will place flags on graves of veterans and first responders at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Hats off to the CHS Class of 2017



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Members of CHS Class of 2017 wait patiently in seats before commencement ceremonies began Thursday night in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Fifty-six young students received their high school diplomas from CHS.

Militants attack Christians in Egypt, killing at least 26

CAIRO (AP) — Masked militants riding in three SUVs opened fire Friday on a bus packed with Coptic Christians, including many children, south of the Egyptian capital, killing at least 26 and wounding 25, the Interior Ministry said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the fourth to target Christians since December, but it bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State group.

Islamic militants have for years been waging an insurgency mostly centered in the restive northern part of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, although a growing number of attacks have recently also taken place on the mainland.

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City, county to close for Memorial Day

Herald Staff Report

The City of Big Spring will have all offices closed on Monday, May 29, 2017, for Memorial Day. This includes the landfill and sanitation departments, so trash pickup will not run on Monday.

Emergency services (police, fire, EMS) will continue to run normal operations during the holiday.

All county offices will be closed as well with the exception of the Howard County Sheriff's office.

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Local school districts announce val, sal for class of 2017

Sosa and Dimidjan named for Big Spring High School

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Alexess Sosa and Ryan Dimidjian are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the

Big Spring High School 2017 graduating class

Sosa is the daughter of Robin and Julio Sosa. During her four years at Big Spring High School, Sosa was very active in extra-curricular activities. She served as the president of the National Honor Society, and she was a lieutenant in the band's



Sosa



Dimidjan

color guard her sophomore year. She served as the captain of the

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Freeman and Lain named for Forsan High School

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

FORSAN

The Forsan High School 2017 graduating class valedictorian is Sterling Freeman and the salutatorian is MaKenzi Lain.

Freeman is the daughter of Karen and Kevin Freeman. During her high school career, she served as the student council president,



Freeman



Lain

doubles tennis, and a two-time regional qualifier in spelling for UIL academic contest.

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Obituaries

Charles Leon Hines



Charles Leon Hines, 82, died May 1, 2017. He was born July 24, 1934 in Atlanta, Texas, the son of Marie and Volney Hines. He grew up in Jefferson, Texas, and lived in Big Spring for the last 45 years.

He is survived by his wife, Carlene Easley Hines; three step daughters, Stephanie Carpenter and Candace Grey of Longview, and Kimberly Brabbits of Kansas City, Kan.; sister, Jenny Hines Cannon and husband Melvin; a niece, Sharon Cannon Durmon; and a nephew Brad Cannon all

of Atlanta, Texas. He is also survived by a daughter, Lauri Hines Timmerman of Wisconsin; and a granddaughter, Sarah Hines Sodeman of California.

He is preceded in death by a son Mark Hines. Charles was cremated and his ashes interred at the Texas State Veteran's Cemetery in Abilene, Texas.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at the Big Spring Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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

Paid obituary

Pearl Read Barr



Pearl Read Barr, 88, of Brownfield, died Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas.

Visitation will be held at Brownfield Funeral Home in Brownfield, on Friday, May 26, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Graveside services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017, at Terry County Memorial Cemetery. Celebration of life services

will be held at First Baptist Church, Brownfield, Texas at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2017, with the Rev. Dr. Matt Baird officiating. Music will be under the direction of Terry Ewing, First Baptist Church, Brownfield, Texas.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block of Scurry St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N 4th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of E 14th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at S Hwy 87 and N McDonald.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANTHONY MICHAEL MUÑOZ**, 18, of 1310 Ridgeroad Dr, was arrested on a warrant for driving with no drivers license and failure to appear.

- **MIRANDA SARAH JOHNSON**, 19, of 613 Linda Ln., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **JASON WAYNE ENGLISH**, 39, of 2200 S. Main St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR.**, 28, of 2503 Joshua Dr. A, was arrested on charges for assault that causes bodily injury of family member.

- **RENE NONE ACEVEDO**, 46, of Ackerly, was arrested on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of E 3rd St.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on Martin Luther King and Bell St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of NW 12th St.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of E I-20.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 84 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RENE ACEVEDO**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for assault that causes bodily injury.

- **JASON WAYNE ENGLISH**, 39, was booked by BSPD on a

warrant for parole violation.

- **MIRANDA SARAH JOHNSON**, 19, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for theft of property \$750 to \$2500.

- **ANTHONY MICHAEL MUÑOZ**, 18, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no drivers license and failure to appear.

- **DAKOTA MACK MURPHREE**, 22, was booked by

HCSO on warrants for criminal mischief \$100 to \$750 and theft of property \$100 to \$750.

- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR.**, 28, was booked by BSPD on charges of assault that charges bodily injury of family member.

- **PAUL VIERA JR.**, 30, was booked by HCSO on warrants for two counts of criminal trespassing.

Take Note

- Dr. David Ward's pet food drive has been extended until Wednesday, May 31. Dr. Ward is looking to accept toys, dog food, shampoo, sheets, monetary donations, and anything else to help. Bring all donations to Dr. Ward's office located at 1500 Scurry Street. All proceeds are to benefit the Big Spring Humane Society. When donating, make sure to enter for a chance to win a \$50 Walmart gift card. The drawing will be held May 31.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 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 a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

- 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.

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Trump, G7 peers seek deals on terrorism, trade, climate

TAORMINA, Sicily (AP) — The differences are well-known: climate change, trade and migration threaten to throw a summit of the Group of Seven wealthy democracies off its consensus game, with U.S. President Donald Trump cast as the spoiler-in-chief. But it may not play out exactly

that way, according to long-time G7 observers.

"It is a forum made for Donald Trump's particular style. It is highly informal, highly interactive and they speak in very colloquial language to each other," said John Kirton, director of the G7 Research Group at the University of Toronto. "It is the ultimate lonely hearts club. No one understands how tough it is to have the top job except the peers with the top

job in other countries."

While Trump has met all of the leaders one on one, this will be the first time all seven are around the same table — forging a new dynamic after a year of global political turmoil amid rising nationalism.

Sri Lankan sex ring in Haiti reveals cracks in UN system

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The general sat on a plastic lawn chair in the garden of his mother's home, the scent of tropical blooms filling the air as he talked about the alleged rape and sodomy of a Haitian teenager by a Sri Lankan peacekeeper.

There was no rape, insisted Maj. Gen. Jagath Dias, who was dispatched to Haiti to investigate the 2013 case. He may not have been the best choice for that job — Dias had been accused of atrocities in his own country's vicious civil war.

Dias didn't talk to the accuser, he told The Associated Press, nor did he interview medical staff who examined her. But he did clear his soldier, who remained in the Sri Lankan military.

It wasn't the first time that Sri Lankan soldiers were accused of sexual abuse: In 2007, a group of Haitian children identified 134 Sri Lankan peacekeepers in a child sex ring that went on for three years, the AP reported in April.

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Richardson said the flag-placing project fits well with the objectives of Scouting.

"One of the key components of the Scouting program is to teach citizenship. It's also to teach reverence, and that doesn't always mean just reverence to God, it also means reverence to those who have paid the ultimate price to give us the rights we have," he said. "The other thing about it is that it really humbles the Scouts when they go out there. There will be times when you'll look out there and you won't see many dry eyes. They just sit there and reflect at every name, even if they don't know who it is, as somebody who at some point was willing to pay the ultimate price for their freedoms."

Roger Rodman, Unit Commander of the Crossroads Young Marines, said the group started placing flags at Mount Olive Cemetery last year.

