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Thursday

Coahoma Graduation
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Friday

Big Spring Graduation
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
8 p.m.

Forsan Graduation
Forsan Gymnasium
5 p.m.

Garden City Graduation
7 p.m.
HS Auditorium

May 27

Memorial Day Closures:

- Big Spring Herald
- City of Big Spring offices (Emergency services will run as usual)
- Chamber of Commerce
- United Way office

May 28

Loss of a Spouse
Trinity Baptist Church
6-8 p.m.

Big Spring City Runoff Elections
Early Voting starts

May 30

Alive After 5
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Welcoming new families Foster Awareness meeting Sunday at Trinity Baptist

By ANNA GUTIERREZ

Staff Writer

Wildflower Ministries at Trinity Baptist Church will be hosting a Foster Awareness event on Sunday, May 26, at 6 p.m.

"We hope to be able to answer any questions anyone may have about becoming a foster parent," says Monica Hull with Wildflower Ministries. "There will be representatives from CPS, CASA, several child-placing agencies and foster families. There will be a couple of speakers, and afterwards, there will be tables set up so that the different agencies can answer any questions anyone might have."

About 56 children per day are removed from their homes, and being in foster care can be very difficult for the child. Many of these children are removed due to trauma and abuse in their home. These meetings will help answer any questions about becoming a foster parent and what to expect.

For more information, you can contact Wildflower Ministries at Trinity Baptist Church by emailing wildflowerministries@yahoo.com, or follow their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WildflowerMinistries/>.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Marcy Place welcomes new Executive Director and Case Service Manager



Courtesy photo

Marcy Place held a Meet and Greet for new Executive Director Shauna Taylor RN (pictured at right), and Case Service Manager Shaela Talamantez RN, (not pictured), on Tuesday afternoon. Mitzi Knight, from Scenic Mountain Medical Group, pictured at center, speaks with Shauna Taylor about her arrival to the Marcy Place team.

Headliners announced for Rodeo Dance Jason Boland performs Friday; Wade Bowen Saturday headliner

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Dust off those boots, straighten up that cowboy hat, and get ready to Rodeo.

The 86th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is set for June 20 - 22, at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. The entertainment for the Friday and Saturday night dances have been announced; Jason Boland and The Stragglers and the Band Big Spring will take the stage Friday night, and Wade Bowen and Noel Olivas will be performing Saturday night.

"Because of the support from the community, we have been able to increase the level of talent we bring to the Rodeo each summer," Derek Wash, Rodeo Board

member, said.

Those attending the dances will be able to see the upgrades that have been performed on the facility over the past couple of years. Renovations to the facility include the renovation of the inside, new lighting, a new stage and air conditioning upgrades.

"This year is sure to offer more than ever before for those who attend. This is our 86th annual and the facilities are looking amazing," Wash said. "This year there are more food trucks, more bands providing entertainment and they will be performing on a stage al-

lowing better visibility. We are trying to pull out ev

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2019 valedictorian/salutatorian announced for Garden City

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Garden City High School has announced the Valedictorian - Lyndee Walker, and Salutatorian - Karli Tubb, for the graduating class of 2019.

Valedictorian Lyndee Walker is the daughter of Baylor and Jamie Walker. After graduation she is planning to attend Texas Tech.

She was named All District MVP in Basketball, All West Texas Super Team, 1st Team All-Region, 1st Team All-State and recognized by the Midland Reporter Telegram for All-Area. She also was a state qualifier in track and field and recognized as THSCA All-State. Her achievements were reflected in extra-curricular activities, but also in her academics. She was on



Valedictorian Lyndee Walker



Salutatorian Karli Tubb

the A Honor Roll and competed in UIL Reading Writing where she became a state qualifier.

Salutatorian Karli Tubb, is the daughter of Justin and Hali Petrowski. After

graduation she plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Her high school achievements were reflected academically and through her extra-curricular activities. She was part of the National Honor Society her junior and senior year, serving as President her senior year. She was part of the Student Council from her sophomore year to her senior year. As a junior she served as the secretary and senior year she served as Vice President. Her senior year she was a member of the yearbook staff and was a 4H student her freshman and

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Obituaries

Leslie Paige Fryar Martin



Leslie Paige Fryar Martin, 44, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 19, 2019. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Pat Ray officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Nov. 14, 1974, in Big Spring. Leslie attended Borden County Schools and was involved in 4H livestock shows, shooting sports, winning the state championship team titles both in skeet and trap competition, cheerleading, basketball and tennis. She moved to Big Spring schools when she was a sophomore. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1993 and was active in basketball, track, tennis, student council and 4H. Leslie was also named Miss BSHS. She attended Tarleton State University on a basketball scholarship and returned to Howard College where she received her associate degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at Midland Memorial Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa.

Leslie enjoyed water sports, drag racing and watching basketball and football. She loved spending time with her two sons and being with family, especially during the holidays. She had a giving and generous heart and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include two sons, William Blaine Martin and Reagan Dean Martin, both of Midland; her parents, Larry and Sandie Fryar of Big Spring; one brother, Kerry Fryar and wife, Neanda of Merkel; her maternal grandmother, Helen Clanton Gaspie; and her paternal grandmother, Gwen Fryar, both of Big Spring; four nieces, Cailey Fryar, Madison Fryar, Maciee Fryar and Nevaeh Fryar; her aunts and uncles, Kenny and Sylvia Clanton of Colorado City, Jimmy Don and Sherry Clanton of Pietown, New Mexico, and Shana and Gary Porter of Richardson; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harvey "Pig" Fryar and J. Clifton "Click" Clanton.