"There's always a ceremony out at Trinity, and last year, we chose Mount Olive because nobody's been out there in years," he said. "Come to find out, there are 900-plus veterans buried out at Mount Olive, all the way from the Civil War forward to Afghanistan. We decided to make that our project — put flags out on all the veterans' graves and have a ceremony for them."

Rodman said that honoring veterans is a key component of the Young Marines' mission.

"That's something that we as an organization do, is honor our veterans, whether living or deceased," he said. "I feel like it's very important that we honor our fallen and those who have gone on before us. I'm a veteran myself, I'm retired Navy. It's a sacred thing. It's a sacred trust that our veterans be taken care of, because we defend the freedom of this country."

On Monday, both groups will again be active, participating in Memorial Day ceremonies.

"Traditionally, our boys along with

SCHEDULE

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Monday:

- 10:30 a.m.: Memorial Day Ceremony at Mount Olive Cemetery.
- 11 a.m.: Luncheon, pinning of veterans, and cake-cutting ceremony at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.
- 2 p.m.: Memorial Day Ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park.

parents, go out on Monday and help direct traffic, help people to their seats if needed, and then participate in the wreath ceremony," said local Cub and Boy Scout volunteer Andrea Oyler. "And then if the cemetery folks need anything from our kiddoes, setting up extra chairs or anything like that, we help out where we can."

Oyler said Scouts have a tradition of honoring veterans.

"I think that it's valuable to our Scouts to learn to honor those men and women who have served," she said. "We do a lot to help out our veterans, and it's important to recognize them every chance we get."

Rodman said the Young Marines will hold a brief ceremony at Mount Olive Cemetery Monday morning before participating in ceremonies at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home.

"Monday we'll be at Mount Olive to lower the flag to half-mast, and we'll do a short presentation with our Young Marines out there," he said. "We've also been tasked and accepted the honor of doing the pinning of our veterans at Lamun-Lusk, and doing the cake-cutting ceremony for them, as well as the color guard. We'll do ours there at Mount Olive, go directly over and do theirs. It's going to be a busy day."

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color guard her junior and senior years. She was also co-captain of the varsity volleyball team for the 2015-2016 school year.

Her list of achievements includes earning fourth place in editorial writing at the UIL state academic meet in both 2015 and 2017. She placed fifth in the event at state in 2016. She was the UIL editorial writing regional champion for three years in a row. She was a member of the Outstanding section at State Wind Ensemble

Festival in 2016. She was an Academic All-State Volleyball Player for 2017, and a Greater Big Spring Rotary Student of the Month.

Following graduation, Sosa will head west to California where she continue her education at the Stanford University in Stanford. There, she will major in psychology.

Dimidjian is the son of Lisa and Dr. Carlos Dimidjian. As a student at Big Spring High School, Dimidjian was a member of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa.

As a member of the

high school golf team, he was a district and state qualifier for golf. He was a member of the 2017 district and regional champion golf team.

In the fall, Dimidjian will attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he will study mechanical engineering.

Big Spring High School will hold graduation ceremonies at 8 tonight in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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Following graduation, Freeman will continue her education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and major in biology.

Lain is the daughter of Jimmy and Ellie Miller and Robert and Debbie Lain. As a student at Forsan High School, she served as the secretary for the National Honor Society and

was a member of the tennis team. In the fall, Lain will head to Lubbock to become a Red Raider. She plans to study biology at Texas Tech University.

Forsan High School will hold commencement ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the high school gym, 411 W. Sixth St., Forsan.

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CLOSING

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administration offices and law enforcement will continue to operate.

County offices will reopen on Tuesday 8 a.m. for normal operating hours. For any emergency situations with residents utilities the

Emergency Utilities Department will be in operation and if needed can be contacted at 432-264-2392.

Howard College will be also be closing for Memorial Day but will open Tuesday May 30, for normal operating hours. Summer hours of operation for the college are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ATTACK

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The assault happened while the bus was traveling on a side road in the desert leading to the remote monastery of Saint Samuel the Confessor in Maghagha, in Minya governorate, about 220 kilometers (140 miles) south of Cairo.

Security officials quoted witnesses as saying they saw between eight and 10 attackers, dressed in military uniforms and wearing masks. The victims were en route from the nearby province of Beni Suef to visit the monastery.

Khaled Mogahed, the Health Ministry spokesman, said the death toll stood at 26 but feared it could rise further. According to Copts United news portal, only three children survived the attack. It was not immediately known if most or all of the victims were children.

Arab TV stations showed images of a badly damaged bus along a roadside, many of its windows shattered. Ambulances were parked around it as bodies lay on the ground, covered with black plastic sheets.

President Abdel-Fatoh el-Sissi called for a

meeting with top aides to discuss the attack.

In April, twin suicide bombings struck two churches north of Cairo on Palm Sunday, and in December, a suicide bombing targeted a Cairo church. The attacks left at least 75 dead and scores wounded. IS claimed responsibility and vowed more attacks.

Late last month, Pope Francis visited Egypt, in part to show his support for Christians in this Muslim majority Arab nation who have been increasingly targeted by Islamic militants. During the trip, Francis paid tribute to

the victims of the December bombing at Cairo's St. Peter's church, located in close proximity to Cairo's St. Mark's cathedral, the seat of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Following the pope's visit, IS vowed to escalate attacks against Christians, urging Muslims to steer clear of Christian gatherings and Western embassies, saying they are targets for the group's followers.

Egypt's Copts, the Middle East's largest Christian community, have repeatedly complained of discrimination, as well as outright

attacks, at the hands of the country's majority Muslim population. They account for about 10 percent of Egypt's 93 million people.

They rallied el-Sissi, a general-turned-president, when he in 2013 ousted his Islamist predecessor Mohammed Morsi, who hails from

the Muslim Brotherhood group. Attacks on Christian homes, businesses and churches subsequently surged, especially in the country's south, the heartland of Egypt's Christians.

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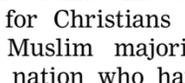
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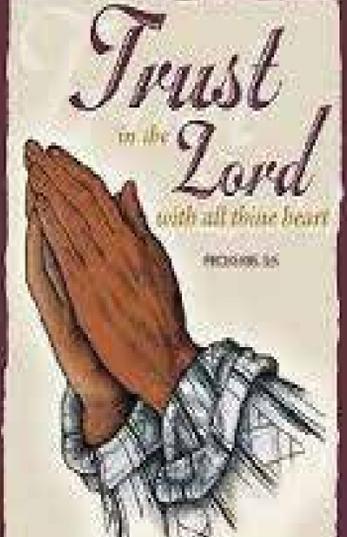
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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."
Psalm 91: 14-16



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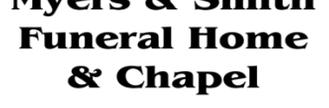


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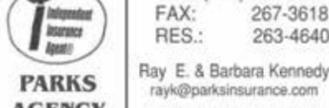
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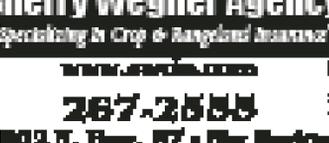
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Did you ever wonder?

David is Anointed

The Spirit of the Lord left Saul after his disobedience. But while Saul was still king, God sent Samuel to anoint David, son of Jesse, to be the next king over Israel. Samuel went to Jesse's house and Jesse presented seven fine sons before the prophet.

The Lord rejected each of them. God told Samuel not to be impressed with physical appearance or height. He was looking at their hearts.