The family suggests memorials to Mental Health America at <https://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/donateor> to the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. 3rd St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Irene Vega

Irene Vega, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in a local nursing home. A rosary service will be 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include four sons, Tony Vega, Mike Vega, Jessie Vega and Frank Vega, all of Big Spring; three daughters, Estella Dominguez of Big Spring,

Mary Lou Burns of Waco and Arlene Rodriguez of Lubbock; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Concepcion Vega; three sons, Francisco Vega, Ruben Vega and Carlos Vega; two sisters, Esperanza Polanco and Estella Vega; and one brother, Manuel Vega.

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

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MORGAN FRANCES LOPEZ**, 37, of 1603 Vines Ave., was arrested on warrants for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and theft of property (\$100 to \$750 shoplifting).

• **MATTHEW LAWTON BESIRE**, 47, of 903 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

• **STEVEN GONZALEZ-CATALA**, 37, of 1 Courtney Place, Apt. 702, was arrested on outstanding warrants from other agencies.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Rd., and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Rd.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of E. FM 700, 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, and in the 900 block of E. FM 700.

• **ASSAULT** (two incidents) were reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at Cauble Rd. and I-20, and in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 85 inmates at the time of this report.

• **FRANCISCO GENE REYES**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for disorderly conduct-fighting with another.

• **JOHNNY LEE PARKER**, 49, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and theft of service (\$100-\$750).

• **BRITNEY NICOLE RICH**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for harassment by person in correctional facility.

• **RENE GUADALUPE BARAJAS**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for expired registration and driving with invalid license.

• **DOMINIQUE ISSAC ACOSTA**, 18, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and a warrant for engaging in organized criminal activity.

• **MATTHEW LAWTON BESIRE**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one gram to four grams).

• **STEVEN GONZALEZ**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for speeding (66 mph in a 45 mph zone), violating promise to appear, and expired drivers license.

• **MORGAN FRANCES LOPEZ**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for theft of property (\$100 to \$750), and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **RYAN ERICK WALLECK**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$750 to \$2,500).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. San Antonio. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Cactus. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1600 block of State. No transport was required.

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

ter.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 5600 block of N. CR 19. No transport was required.

Take Note

• Rainwater Harvesting Workshop: Come learn about rainwater harvesting and how you, too, can easily construct a system for your own property! The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District is hosting their 2019 rainwater harvesting workshop on Thursday, May 30 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The presentation is free to the public and will take place at the PBUWCD office located at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, Texas. The public will be educated on rainwater harvesting systems, and the PBUWCD's field technician, Shain Howard, will be speaking on how he constructed and built the PBUWCD's rainwater harvesting system. If you have any questions please feel free to call the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive

families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

Memorial Day May 27th, 2019

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Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center/Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees It, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at 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.

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

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 1000 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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Weather



Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could be severe, with large hail and damaging winds. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. Southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 86.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

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sophomore year.

She was part of the tennis team her entire high school career, and ran Cross Country her freshman through junior year. She competed in UIL academics freshman through senior years along with TMSCA. As a freshman she received the top-gun award in TMSCA and was a state participant in number sense, calculators, mathematics and science her freshman and sophomore year. She was a UIL regional participant as a freshman in Number Sense, where she placed fourth as an individual and was

part of the first place team. As a sophomore she placed second in number sense and was a member of the first place team; was a member of the first place calculators team; placed third in calculators as an individual and was part of the fourth place team. During her junior year, she placed fifth in number sense and was a member of the first place team; placed seventh as an individual in calculators and was part of the first place team; in mathematics and science she placed sixth overall and second in biology.

She was also a UIL state participant as a freshman and sophomore for number sense; she was part of the fourth place team in calculators. As a junior she was

part of the second place team in number sense and the third place team in calculators.

Her involvement in activities extended beyond the school walls. She also collected canned foods for the homeless, went caroling at nursing homes and more. She is also an active member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ youth group and volunteered at children's home.

Garden City's graduation ceremony will be Friday at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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DANCE

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everything we can so we can give back to this great community of ours."

The Big Spring Rodeo will have performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, beginning at 8 p.m. Ticket information will be released soon, with an opportunity for advance pricing or the option of buying tickets at the gate.

Tickets for the rodeo dance can be purchased now at Wards Western Wear, Pirkle Weir Insurance, Cowboys Steakhouse and Scars Entertainment. More information about rodeo entertainment and events, will be posted to the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Facebook page as it is made available.

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High seas, higher salaries for Texas A&M Maritime Academy grads

Graduates earn \$100,000 or more right out of school, get to see the world

GALVESTON, Texas – Few places offer the opportunity to get seasick without ever leaving dry land.

Surrounded by moving images on high-definition monitors, students at the prestigious Texas A&M Maritime Academy in Galveston train every day aboard ship simulators. They offer realistic and stomach-turning experiences from the bridges of several types of huge ships as they sail through various kinds of weather conditions and into dozens of ports.