The Lord had surely sent Samuel to Jesse's house, yet God had rejected each of Jesse's sons. In confusion, Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?"

So Jesse sent for his youngest son, David, who was the shepherd. He was tanned from being in the sun. The Scripture calls him "ruddy," so he may have had reddish-colored hair. It says, "David had a fine appearance and handsome features."

Let's think about David. He was the youngest son, yet he was given the job of protecting the sheep from predators. There were bears and lions in Israel at that time. He was likely dressed in work clothes and smelled of sheep. Jesse's other sons had been near the house and probably were dressed in nicer

clothes.

Some scholars wrote that David was the son of Jesse's servant girl whom Jesse did not marry. Therefore he may not have been included in the family proper. But David had a heart to care for the defenseless sheep.

Now God told Samuel, "Rise and anoint him, he is the one." Samuel anointed David in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of God came upon David in power.

When the Spirit of God left Saul, He sent an evil spirit to torment Saul and terrify him. Saul's courtiers suggested they find someone who played the lyre to sooth Saul. So they sent for David. He left his flock to serve Saul as a musician and companion. When David played the lyre, the tormenting spirit left Saul for a time.

The Philistines were descended from the ancient Greeks. Often they selected one very strong warrior from each army. Only they battled and the winner of this battle determined the victory.

The Philistines camped on the hill opposite Israel's camp. The Philistine champion, Goliath, stood in the valley challenging the Israelites to send out their champion.

Goliath was over nine feet tall, with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He wore a bronze helmet and armor. On his legs were bronze shin guards, and a bronze jave-

lin was slung over his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod with an iron point. Around his waist he wore a huge sword. An armor-bearer carried his huge shield.

Israel's soldiers compared their own strength to Goliath and they were afraid. But David was incensed that this idolater defied the army of the Holy God! He had faced the bear and the lion and slew them. He was not afraid!

From the stream, David collected five smooth stones for his sling shot. Goliath taunted David, "Am I a dog that you come against me with sticks and stones?"

David answered, "I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, God of the armies of Israel!" With one throw, David's stone struck the forehead of the Philistine and sank into his skull. Goliath fell dead, and with Goliath's own sword David cut off his head. God had triumphed over Israel's enemies.

Now, consider why David carried five stones when he trusted God to give him victory... Goliath had four brothers! (2 Sam:21:15-22, 1 Chron 20:5-8).

Eunice Filler, author of "Rachael: Porch Swings and Spearmint Tea" and "Filler Up," is a former school teacher with ties to the Big Spring community. Questions? Fillereunice@yahoo.com.



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GREG SURLES

Are you blindfolded?

Matthew 9:27-31, "And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David.' When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then he touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith be it done to you.' And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, 'See that no one knows about it.' But they went away and spread his fame through all that district" (ESV).

We are not given any information about how these men came to be blind. It could have been that they were born blind. They might have become blind due to sickness or because of some accident. Whatever the reason, we are able to understand on some level that their blindness would greatly impact certain areas of their lives.

We do know that they greatly desired to be able to see. Matthew writes that they followed Jesus as he was leaving their town or region. We are not given a lot of detail – such as whether they had others helping them or if they were doing the best they could to try and keep up and catch up with Jesus. What is clear is that they were willing to do whatever it took to gain the ability to see.

There are other reasons or means by which a person's vision may be impaired. You might have played a game in which someone is blindfolded and then must attempt a specific task which would be very easy to do if the person could see.

That is usually the case when we spiritually apply this text to our own lives. Some people have been blindfolded by their parents or family. They grow up being told what to believe and they never question or investigate to see if those beliefs are in harmony with God's word.

Others willfully blindfold themselves because they would rather please themselves than God. They may do it under the guise of "God wants me to be happy," but that is just another form of idolatry so that when we say "God" we really mean "I" or "me."

Others have put on the blindfold of universalism. They want to think that everyone is "headed to the same place (heaven), we are all just taking different roads."

The most important thing is that we honestly look at and think about what we believe. We must be able to know whether or not we are blind before we will ever consider crying out for sight. God tells us that his word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). The wise man wrote, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). We also must honestly evaluate the way we are living to see if our words and actions correspond to the things we claim to believe. Biblical faith will lead a person to take action – not just any action, but those things that are given in God's word (see James 2:14-26).

Are you spiritually blind or blindfolded? Let the word of God open your eyes and show you what you need to do. Let the Bible remove the spiritual blindfold from your eyes and direct you in the way of obedience and righteousness. Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (ESV).

Greg Surles is the preacher at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Church News

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School, June 5 through 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be classes for children going into kindergarten through sixth grade; and also a class for adults.

This Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible study will focus on "How to Study the Bible," followed by morning worship at 10 a.m. with a message on "Christians." Sunday evening worship starts at 5 p.m., and will explore 2 Timothy 1:3-5. Wednesday evening, Singing and Devotional starts at 7 p.m.

Forsan Baptist Church

Quinton Burton will be the guest speaker for Sunday morning worship at Forsan Baptist this week, and Glenn Graves will lead Sunday night Bible study.

Vacation Bible School will be June 5 through 7 each evening from 5:30 to 8:30. A meal will be served at 5:30, followed by age-appropriate classes starting at 6:00. The theme is camping, and so all activities will be outdoors.

Children's activities on Wednesdays have concluded for the summer, and will resume when school starts in August. The Bible study geared toward adults on Wednesday evenings at 6 continues throughout the year.

Forsan Baptist Church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m. each week, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6

p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio and many others. The Bridge is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Ivins will share a message entitled "Up...Down... Out" during both morning worship services. The message will be focused on the meaning of the Lord's ascension into heaven and is taken from Acts 1:1-14. In observance of Memorial Day, the church will also take a moment in both services to honor the church's veterans.

Next Wednesday at Wednesday Noon Bible Study, Pastor Ivins will continue a series at Noon Bible Study entitled "Transitions." The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for a small fee.

"Real Life" on Wednesday nights is going on hiatus until the fall. However, the Bridge Band will continue its practices in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. The Celebration Choir will also continue its regular practice schedule in the Music Suite at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Ivins and lay delegates to

the Northwest Texas Annual Conference are preparing to attend this year's session of the Conference June 8 through 10 in Lubbock. Conference events will take place at the Overton Hotel and the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock. Lay delegates from First Methodist of Big Spring are Paul and Ann Townsend. Alternate lay delegates are Buddy and Beverly Logsdon.

The music ministry of the church will host a going-away party for Pastor Ivins in the home of Joan Beil on Saturday evening, June 10. For more information, please contact Dan Kiley in the church office.

A church-wide farewell reception for Pastor Ivins is scheduled for Sunday, June 11. The reception will take place in Garrett Hall during the Sunday School hour. June 11 will be his last Sunday in the pulpit at First Methodist.

Pastor Ivins has been appointed by the Northwest Texas Bishop to serve as the new senior pastor at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. His first Sunday at Saint Paul is June 25.

Pastor Derrell Patterson will be the newly appointed pastor at First Methodist. His first Sunday will be Father's Day, June 18. Pastor Derrell is a familiar face to the First Methodist congregation. For the last seven years, he has served as the Superintendent of the Big Spring District for the Northwest Texas area of the United Methodist Church. During that time, Pastor Derrell and his wife Sandy have been active in the life of First Methodist.

The Rev. Kathryn Boren will succeed Derrell Patterson as the new Superintendent of the Big Spring District. Her appointment to that position begins June 25. Boren has served as the Senior Pastor

of the Saint Luke United Methodist Church in Midland for the last nine years.