Texas A&M's maritime students earn bachelor's degrees like other college students, but they also graduate with steel stomachs and Third Mate (or Third Assistant Engineer) licenses from the U.S. Coast Guard, allowing them to embark on careers that pay upwards of \$100,000 a year right out of school. Plus, they get the chance to see the world, said Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp.

See a video with students from the Galveston campus and Chancellor Sharp here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/tamusystem> "Few places offer the chance to nail down exciting careers that make such good money," Chancellor Sharp said. "Texas A&M Maritime Academy offers one of

the best and most exciting career paths of any institution of higher education."

Simulators like the ones at The Texas A&M Maritime Academy are important — and cost-effective — since it would be impractical to take a training ship out on the water every time a student wants to practice docking in a crowded port, navigating through a major hurricane or re-supplying an oil rig. The Texas A&M Maritime Academy is one of just six maritime academies in the United States.

Students from the Galveston campus take advantage of the simulators to try out different kinds of vessels such as: tugs, tankers, offshore services vessels, container ships, car carriers, U.S. Navy Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyers, fast rescue boats and high-speed passenger ferries.

They also can experience the world without leaving Texas, as they explore each of 42 ports that include: Hong Kong, New Orleans,

Houston/Galveston, Corpus Christi, San Francisco, Sydney and the Straights of Gibraltar.

Maritime Academy students (who also are members of Texas A&M's Corp of Cadets) must put in 225 hours of simulation before graduation, much of which is in the bridge simulator. And once they graduate, Maritime Academy students are ready for jobs on the high seas.

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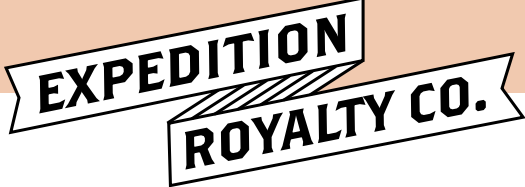
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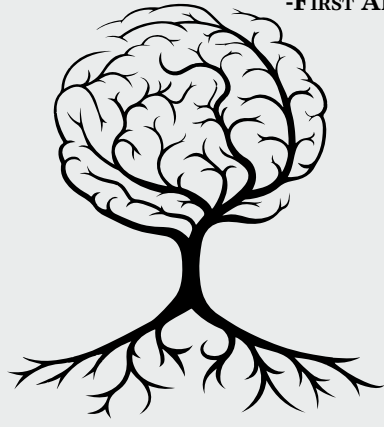
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The cost of change

What does it take to change your life? Sometimes it's a simple choice, one that snowballs into something larger until you can't even recognize its origin as an individual moment. Sometimes it's a difficult choice - one that requires you to cast aside everything and face the unknown with nothing more than the clothes on your back and only the hope that you'll find something better.

There are two goals I have spent most of my life working towards. The first is to help as many people as I can. I want to do my part in making the world a better place. The second goal has always been to write. I wrote my first story in the second grade and haven't really stopped writing since.

Ten years ago this month, I left my childhood home in Michigan to come to Texas. The trip was supposed to last only three months and it has turned into a decade long adventure. There have been many ups and downs along the way. When I left, my mom was angry with me. She

didn't understand why I wanted to leave, and if we're honest, my eighteen year old self couldn't quite explain it either.



CINDY PINCH

I can't say that I had nothing growing up, but we certainly didn't have much. We didn't always have food or electricity or gas - which meant no heating in the middle of winter.

But somehow we always had a place to live and despite how strained the relationships might be, we had each other. After a childhood spent learning how to make it with essentially zero resources at my disposal, I had never considered the possibility that I could choose a different fate than the one that had been given to me.

When the opportunity presented itself for me to come to Texas, I took it without even thinking through the full extent of what I was doing. I had no idea what the true cost of my leaving home would be. I was a thousand miles away when my grandmother passed away, and when my nephews were born, and when my cousins got married. There

have been so many things that I've missed out on by not staying in Michigan. And yet, there are so many more things that I have been able to experience and so many more people that I have been able to meet since moving to Texas.

Though I am far from obtaining either of the goals I have spent my entire adult life working toward, I will not give up.

I guess the point that I'm trying to make with all of this is that chasing your dreams is not easy. So many people are told, "all you have to do to follow your dreams is..."

As if there were a perfect formula to getting what you want out of life. There is no easy path, in fact, in my experience the easy paths are usually the wrong ones. I'm not saying that life has to be difficult or that you have to struggle in order to achieve your goals. I think Robert Frost said it best when he wrote about the road less traveled. "Two roads diverged in the wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by; and that has made all the difference."

Whatever path you're on, change can be scary and it is most definitely messy. But don't let fear hold you back from trying. And know that no one is ever truly alone.



The Supreme Court is not going to overrule Roe v. Wade

First of all, it doesn't need to. Roe v. Wade has already been thoroughly decimated by a thousand different regulations, all of which the Supreme Court has, or will, uphold.

Second, the Alabama geniuses could not have been stupider in the way they set things up for the court.

And third, smart Republicans — and that includes a chief justice who worries about the legitimacy of the post-Kavanaugh court — know that it would be the worse thing they could do to the party and to the court.

To be clear, 46 years after Roe, abortion is still a privilege in America. Ninety percent of counties in America have no abortion providers, according to the latest numbers from the Guttmacher Institute. Almost 40 percent of American women ages 15 to 44 live in those counties. And 58 percent of all American women of childbearing age live in states that Guttmacher qualifies as "hostile" to abortion, which means they place every obstacle they can in front of the youngest and most vulnerable women. There are now five justices who you can routinely expect to like every regulation they see.