First United Methodist Church is gearing up for this year's Vacation Bible School. The school will be held each evening from June 12 to June 15. For more information, please contact Becky Woodall in the church office.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 267-6394.

First Christian Church

Pastor Sandy Sandlin will be preaching a sermon called, "You Have the Power of Life and Death" taken from Proverbs 18:21. Assisting Pastor Sandlin in worship this Sunday will be Joel Miller who will serve as the Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Shelane Roberts and Mary Beth Johnson.

Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thi-beault will help to enhance the worship service with music. Some music they are preparing are, "Standing on the Promise," "More About Jesus Would I Know," and "Jesus is Tenderly Calling Thee Home," to name a few.

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring. Fellowship hour is every Sunday morning starting at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor, and Worship begins at 10:50 a.m.

If you have questions regarding ser



Reflections: Learning from Buddy

A few years ago we adopted a dog. Well, I guess "I" adopted a dog. My wife finally gave in. But he won her over and now he is "our" dog. He has traveled thousands of miles with us and introduced us to strangers from around the world.

Across the years we had pets, mostly mutts and strays that wandered into our lives. They helped us raise our kids. Each was different. "Punkin" was our first. I brought her home for Christmas. I was too busy to give her much attention, but the boys loved her. She grew old and blind, and died before our

daughter was born the year I turned 40.

Rascal was a stray gray-and-white kitten our boys picked up off the street. He was part of our family for 15 years and made the move with us from Texas to Minnesota.

We picked up a puppy we named Max from a Minnesota farm. We thought he would be a small dog, but in six months he was bigger than our daughter, had eaten all the furniture, and dug up the back yard. We offered him to a good home. One interested lady tried to take his picture and he ate her camera. Finally, a young couple with a farm adopted him. We threw in his crate, dog food, and anything else we could think of. We last saw them chasing him down the street.

So we went back to cats. My wife

and daughter found a cute black and white kitten that our son named "Fido." Our daughter loved Fido. But, Fido was apparently insulted by our move back to Texas and ran away. When our daughter left for college, we found ourselves in an empty nest, the kids grown and the dogs and cats gone. It was peaceful. I guess a little too peaceful. After a while I realized I missed having a dog.

We found Buddy, a tri-color Pembroke Corgi. He was picked up starving off the streets of Fort Worth by Corgi Rescue. When we first met him, he was skinny and sick. But we knew he was right for us. Buddy and I have bonded. He goes with me just about everywhere I go. He is helping me put my life in perspective and teaching me some things about God.

Buddy is teaching me to live in

the moment; to celebrate each day as a gift. So often I spend time reminiscing or regretting the past and dreaming or worrying about the future. But Buddy takes each day as it comes. Of course it is good to cherish memories and learn from the past. And it is good to dream and plan. That is part of what defines us in God's image. But I am prone to miss the moment. Jesus said, "...do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself..." (Mt 6:34). "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps. 118:24).

Read Buddy's story in Bill Tinsley's book, *Buddy the Floppy Ear Corgi*, available on Amazon. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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Mother's Day Out at FBC



Courtesy photo

Local children sing during First Baptist Church's recent graduation ceremony for their spring Mother's Day Out program. Mother's Day Out will resume at FBC May 30 for the summer session.

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services or other goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse will bring the message, which will honor and glorify God for His unending love, mercy, and grace. Currently Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" - Isaiah 43:1.

Worship at First Baptist Church this Sunday will be at 10:50 a.m. Weather permitting, the service will be held outdoors on the building's west side under the trees. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message, titled "The Relationship Restored." Drawn from Mark 15:22-16:7, listeners will be reminded of Christ's sufferings and death on the cross, and of His triumphant resurrection through which all

who will believe shall receive eternal life and fellowship with God. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a mix of contemporary praise and worship songs, and foundational hymns of the faith.

At 9:30 a.m. prior to the worship service, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building each week. Children come together on the first floor in the Good News Garage; while teens, college students, and adults gather in second-floor classrooms. Greeters are happy to assist you with finding a class.

There will be no Sunday evening service or activities this week due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

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First Presbyterian Church

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, meets at 5 p.m., and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m., each Wednesday.

The Children's Choir and Youth Group are out for the summer.

Tuesday, May 23, Presbyterian Women met for a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall. At the meeting, the women installed officers, revealed the woman chosen to be the recipient of the Honorary Life Membership, and the collected the annual PW Birthday Offering. The program was from Anita Gutschick's performance from "Women of the Bible."

Patti Horton is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Lector for the month is Helen Glass. Ushers for May are Danny Kennemur, John Brode, Doug Mays, and John Yater.

The lectionary for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; I Peter 4:12-14; John 17:1-11. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the introit "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" by Mark Hayes, and offer "Prayer of St. Francis" by Helen Litz as the anthem. Organist Laura Holleman will present "Now Blessed Be Thou, Jesus Christ" by Johann Walther as the offertory. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the Children's Moment. This offering is used by the Service Committee to feed the hungry in the community and minister in other ways to share God's love.

Please note that the worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before the radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, you're invited to join the congregation this Sunday.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 a.m. between 6:45 and 6:50 every morning for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts" sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. To contact the church call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchristx@gmail.com.

Spring Creek Fellowship

Spring Creek thanks everyone who supported the fundraiser for Leela Schooler to help her get to Oxford for a Study Abroad. With your help, she met her goal.

Spring Creek's "5th Wednesday Gathering" will be May 31 for food, fun, and fellowship.

Spring Creek has a Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the building. Everyone is welcome to take what they need, and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating in the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, would like to make a donation or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman.

SCF Kid Connection will meet each month during the summer for a fun time together. The first activity will be June 28 at the water park. Kid Connection will start back up on a weekly basis when school starts.

Carla Mosely is requesting help with funds for a kidney transplant she needs soon. Carla has set up "GoFundMe" accounts to collect funds for the procedure.

Spring Creek Fellowship's children connection group is in great need of 2 pre-k thru kindergarten teachers, and another teacher for 1st and 2nd grade. Dana Tompkins is the teacher for this class, but she could use some help. Contact Donna Wennik for more information.

The last two sessions of the Deacon Ministry Class will meet May 28 and June 4 at 5 p.m. If you are interested in finding what the responsibilities



of being a Deacon are, please join this class. It is a four-week course to introduce the men of the church to what being a Deacon really means.

Our Youth and Family Camp will be heading back to Colorado this summer. Ask a youth member about their current fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Lloyd Wells for more information.

Vacation Bible School will be June 3 from 9 to 3 for ages 5 to 12. If your child is signed up, they will need a swimsuit and a towel for the end of the day. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help, contact Donna Wennik.

Spring Creek has set a goal of 90 percent participation in church ministries, and will be focusing on two ministries each Sunday morning to get the word out about what is available. Stop by the Connections Table in the garden area to get more information. Join the "90% Club" by getting involved.

The nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on Spring Creek's smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Parents who want to keep up and share in their children's Sunday Bible Lessons may go to the website at www.springcreekfellowship.org for information. Just click on "Kid Connect" for past and current lessons.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

The Worship Team is fundraising for eight wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring", a downloadable song, as well as a few other songs written and performed by the Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "Ephesians".

With the Spring Creek smartphone app, you can learn about upcoming events, make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, and follow prayer. Search for "Spring Creek Fellowship" on your phone's app store and download. Be sure to allow notifications when given the option, those messages are generated by the church office and keep you updated about upcoming events and much more.

Weekly Happenings:
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10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.- "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.- noon-Worship Service
5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-
Noon- Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group

Wednesday-
Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday
7 p.m.-"Spiritual Warfare" Men's Bible Study

Friday-
7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday-
7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact the church at 432-714-4584, or visit www.springcreekfellowship.org

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Midway Baptist Church

The Midway Baptist Church Women's Prayer and Share Group meets on Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. The church is located at 6200 S. Service Rd. Fellowship and Bible Study programs are available.



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Marisnick homers in 8th to lift Astros past Tigers, 7-6

By JORDAN GODWIN

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jake Marisnick wouldn't acknowledge whether he thought his tiebreaking home run in the bottom of the eighth inning had ended the game. His teammates, however, were teasing him in the clubhouse after the game about a nearly humiliating premature celebration while he was rounding the bases.

"I don't know what you're talking about," Marisnick said with a grin when asked about it. "No comment."

Either way, Marisnick hit Houston's fourth homer of the game to lift the Astros to a 7-6 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night.

The Tigers tied it 6-6 in the top of the eighth when Jose Iglesias doubled off reliever Luke Gregerson (2-1) to drive in Andrew Romine.

Marisnick's homer to deep center off Detroit reliever Alex Wilson (1-2) gave Houston the lead back. Ken Giles got the last three outs for his 13th save as the Astros won three of four from the Tigers.

Carlos Correa, Marwin Gonzalez and Juan Centeno all homered off Justin Verlander in Houston's five-run fourth that gave the Astros a 5-3 lead.

"We have a great team with a lot of talent, and our lineup is able to make adjustments to any type of pitcher so we can score some runs," Correa said. "It's really important."

Correa returned from two-game absence (illness) to hit his seventh homer of the season, a two-run shot off Verlander that pulled Houston to 3-2. One batter later, Gonzalez homered to right field with Evan Gattis aboard to put the Astros ahead. Centeno capped



Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick (6) celebrates his go-ahead solo home run off relief pitcher Alex Wilson (30) with George Springer during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 25, 2017, in Houston.

the scoring in the inning with a solo shot to left center.

"I let those guys elevate the balls on a night when the ball was flying pretty good," Verlander said. "It sucks when we score that many runs. It would have been nice for us to come back and win that game. I thought we had a good chance. It starts and ends with me."

It marked just the second time in Verlander's career where he allowed three home runs in a single inning. He allowed six runs and nine hits while walking four and striking out three in 5 2/3 innings.

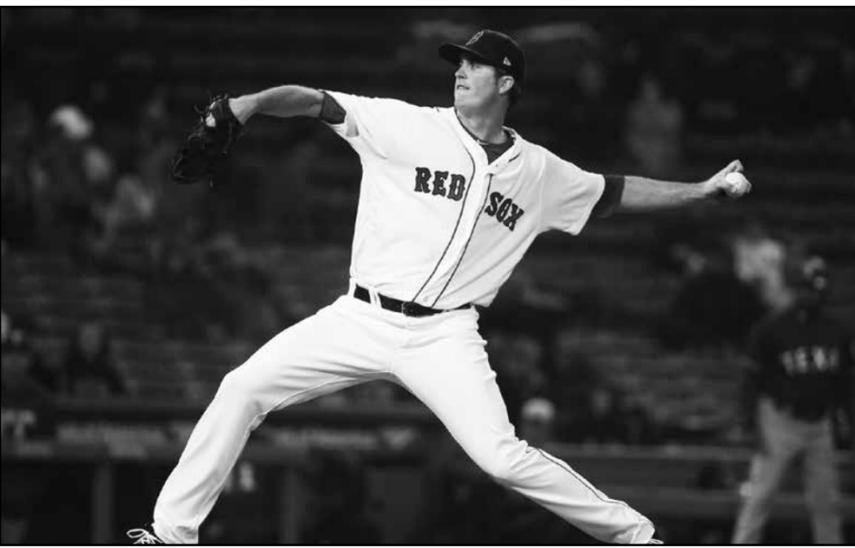
Justin Upton's RBI single in the fifth pulled the Tigers within one, before Gattis' run-scoring double in the bottom of the inning extended Houston's

lead to 6-4. Upton then homered, his ninth, in the seventh to pull Detroit within one again.

Detroit took an early lead in the second after Upton singled to score J.D. Martinez. Martinez extended the lead to 2-0 in the fourth with a homer off a curveball from Mike Fiers that he

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Red Sox win over Rangers, 6-2



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Drew Pomeranz (31) pitches during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, May 25, 2017.

BOSTON (AP) — There's something about Boston Red Sox pitchers and 20-strikeout games.

There have been six major league games with that many strikeouts and the Red Sox made the list for the third time, fanning that many Texas Rangers for a 6-2 victory Thursday night and a sweep of the three-game series.

Five Boston pitchers combined on the 20 strikeouts with starter Drew Pomeranz getting 11 in six innings and closer Craig Kimbrel getting four in the ninth when the leadoff batter reached on a wild pitch strike three. Boston's Roger Clemens twice reached 20 strikeouts by himself.

"His stuff is nasty. What he is doing right now I have never seen anything like that," Red Sox reliever Matt Barnes said of Kimbrel. Kimbrel has retired

53 of the last 56 batters he has faced and right-handed hitters are on an 0-for-41 streak.

Xander Bogaerts and Vender Marrero hit their first home runs of the season helping Boston to its fourth straight win.

"A lot has been made about our home run totals or lack thereof," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "Tonight was the first of what should be many more."

Pomeranz (4-3), who tied his career high with the 11 strikeouts, made it as far as six innings for the third time this season and beat Texas for the first time in nine career outings.

"Felt lost for a couple of starts and wasn't satisfied," said Pomeranz, who gave up four hits and walked one. "Tonight I felt more like last year."

Elvis Andrus homered and Nomar Mazara had two hits and an RBI for

Texas, which has lost four of five overall and 15 of 21 on the road.

"The sweep is surprising," Andrus said. "But that's the beauty of baseball, I guess. You cannot take any team for granted. Even when you feel you're playing at your best, stuff like this can happen."

Andrew Benintendi and Mitch Moreland had RBI singles in the first inning as Boston got to Rangers starter Nick Martinez (1-3) early.

Bogaerts hit a two-run homer in the third to put Boston ahead 4-0. Despite finishing with 21 home runs last year, Bogaerts needed 46 games to connect for the first time this season.

"Good to get one over the wall and get it out of the way," Bogaerts said.

Mike Napoli struck out four times while

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Texas could make play for NASCAR all-star and finale races



Kyle Busch takes the checkered flag to win the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Saturday, May 20, 2017.

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — State lawmakers have given Texas Motor Speedway a big helping hand if the state's premier stock-car track wants to lobby for NASCAR's All-Star race and season-ending championship.

The Texas Legislature approved a bill Thursday that makes those two races eligible for the state's Major Events Reimbursement Program, the same fund that's used to help attract big events such as the Super Bowl, the NCAA Tournament's Final Four and Formula One's U.S. Grand Prix. The two NASCAR events would fit right in, too.

"They want to be able to go after those races, just like we try to court a Super Bowl or any other major sporting event," said Rep. Tan Parker, a Republican whose district includes Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. "They will immediately go after them as best they can, and this gives them a tool in their tool box to be aggressive when competing with other venues."

NASCAR has already set its 2018 schedule with the All-Star race in May in Charlotte and the championship finale set for Homestead, Florida, in November. NASCAR has held the All-Star race in Charlotte almost every year since it was created in 1985, the lone exception a race in Atlanta in 1986. Moving it would mean

uprooting the race from an area most NASCAR teams call home.