Upholding regulations that make it difficult, costly and painful for poor women and teenagers to get abortions is one thing.

Reversing the Court of Appeals, tossing aside a 43-year-old decision and the doctrine of stare decisis to uphold a law that would force a rape or incest victim (often a child herself) to bear the

man's child, a law that would imprison any doctor who helps her for longer than the rapist, is quite another. It is most assuredly not the way to present the question of overruling Roe v. Wade.

Missouri State Representative Tila Hubrecht thinks of it as the "silver lining." "Sometimes bad things happen, and they're horrible things," she said. "But sometimes God can give us the silver lining through the birth of a child." Alabama clearly has no problem telling these girls and women that they are murderers if they do otherwise.

Affording an exception for rape and incest proves the hypocrisy of the "conception" crowd (whose interest in life, Barney Frank famously said, "begins at conception and ends at birth"). You can't fault Alabama for inconsistency.

But not recognizing it means you lose the argument, lose the race, lose the majority, lose the country.

Without a story, almost 70 percent of Americans are opposed to overruling Roe v. Wade. Now you can get a majority to support various kinds of regulations, particularly if they are sold as an effort to protect the health of the mother or to bar gruesome-sounding procedures made up by legislative assistants.

But if the story is instead about a 13-year-old incest victim, or even a 20-year-old coed beaten and raped in an alley (that was me), you lose.

When O'Reilly baited me on abortion from the skybox at the 2004 convention, I pointed to the spot on the map in back of me and asked why he of anyone else had the right to force me to

have a child. Today, there will be millions of women standing up, women and men, asking the same question.

Every single state legislative race in every single state would be decided based on abortion. There are a lot of survivors who would make very fine legislators, in Alabama and elsewhere. If it were to happen soon enough, we might even get a woman president to boot.

But it won't. The Supreme Court will decline to take the case. Or it will affirm by order.

In the meantime, the phones at the few clinics available to women in Alabama will ring off the hook with frightened women who never took constitutional law and don't understand that this is just a game that's being played — with their lives. No lower court can enforce this law; they have a duty to uphold the Constitution, a phrase they must have dropped from the oath in Alabama. There will be a child somewhere, a victim of rape or incest, who might actually believe the buffoons, with their silver linings and their talk of murder, and hurt herself. The scars don't go away.

And there will be a new generation of heroes and heroines, the men and women who literally risk their lives, who are yelled at and screamed at and threatened every day and yet continue to believe that constitutional rights belong to all of us. And the fight we shouldn't be having, the fight we would be having if men were to get pregnant, will continue.

To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

DAILY PRAYER

*May we remember to make our plans, Lord, with You in mind.
Amen*

More severe storms, tornadoes to batter central US in advance of Memorial Day weekend

By Kyle Elliott

AccuWeather meteorologist
After a severe weather outbreak hammered areas from Texas to Kansas and Missouri early this week, more severe weather will threaten these same areas in the days leading up to the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Nearly 60 tornadoes were reported on Monday and Tuesday, but no fatalities and only a few injuries have been blamed on the storms.

Widespread flash flooding forced the cancellations of many schools in Oklahoma on Tuesday, and additional storms during the second half of this week will only exacerbate the ongoing flooding and trigger new flooding issues.

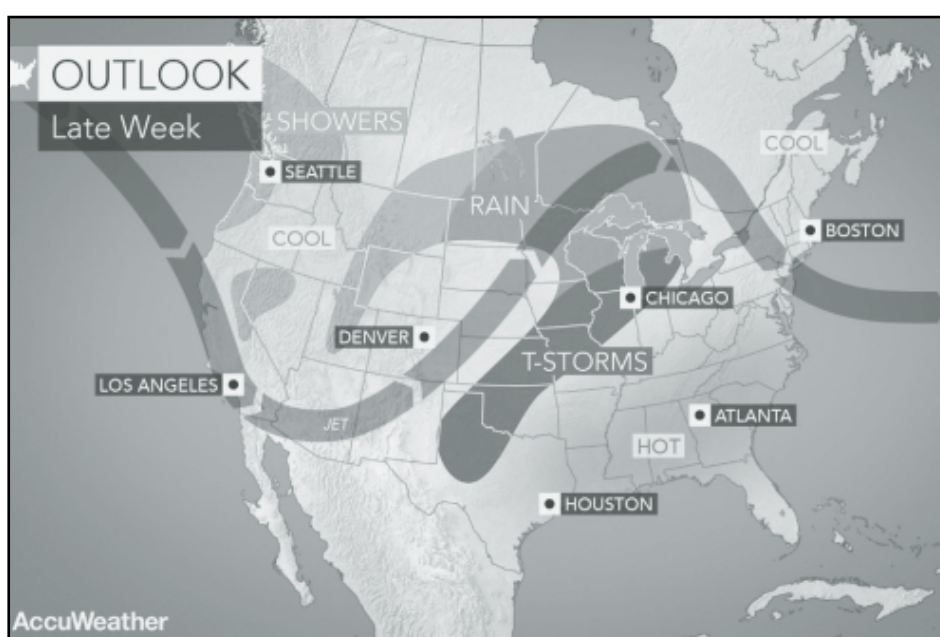
"Aggravated flooding is a significant concern in southeastern Kansas, northeastern Oklahoma and southwestern Missouri as more downpours and thunderstorms erupt late Wednesday into Wednesday night," according to AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Kristina Pydynowski.