Still, some drivers have said they'd like to move those events out of their traditional spots.

Cup Series leader Kyle Larson, who finished second in the All-Star race last week, has suggested moving both to generate driver and fan interest. Other big leagues do it and so should NASCAR, he said.

"I think you look at other sports and their all-star games switch venues all the time. It's the same game, so it doesn't really make a difference other than the venue, but for us I think it's really cool to change the venue," Larson said. "I don't know if race tracks could bid on the All-Star race or bid on the final race of the season, but I think that would be really cool."

Texas Motor Speedway President Eddie Gossage declined comment, but previous moves by track officials point to TMS pursuing at least one of those events if the bill gets signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott, whose office oversees the fund.

In a short presentation to House lawmakers in April, TMS general counsel Rob Ramage focused on luring the All-Star race, which he called a "significant event."

Ramage told lawmakers that Texas Motor Speedway envisions three to five days of events in cities across Texas, including Houston, Dallas, El

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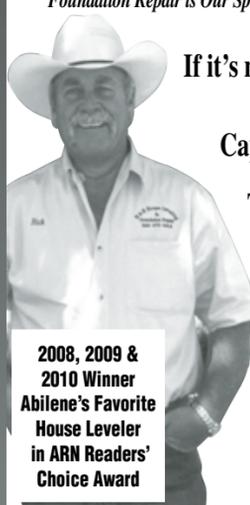


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Gemini Lunar Opportunity

At the root of suffering is a relentless drive for something better than what's here right now. The quest for happiness is one of the best searches to take on -- if your goal is unhappiness. Yesterday the moon was new, and today is full of ripe opportunity for those willing to climb the tree a little. Don't be afraid of risk or a little unpleasantness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What affects you directly will affect others indirectly. We're all tied together, whether or not we want to be. Our wants do not change the way things are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can't seem to muster

up a positive attitude or visualize the ideal outcome, don't worry, because today you'll be much better off just being yourself and approaching things in your usual down-to-earth way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). For reasons lost in the mist of time, you still manage the logistical details of your work with some degree of redundancy. You're either not using or not trusting new technology. Remedy this today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want to make gains but are afraid to risk and possibly lose the gains you've already made. To minimize loss and avoid danger is a legitimate aim. Don't let daring people persuade you otherwise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's no need to fight over who is right. You're both right; you just have different styles. As long as you stay focused on the same aim and are respectful in the way you disagree with one another, this team can win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will definitely need

some confidence to get through the next challenge, but not a swaggering "I am the greatest" kind of confidence. Rather, you'll simply need the "I believe I can" type.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've such an engaging personality that, in certain areas, you've gotten by on charm instead of skills. Today you'll be given (or create for yourself) the opportunity to circle back and pick up those skills you missed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be pretty easy to get going on today's mission. You have something to prove and a strong reason for demonstrating that to others and finally receiving the validation you deserve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The Easterners say that separateness is an illusion, while the Westerners say we should each make the most of ourselves. What's the balance? Amazingly, you'll strike it today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be ready with plan B. The stronger your fallback

plan is, the likelier it is that your first choice will succeed. The law of detachment applies here, but don't think too deeply into it. Just know that it's good to be prepared.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you care about is getting better. Because you're so focused on improving, you will. Just keep in mind that progress isn't always readily apparent, but as long as you're learning, you're also growing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In order to stay motivated today, you need to know you're progressing quickly toward your aim. Break the goal down to smaller sub-goals you can reward and celebrate along the way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 26). You're in the driver's seat this year, but not all of time -- which is good, because sometimes it's more fun when you don't know exactly where things are going. June brings commitment and stability, while August is more about the freedom to pursue what you imagine. A unique partnership sets proj-

ects sailing in October. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 3, 33, 28 and 16.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Someone is getting hooked on you, and someone else is becoming quite jealous. **TAURUS:** Enjoy the rewards that come from being vocal about what you want and need. **GEMINI:** You know what you're good at, and you'll prove it.

CANCER: Share your story, even if you don't think it's very interesting. The originator often doesn't get how fascinating their own journey can be to others. **LEO:** A prize goes to you, namely because you're the only one who sees it as a prize. **VIRGO:** Your imagination has magnetic properties, but that's only one of your many attractive qualities. People feel comfortable and safe around you. **LIBRA:** It will feel as though you're channeling ideas, love and more from on high. **SCORPIO:** Family and love may clash, but you'll do a lot more for family than you would do

for any other category of person (even when family doesn't deserve it). **SAGITTARIUS:** Don't let fun lead to overindulgence. **CAPRICORN:** Always enter with plenty to offer and exit on a sweet note. **AQUARIUS:** Sometimes conflicts arise to show us that everyone is wrong. **PISCES:** When you're struck with romantic inspiration, it feels like a magical, mystical experience.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: The Cancer moon reflects off of the Gemini sun, intensifying the interest between these two curious zodiac neighbors. Gemini is the flirt that will bring the crab out of the shell. Cancer offers a soulful, swooning charm that teaches Gemini about depth. Gemini will bring Cancer up to date on technology and trends, while Cancer will be a reminder that the best things about domestic life don't have to change.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ KJ ♥ 73 ♦ KJ4 ♣ AQJ1064
2. ♠ 864 ♥ AJ2 ♦ 7 ♣ KQ8653
3. ♠ K10 ♥ KQ8 ♦ J7 ♣ AJ7632
4. ♠ J7 ♥ A8 ♦ 643 ♣ AQ9732

1. **Four diamonds.** With better than an opening bid facing an opening bid, game must be reached, and slam is not out of the question. Three diamonds, though it has the merit of making a three-notrump contract possible, is totally inadequate, since partner may pass.

The jump to four diamonds is forcing and leaves room for either a four-heart cuebid or a four-notrump (Blackwood) bid by partner. If partner does cuebid in hearts, indicating first-round control of the suit and interest in slam, you should bid six diamonds.

Although a four-club bid (forcing) over two diamonds would describe your powerful club suit, it would not show the excellent diamond support that will make partner take a rosier view of his hand.

2. **Pass.** The rule of thumb that it takes an opening bid opposite an opening bid to make a game should

be applied here. Since partner has made the weakest rebid possible, and your hand amounts to less than an opening bid, it must be assumed that there is no game. When this consideration is added to your lack of support for diamonds, the evidence becomes even more convincing.

The only question remaining is where the partscore contract should be played. It is possible that three clubs might be a better contract than two diamonds, but this is not really worth investigating. A further bid might make matters worse. It's much wiser to let go of a hot potato.

3. **Three notrump.** This bid is clear-cut. With 14 high-card points and honor cards in every suit facing an opening bid, game at notrump should be bid without further ado. No other possibility should be considered.

4. **Three diamonds.** Although your diamond support is nothing to write home about, it is adequate opposite a suit that has been bid twice. The diamond raise encourages partner to bid again, without compelling him to. Your hand is not good enough to do more than invite partner to continue.

If he does not go on, the chances are that the best contract has been reached. It would be incorrect to rebid your clubs when a fit in diamonds has already been found.

Tomorrow: South displays good technique.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox

Who Let the Dogs In?

Dear Annie: First, may I start off by saying I love animals, especially dogs. I have had several dogs and loved them, as they loved me, unconditionally. But when did it come to be that all dogs are service dogs? When did it start being OK to bring a dog into a grocery, a pharmacy and even a restaurant? Today in a department store, there was a little dog that growled whenever anyone got near it.