Some of the thunderstorms are also expected to turn severe with damaging winds, large hail and tornadoes. Storms may also turn severe with damaging winds, large hail and isolated tornadoes into the evening. The threat for flooding may linger through the overnight hours as downpours can repeat over the same communities.

Drenching showers and thunderstorms may also spread northeastward into Illinois on Wednesday night, rattling the St. Louis area in the process.

The seemingly endless threat for severe weather will continue on Thursday, partially due to a large and persistent dip in the jet stream across the western United States.

Each storm system that dives through the West



and Four Corners region then has nowhere to go but into the southern and central Plains. When these systems interact with moisture and humidity being drawn northward from the Gulf of Mexico, the ingredients come together for severe weather outbreaks.

One of these systems will eject into the Plains on Thursday, triggering severe thunderstorms from southwestern Iowa and southeastern Nebraska into west-central Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle in the afternoon and evening.

While the threat for large, long-lasting tornadoes should be significantly less than what it was on Monday and Tuesday, AccuWeather meteorologists are still monitoring the potential for several tornadoes to spin up.

The main threats from Thursday's storms will be damaging wind gusts, flooding downpours and incidents of large hail.

Cities that lie within Thursday's threat zone include Omaha, Nebraska; Wichita, Kansas; Woodward and Enid, Oklahoma; and Amarillo and Lub-

bock, Texas.

By Friday, another round of severe storms will erupt in nearly the same region of the southern Plains, but shift eastward into parts of the Midwest along the northern edge of a dome of heat building across the South.

Similar to Thursday, the main threats from Friday's storms will be flash flooding and destructive winds, but an isolated tornado cannot be ruled out.

Storms may move into Chicago and Kansas City, Missouri, just in time for the evening rush hour on Friday and rattle communities around Des Moines, Iowa, during the afternoon.

Because multiple storms may move repeatedly over the same locations late this week, flooding will again be a major concern. Some communities may receive another 3 to 6 inches of rain on top of what already fell early this week.

Oklahoma City has received nearly 10 inches of rain already this month, which is more than double what the city typically receives for the entire month.

Many stream and creek gauges across the southern Plains and Central states are currently in moderate to major flood stage, and the additional rainfall will prevent these waterways from falling back to normal levels or even below flood stage.

With volume on the roadways increasing late this week in advance of the Memorial Day weekend, motorists can expect even longer travel delays on parts of interstates 40, 70 and 80, as well as surrounding roadways, as a result of the stormy weather.

Be sure to reduce speeds on wet roadways and in heavy downpours to reduce the risk for hydroplaning when traveling at highway speeds.

In addition, large hail can cause serious damage to crops and vehicles not under a garage or protective covering and also endanger the lives of anyone caught outdoors.

Marcy Place welcomes new leadership team



Courtesy photos
Marcy Place held a Meet and Greet on Tuesday afternoon, to welcome the new executive director and case service manager. Community members, families of residents and employees from Marcy Place gathered to find out about what's taking place at Marcy Place.

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BSHS's weekly update

Graduation at BSHS enters the 21st Century

The screenshot shows the Big Spring High School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, About Us, Students, Parents, and Athletics. Below the navigation bar, a banner reads "2019-2020 Cheerleaders". A group photo of the cheerleaders is displayed. A callout box points to an "ANNOUNCEMENTS" button on the website. Other callouts include "TEA Academically Acceptable Campus" and "Alumni".

By **COLONEL ALLEN M. MORRIS**

Communications Department Director

The BSHS class of 2019 will cross the stage tomorrow at Howard College in the traditional fashion with gowns, motorboards and tassels just as they have for well over 100 years -- Runnels High is well over 100 years old, but there will be something new this year. The celebration video will be available as a download on the high school's YouTube channel and the event will be livestreamed by local area media on Facebook. Anyone can view the livestream via Facebook feeds on KBYG and KBST. If the de-

tails can be worked out, the stream will also be on the high school's Facebook page too.

This means that anyone anywhere with an internet connection will be able to see the entire ceremony from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine and all points between.

The feed will start about 7:50 PM on May 24.

To see the Celebration Video after graduation, visit the high school's webpage and click on the Announcement's button as shown in the photo. This will take you directly to the video. Due to copyright issues, the music on the video after the fact will not be the same music that was heard live.

Academic Star Student of the Week *Paige Atkins, Coahoma High School*

Paige Atkins is a senior at Coahoma High School. During her time in high school, she has been active in cheerleading, softball, track, volleyball, basketball, and FFA.

She was named Basketball Queen and was nominated for the homecoming court. She was a member of the National Honor Society, and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society through Howard College.

Following graduation, Paige plans to pursue the RN program at Howard College and then transfer to Texas Tech University to earn her Nurse Practitioner's license.

Paige's parents are Brooke Atkins and Michael Atkins.



Congratulations, Paige!

Texas A&M study ties extracurricular activities to academic success

Associated Press

Many a student spends hours upon hours engaged in an extracurricular activity not required by his or her degree plan.

A study done by the Texas A&M College of Education and Human Development found there is a definite effect of steady participation in extracurricular activities on important outcomes like reading and math achievement, course grades, sense of belonging to school and academic self-concept.

"It's the first study to demonstrate an effect of extracurricular participation," professor emeritus Jan Hughes said. "Results strongly suggest that participating in extracurricular activities causes students' academic performance to increase. It's the first study to demonstrate the reason that participation in sports leads to improved outcomes is the effect of participation on one's friendship network."

The study followed a group of students from elementary school, when there is not as much opportunity for extracurricular activities, through middle school and high school, where participation increases.

The research also found the activity in which a child participates does not matter as much as the act of getting involved and staying involved.

Lufkin High School has noticed an increase in the number of students participating in extracurriculars. This year, 82% of the student population is participating in at least one extracurricular activity, Principal Brandon Boyd said.

"I think extracurricular activities make students more well-rounded," Boyd said. "You're building and creating life skills. It's about opportunities; we're big on creating opportunities here."

When a student is accountable to a team and has a teacher or coach checking up on them, they are more likely to succeed.

"It's amazing how much that helps," Boyd said. "Now you're not only accountable to yourself or your parents for your grades, you're accountable to that team, to that coach, to that sponsor, whoever it may be."

In addition to the typical extracurricular activities like sports and band, LHS also offers students a chance to create their own clubs.

The clubs are initiated and run by students with the help of an adult sponsor. During the 2018-19 year, students created 44 clubs with active student interest. One of the largest clubs is Ignite, a club led by juniors and seniors that serves as a bridge for incoming freshmen.

THE BULLDOG REPORT

Junior High Bulldogs claim Division 1 Concert honors



Courtesy photo

The Coahoma Junior High School seventh grade band earned a Division 1 rating for their concert contest program recently at the Greenwood music festival.

Congratulations, Howard County students and teachers!



Another successful school year is in the books, and the Big Spring Herald offers congratulations to all area students who put in the hard work to succeed and progress to the next level of their educational career, to all the seniors who are moving on to make their dreams into realities, and to all the local teachers who put in the daily nurturing, caring, and

working for the benefit of all Howard County students.

For those of you who have the summer off, enjoy it! You've earned it! Have a great, restful, rejuvenating few months and come back or move on, ready for the next step of your lives.

For those taking classes or working during the summer, keep up the good

work and push on through. You've got this.

This will be the final edition of the Herald's weekly Education Page for the 2018-2019 school year. It's been great seeing all the accomplishments, star students, and budding journalists who have helped to make this page happen this year. Have a great summer, and we'll be back this fall!

Top-seeded Texas Tech beats K-State 7-4 in Big 12 tourney

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Taylor Floyd got top-seeded Texas Tech out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth and the Red Raiders held the Red Raiders held Josh Jung and Cam-three hits for Texas Tech faces West Virginia on Texas Tech jumped innings and 7-4 after (25-32) loaded the bases of the ninth, but Floyd and struck out Chris game.



OKLAHOMA CITY — Taylor Floyd got top-seeded Texas Tech out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth and off Kansas State 7-4 on 12 Tournament. eron Warren each had Tech (37-15), which Thursday. ahead 5-1 after three seven. The Wildcats with one out in the top induced a groundout Ceballos to close the

Micah Dallas (5-0) pitched five innings of five-hit ball to get the win, while Tech chased Jordan Wicks (6-3) after just three innings and five earned runs allowed.

Rangers complete 3-game sweep of Mariners with 2-1 win

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adrian Sampson and the Texas Rangers like the results of these delayed lengthy pitching appearances, with the right-pitcher appearing after an "opener" gets through the first few batters.

Sampson allowed one earned run over 5 1/3 innings after taking over in the second inning Wednesday, getting his second big league victory in a 2-1 win over the Seattle Mariners. That is the same way he got his first victory five days earlier against the St. Louis Cardinals.

"As long as we get wins, everyone's happy," Sampson said.

"Whether he likes it, I don't know fully because I don't think he'll tell me like I hate this," manager Chris Woodward said. "It's so nice to a guy like that, who's willing to come in in the middle of the inning, can come in in the middle of an inning and pitch six innings."

Hunter Pence homered for the Rangers (24-23), who completed a three-game series sweep. They have won seven of eight to get back over .500 for the first time since April 28.

The Mariners have lost 27 of 37 games to fall to the bottom of the AL West standings since starting the season 13-2.

Marco Gonzalez (5-4) limited Texas to one earned run over seven innings, but dropped to 0-4 with a 4.56 ERA in five starts in May. The lefty was 5-0 after his first seven starts this season, but this was one of his sharpest games.

"Doesn't matter. We lose, it doesn't matter. I'm not OK with it," Gonzalez said. "It's hard to be OK with it when we lose."

Pence put the Rangers up 2-0 in the sixth when he went deep on a changeup, his 10th homer of the season. Texas got an unearned run in the first when Pence reached on an error by first baseman Edwin Encarnación and scored on a double by Nomar Mazara.

Jesse Chavez got the first five outs for the Rangers. Shawn Kelley worked the ninth for his fourth save in five chances, his second in less than 24 hours since coming off the injured list following the removal of two lumps from his throat that were determined to be benign.

In five starts this season, Sampson

is 0-2 with a 7.66 ERA and hasn't gone more than five innings. Pitching in relief, he is 2-1 with a 1.48 ERA. His first appearance was allowing one run over six innings in relief against Houston on April 1.