Some people have allergies to animals, and I don't think it is OK to expose everyone to dogs. In your home or car, I get that. It's your space, and you have every right to keep your best friend by your side. But is it me, or has this gotten totally out of hand? When I was growing up, you would never dream of bringing an animal of any kind in a food store.

I have contacted

people at the headquarters of the grocery chain, and they tell me that the only thing an employee can do is ask the customer whether the animal is a service dog and, if so, what the nature of its service is. No documents are required.

People, leave your animals at home. If you can't, then go to a grocery that delivers your groceries to your car in the parking lot. There is no charge for that. I am fed up with having to worry about whether my grocery cart will be full of pet hair. Perhaps the food industry should take into consideration those of us who don't bring their animals inside instead of catering to those who do. -- Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: You're not the first person who has written to me about this. Whenever people lie or break the rules so they can bring their pet dog around town with them, it negatively impacts the many

people who really do need service or therapy dogs for medical reasons. So to anyone out there faking it: Shame on you.

That being said, as a bystander, you can't know for sure what the situation is. It's not always clear when someone has a condition that necessitates a service animal. So withhold judgment. It's better for your blood pressure.

Dear Annie: This message is for "Still Interested," who says his wife's sexual thrill is gone.

Perhaps it is his thrill and not hers! Has he turned into a grumpy old man who complains and criticizes? Did he never complete the job she asked him to do last week or last year? Did he fuss about what she cooked for supper? Did he get irritated when she talked to him? Perhaps her thrill would return if he started treating her with love and respect.

My advice to him:

Finish those jobs. Enjoy that meal. Just listen when she talks. Give her hugs. Help her around the house. Appreciate what she does. And stop complaining! When you thrill her with your actions, perhaps she will, in return, thrill you! -- Happy Wife, Happy Life

Dear Happy: I didn't see any indication in the letter from "Still Interested" that he is treating his wife poorly, so I feel you may be drawing that conclusion based on your own experiences. In any case, indeed -- a happy wife equals a happy life, and those little gestures of affection can go a long way.

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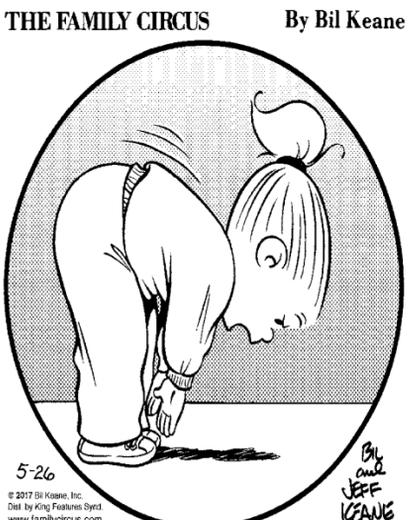
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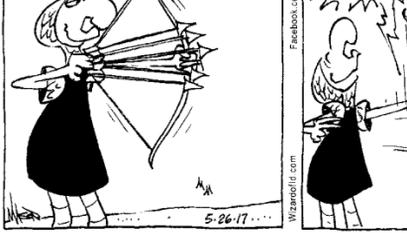
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DO YOU HAVE AN 'EASY LISTENING' ONE?



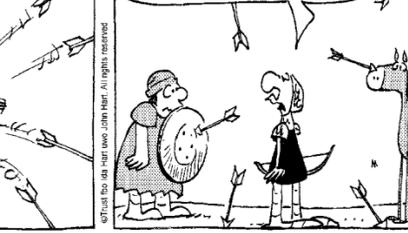
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WIZARD OF ID



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THAT WORKS A LOT BETTER IN THE MOVIES



AGNES



IT WAS A NICE FISH. WE SHOULD SAY A FEW WORDS.

IT HAD LIFE. LIFE IS SACRED.



WE SHOULD SAY A FEW WORDS FOR THE GRASS AS WELL.

HI AND LOIS



I WISH MY LIFE WAS LIKE A DVR.

I COULD RECORD IT NOW, LIVE IT LATER, AND SKIP ALL THE BORING PARTS.

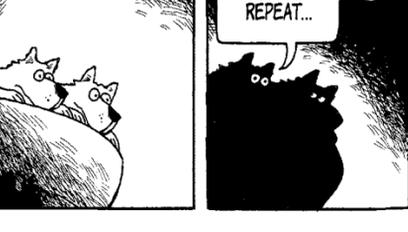


THE OTHER COAST



I SAW A WILDLIFE SHOW ON TV LAST NIGHT THAT SAID A CARIBOU HERD WILL PASS BY HERE TODAY.

ARMED WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE, THAT HERD DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST US.



OF COURSE, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A REPEAT...

SNUFFY SMITH



STUDIES SHOW THAT CHANGE DOES A FELLER GOOD, SNUFFY !!

NOT IF HE GETS CAUGHT IT DON'T !!



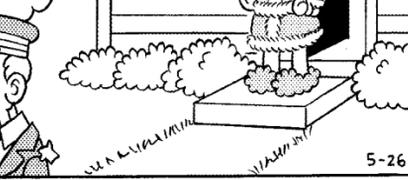
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OH, GOODY! HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 26, the 146th day of 2017. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 26, 1917, a tornado in central Illinois killed 101 people, mostly in the Mattoon-Charleston area.

On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms (vohrms) because of his religious beliefs and writings. In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges. In 1897, the Gothic horror novel "Dracula" by Bram Stoker was first published in London. In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress. In 1940, Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of some 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II. In 1942, the Tule (TOO-lee) Lake Segregation Center for Japanese-American wartime internees opened in northern California. The U.S. War Department formally established the Armed Forces Radio Service (AFRS). Radio Tokyo

boasted of recent victories in the Pacific War and declared that "the Japanese people can look forward to a triumphal march into London and a victory march in New York."

In 1954, explosions rocked the aircraft carrier USS Benning off Rhode Island, killing 103 sailors. (The initial blast was blamed on leaking catapult fluid ignited by the flames of a jet.)

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets during a meeting of the Security Council of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1977, George Willig scaled the outside of the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center; he was arrested at the top of the 110-story building.

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (NOO-ree ahl-MAHL-ih-kee),

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker and American commander Gen. David Petraeus flew to Iraq's blistering western desert in a rare joint outing to highlight gains there in the fight against insurgents.

Five years ago: Gruesome video posted online showed rows of dead Syrian children lying in a mosque in Houla. International space station astronauts floated into the Dragon, a day after its heralded arrival as the world's first commercial supply ship.

One year ago: First lady Michelle Obama told graduates at a Native American high school in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to take pride in their history and cultures at a time when she said the "loudest voices in the national conversation" suggested turning away from the tribal values that were part of their education.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 1 Agcy. in *The Martian*
 - 5 Word before pie and roast
 - 8 Tops off, in a way
 - 12 "I ___ noticed"
 - 13 Burgeon
 - 14 Chaucer pilgrim
 - 15 Flummoxed
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Celtics eliminated from Eastern finals by Cavaliers 135-102



AP Photo

Boston Celtics, Al Horford, Avery Bradley, Jonas Jerebko and Kelly Olynyk watch from the bench during the second half of Game 5 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers, on Thursday, May 25, 2017, in Boston.

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Avery Bradley one game. Kelly Olynyk another. Marcus Smart stepped into the starting lineup, and rookie Jaylen Brown helped out from the bench.

The Boston Celtics showed this postseason that they have players who could fill in for Isaiah Thomas when the star point guard was injured.