"I feel like I'm just finding comfort in pitching lately," Sampson said. "Whether I'm starting or coming out of the bullpen, I just feel good out there right now."

MAZ HIGHLIGHTS

Mazara was 6 for 12 with four doubles in the series. The right fielder also had an impressive leaping catch near the wall in the fourth of the finale. "I knew where it was and I did a good job of timing it," Mazara said.

SHORT HOPS

Seattle turned five double plays. ... Pence has at least 10 homers for the 11th time in his career. He went deep only four times last season with San Francisco. ... Chavez has pitched 11 scoreless innings in his last eight games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: C Omar Narváez left the game with a bruised knee. He took a foul tip off his knee in the bottom of the third, and is day-to-day. "Omar got smoked good. He got hit about a week ago in the same spot," manager Scott Servais said. ... 3B Kyle Seager, who had surgery to repair the tendon of his left middle finger during spring training, is on track for his season debut Saturday. That is when is eligible to come off the 60-day injured list. Servais said Seager felt good physically during his rehab assignment and isn't having any issues with his hand.

Rangers: OF Willie Calhoun was placed on the 10-day injured list because of a left quad strain. He hurt it as a baserunner in Tuesday night's game. ... SS Elvis Andrus (right hamstring strain) hit a solo homer in a rehab game with Double-A Frisco. He is eligible to return to the Rangers' lineup Saturday.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Seattle will be in Oakland on Friday night for the opener of a weekend series.

Rangers: Texas starts a series Friday night at the Los Angeles Angels. LHP Drew Smyly (0-3, 6.51) is still looking for his first big league victory since 2016, before Tommy John surgery and missing the last two seasons.

Shepherd's homer gives Georgia 2-0 victory over Texas A&M



AP photo

Texas A&M pitcher Chris Weber throws a pitch during the first inning of the Southeastern Conference tournament NCAA college baseball game against Georgia, Wednesday, May 22.

Associated press

HOOVER, Ala. — Cam Shepherd belted a two-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to give No. 3 seed Georgia a 2-0 victory over No. 6 seed Texas A&M in the Southeastern Conference Tournament on Wednesday.

Shepherd blasted a 2-2 pitch from Joseph Menefee (3-2) over the left-field fence, barely sailing over the glove of left fielder Cam Blake.

Georgia (43-14) got just three hits but still won an SEC Tournament game for the first time since 2011.

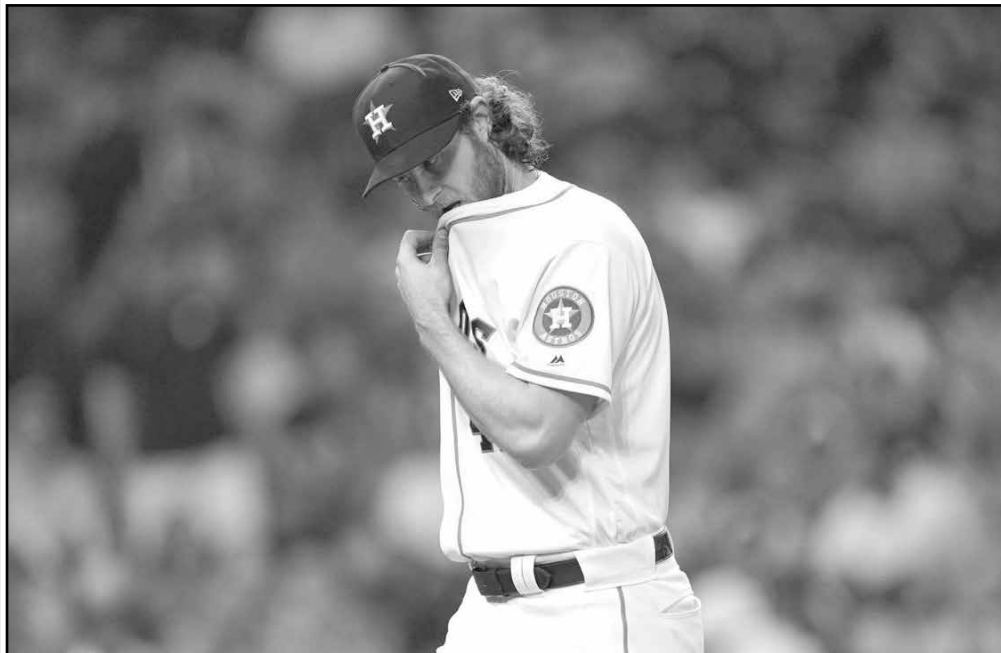
The Bulldogs have lost eight straight SEC Tournament games.

The Bulldogs remain in the winners' bracket and have a Thursday matchup with No. 2 seed Arkansas, which beat No. 7 seed Mississippi 5-3 on Wednesday. Texas A&M (37-20-1) faces Ole Miss in an elimination game Thursday.

Texas A&M starter Chris Weber held Georgia hitless before allowing Randon Jernigan's one-out single in the eighth.

Georgia's Tim Elliott, Justin Glover and Zac Kristofak (5-0) combined on a two-hitter.

Jiménez hits 2 HR, White Sox turn triple play to beat Astros



AP photo

Houston Astros starting pitcher Gerrit Cole wipes his face as he walks toward the dugout after being pulled during the sixth inning of the team's baseball game against the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday, May 22.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Chicago White Sox used a rare combination to beat the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Charlie Tilson hit a grand slam for his first career homer and the White Sox turned the only triple play in the majors this season during a 9-4 victory.

It's the first time in franchise history the White Sox have smacked a grand slam and pulled off a triple play in the same game — and only the fourth time a major league team has done it since 1979. The last club to accomplish the feat was the Detroit Tigers on Sept. 8, 2017.

"The guys today swung the bats very well," manager Rick Renteria said. "All around just a pretty good game with a few double plays and a triple play to boot."

Eloy Jiménez homered twice for Chicago, and Tilson's slam highlighted a six-run sixth inning.

A night after managing just one hit in a 5-1 loss, the White Sox got going early in this one, with Jiménez connecting in the second inning and Jose Abreu adding a solo shot in the fourth to give them a 2-0 lead.

The Astros got a homer from Alex Bregman in a three-run fourth to go on top before Chicago's big inning.

Leury García got things started in the sixth with a single and went to second on an error by left fielder Michael Brantley. The White Sox tied it at 3 when García scored on a single by Yoán Moncada.

Abreu singled before Gerrit Cole (4-5) was chased by James McCann's RBI double that put Chicago up 4-3. He was replaced by Josh Load, who walked Yonder Alonso to load the bases. There were two outs when Tilson, who has played 58 games over three big league seasons, launched a 98 mph fastball into the right field seats to extend the lead to 8-3.

"It was very special," Tilson said. "A long time coming, but couldn't have asked for a better moment to do it."

Jiménez, who was 0 for 7 in his first two games after spending almost a month on the injured list with an ankle problem, added a second solo homer in the eighth for the rookie's second career multihomer game.

"It was a couple of tough days, especially yesterday," Jiménez said. "It was good for me because it was against one of the best pitchers, too. He's got really good stuff."

White Sox starter Ivan Nova (3-4) allowed 10 hits but just three runs in seven-plus innings to bounce back after giving up nine runs in his previous start. He was helped by a defense that turned four double plays and ended the third inning with Chicago's first triple play since July 2016 against Atlanta.

With runners on first and second, speedy Jake Marisnick hit a grounder down the third base line to Moncada. He stepped on the bag for the first out and threw to Yolmer Sanchez at second. Sanchez relayed to first, where the ball just beat Marisnick.

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AP photo

Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward, left, points to Hunter Pence (24) after Pence scored on a double by Nomar Mazara in the first inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Arlington, Texas, Wednesday, May 22.

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LEADING OFF: Cano exits after grounder, JD Martinez out

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors today:

AILING

The Mets will check Robinson Canó, a day after he left the game against Washington because of tightness in his left quadriceps.

Canó appeared to hurt the leg while running to first base when he grounded out in the third inning. The 36-year-old second baseman is batting .241 with three homers and 13 RBIs. The eight-time All-Star was acquired by New York from Seattle in December.

Twice last weekend Canó failed to run out grounders in Miami, both of them resulting in double plays.

MISSING MARTINEZ

Boston star J.D. Martinez wasn't in the lineup for Wednesday's game at Toronto because of a sore back and manager Alex Cora says the



AP photo

Boston Red Sox's J.D. Martinez follows through on his two-run home run against the Colorado Rockies during the third inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 15.

slugger is unlikely to play again until Friday.

Cora said he was hesitant to play

Martinez in the series finale, citing the artificial surface and the early afternoon start. The Red Sox will

certainly miss Martinez's presence in the lineup, but the Blue Jays will not — he has 13 home runs and 41 RBIs in 40 career games against them.

Martinez is hitting .308 this season with nine homers and 28 RBIs.

RETURN OF THE ACE

Following a brutal start to the season, Aaron Nola has looked much more like the ace pitcher the Phillies expect him to be. The 25-year-old right-hander finished third in the NL Cy Young voting last season, but had a 7.45 ERA after his first four starts this year.

Nola has found his form over the past month, giving up just one earned run in four of his last five starts and struck out 12 against Colorado in his previous outing. He'll be on the mound for Philadelphia at Wrigley Field facing the Chicago Cubs and lefty Jon Lester.

ASTROS

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"It takes a perfect alignment of the stars," Astros manager AJ Hinch said.

"It was not our night."

Because he was in the perfect spot to grab Marisnick's grounder, Moncada thought the White Sox might be able to get three outs as soon as he touched third.

"Honestly, yes," he said through a translator. "I just reacted and from there the play was easy."

Houston last hit into a triple play on April 19, 2018, against the Mariners.

Cole yielded seven hits and six runs while striking out seven in five-plus innings.

"I was just off," he said. "It wasn't a good night. I wasn't synced up enough in my delivery."

Abreu, who broke up Justin Verlander's no-hit bid with a homer in the seventh inning Tuesday night, went deep with one out in the fourth to

make it 2-0.

Bregman cut the lead to one on his homer with one out in the fourth. Brantley followed with a single before scoring on a double by Carlos Correa to tie it. Correa, who reached third on the throw home, evaded a tag to score on a sacrifice fly by

Aledmys Diaz that put Houston on top 3-2.

Bregman's homer extended Houston's streak of games with at least one to 19, which ties the longest run in franchise history. The Astros also homered in 19 straight games in 2017.

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