But they also showed how badly they need him.

Bradley scored 23 points on Thursday night, but for the third time in as many home games the Boston Celtics were trounced by LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. The defending NBA champions won 135-102 in Game 5 to advance to the NBA Finals, where they will play the Golden State Warriors for the third consecutive year.

"We've got a long way to go," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "Collectively, we can take away what an elite (team) looks like. Because I think we saw it first hand, especially in these home games."

James scored 35 points, passing Michael Jordan on the NBA's all-time playoff scoring list along the way, and Kyrie Irving had 24 for Cleveland. Kevin Love had 15 points and 11 rebounds before joining

the rest of the Cavaliers starters on the bench for the fourth quarter — a familiar scene in the series.

Aside from a Game 3 upset after losing Thomas to a hip injury, the Celtics lost by margins of 13, 44, 13, and 33 points. The Celtics never led in any of the games in Boston, trailing by as many as 50 in Game 2 and 39 on Thursday night before both teams emptied their benches.

"This is great learning for how far we have to go," Stevens said. "I told our guys: 'We made a lot of great strides, but this pain is part of the path to what we ultimately want to be.'"

After signing Al Horford in the offseason — the biggest free agent acquisition in the history of the NBA's most-decorated franchise — the Celtics rode him and Thomas to the No. 1 seed in the East. They lost the first two games at home in the first round against Chicago, then came back to win four in a row.

They beat Washington in seven games, including a Game 2 victory in which Thomas scored 53 points — one shy of the franchise playoff record.

Thomas had his front tooth knocked out in Game 1 of the conference semifinals against Washington, but it was a lingering hip injury he aggravated later in the

series against the Wizards that would end his season prematurely.

After playing three halves against the Cavaliers, the Celtics said Thomas was done for the season. He watched Game 5 in street clothes.

"Obviously we didn't want I.T. to go down. The way he's playing, he's deserving of all the credit he's getting," Irving said before listing some of the Celtics who shone in Thomas' absence. "All their guys, they're just dedicated to basketball. They're coming out and they're hitting us, they don't care who you are."

"They made it this far. It was 1 vs. 2," Irving said. "I'm glad we prevailed, but they tested us every step of the way."

A young team with its core signed, salary cap space and the No. 1 overall pick in next month's draft, the Celtics have a chance to add a maximum contract player as a free agent and another potential star in the draft.

Bradley promised that the Celtics would be better in 2017-18.

"We're definitely disappointed. I feel like if we weren't, there would be a problem," he said. "The great thing about this is the experience. We were able to go to the Eastern Conference finals, learn a lot about being in this position, and I feel like it's going to help us for next year."



AP Photo

Houston Astros' Jake Marisnick, right, steals second past Detroit Tigers second baseman Ian Kinsler during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Thursday, May 25, 2017, in Houston.

ASTROS

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sent 430 feet onto the train tracks in left center.

Fiers allowed four runs on 10 hits in 4 2/3 innings.

The Tigers led 3-0 after Iglesias' RBI double in the fourth scored Alex Avila before the Astros took over the lead in the fourth.

"You hate to lose a lead and then you battle back and ultimately, lose the game — it's a little frustrating," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said.

CLEANUP HITTER

Astros manager A.J. Hinch said it was nice to get cleanup hitter Correa back in the lineup.

"When you have the middle of your order together it feels good," Hinch said. "You have a sense of calmness on the team when his presence is needed."

GOING YARD

The Astros matched their season high with four homers, a feat they have accomplished four times this season. The Yankees and Orioles are the only other teams with four games of four homers this season. Houston had only two such games in 2016.

TRAINER'S ROOM

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Paso and Amarillo. He didn't provide any details and Gossage declined AP's request to detail the pitch Ramage made to lawmakers.

The Senate sponsor of the bill, Sen. Craig Estes, said he wasn't aware of the track's plans but wants to bring the races to Texas for the NASCAR fans in his state.

"As we go through life, we often hear pearls of wisdom ... such as never make a NASCAR fan who votes upset with you," Estes said.

The Major Events Reimbursement Fund is controlled by the governor's office and eligibility is limited to events specifically noted in state law. For those events, it can be a pot of tens of millions of dollars that can

Tigers: C James McCann exited the game in the fourth inning after getting hit by a pitch on the left hand. McCann's pinkie appeared to be bleeding as he walked off the field. Avila, who injured his own hand on a catcher's interference play on Wednesday, entered the game for McCann. Detroit recalled C John Hicks from Triple-A Toledo to catch in Friday's doubleheader and placed McCann, who needed five stitches, on the 10-day disabled list.

Astros: C Brian McCann passed a concussion test Wednesday and expects to play Saturday, when he is eligible to return from the seven-day concussion disabled list. ... RHP Colin McHugh (elbow) threw off of a mound for the first time in his rehab on Thursday.

UP NEXT

Tigers: RHP Buck Farmer was recalled from Triple-A Toledo to start the first game of Detroit's doubleheader against the White Sox on Friday. Farmer is 0-6 with a 6.84 ERA in 32 career appearances for Detroit. LHP Matt Boyd (2-4) will start the second game.

Astros: RHP Joe Musgrove (3-4) will make his 10th start this season, having allowed two runs or less in three of his last five starts.

be used to offset expenses of hosting, drastically limiting organizers' financial liability.

The fund is supported by state and local sales taxes, auto rentals, and hotel and alcohol sales taxes generated by the event. According to state records online, the 2016 Super Bowl was eligible for \$25 million, and the 2016 Formula One U.S. Grand Prix was eligible for \$26 million. For the 2015 and 2016 races, U.S. Grand Prix organizers were eligible for nearly \$50 million.

The money paid to the organizers of the U.S. Grand Prix is understood to cover the sanctioning fee the Circuit of Americas racetrack pays to F1. Formula One and track officials have refused to confirm the exact amount of the sanctioning fee, but without the reimbursement from the state, it's unlikely the track could afford to host the race.

TEXAS

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Pete Kozma and Andrus went down three times each. Every Ranger starter struck out at least once.

"Pomeranz was throwing well," Rangers catcher Jonathan Lucroy said. "Obviously their bullpen came in and threw well also and they played better than we did overall tonight."

Marrero homered in the eighth off Alex Claudio. Martinez gave up four runs in five innings and is winless in four starts against Boston with a 6.46 ERA.

Andrus cut Boston's lead to 4-1 in the fourth inning with the homer, snapping an 0-for-9 drought.

Moreland tied his career high by driving in at least one run for the sixth straight game and extended his hitting streak to seven games, batting .393 in that stretch.

Boston swept Texas for the first time at Fenway Park since 2008. Since 2009, Texas has the best winning percentage at Fenway Park in the major leagues at .600.

STRIKING SUCCESS

Pomeranz recorded his 500th career strikeout when he whiffed Napoli for the final out of the

fourth inning, his eighth of the game.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 3B Adrian Beltre will play in extended spring training games in Arizona the next three days after being sidelined all season with a calf strain.

Red Sox: 2B Dustin Pedroia was removed from the game after five innings for precautionary reasons due to left knee pain. He is listed as day to day. ... LHP David Price will make his season debut

Monday in Chicago against the White Sox despite surrendering six earned runs in 5 2/3 innings over his last two rehab starts. ... 3B Pablo Sandoval is 3 for 13 in four rehab games.

UP NEXT:

Rangers: Will send RHP A.J. Griffin (4-1) in the opener at Toronto.

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (3-1) looks to win his fourth straight decision when they entertain Seattle on Friday.

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