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SWCID Job Fair scheduled Thursday

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Need a job?
 It's time for the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's biannual Job Fair.

"We have a job fair twice a year," said Assistant to the Dean of Instruction at SWCID, Jennifer Key. "This is our second year. We've had two so far; this is our third actual job fair. We do one in the spring and one in the fall. There will be one in late September also. It's sponsored by the National Resource Conservation Service. They are part of the USDA, and they have partnered with us to have a job fair twice a year, and then



Students and community members visit with prospective employers at the Fall 2018 SWCID Job Fair. This spring's fair will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the college's Maddux Student Center.

Upcoming Events

Thursday:
 SWCID Job Fair
 SWCID Campus
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chuck Wagon Dinner
 Moss Creek Ranch
 6 p.m.

School Board Meeting
 5:15 p.m.
 BSHS Board Room

Saturday:

Symphony Guild Fundraiser/Luncheon
 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
 Trinity Baptist Church

Pints for Polio - 7 p.m.
 at Courtyard

Monday:
 Open House
 4:30 p.m.
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Heritage Museum Chuckwagon Dinner set for Thursday



By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum of Big Spring's annual Chuckwagon Dinner will be held at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Rd., on Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fajitas with all the sides will be served, along with desserts and tea.

"This meeting is to bring everyone up to speed about what's going on at the museum," says Cheryl Joy, Heritage Museum Administrative Assistant. "The president also makes a presentation, and there will be a vote for new trustees."

Janell Davis and Katie Grimes, two of the longest serving board members, will be honored. There will also be door prizes.

Tickets are still available. For more information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

Attendees chat at 2018's Heritage Museum of Big Spring Chuckwagon Dinner, held at the Hotel Settles. This year's dinner, set for Thursday, will be at Moss Creek Ranch.

BSISD to recognize Skills USA, All-District Basketball, at board meeting

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the district's board room at Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place.

During the meeting, the board will recognize students who participated in CTE Skills USA, as well as the All-District Basketball team.

Following the recognitions, the board will hear an update on progress on district goals, as well as the schedule for summer school 2019.

Action items on the agenda include:

- Consider certification of unopposed candidates in the May 4 school board election, as well as cancelling elections for candidates running unopposed;
- Officially give notice of the May 4 school board election;
- Review and consider changes to the board's operating procedures – no further information is listed on the agenda;
- Consider approval of a resolution extending the current depository bank contract;
- Consider approval of the "District of Innovation" plan, a program set up by

Proposed House/Senate bills focused on property tax reform

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The House and the Senate have proposed identical bills regarding Property Tax Reform – Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 2. The bills would effectively lower the rollback rate of property tax from the current 8 percent to 2.5 percent without voter approval and require voter approval to be requested during November uniform election dates.

"I am deeply troubled with the finger pointing at local government as the cause of increase of property taxes," Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, said. "School finance is the problem and I see little effort to address that in the legislative session."

According to Judge Wiseman, Howard County currently gets about 18.6 cents of a property tax dollar, the City of Big Spring receives about 10.8 cents and Howard College receives about 13 cents. The schools are getting about 56.7 cents.

"Our people here in Howard County are seeing high tax appraisals on their properties. The Comptroller's office directs local appraisal districts to raise property values by six percent each year," she said. "And unfunded mandates cost our

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Obituaries

Captain Francisco Pete Rodriguez



On Saturday, March 16, 2019, Captain Francisco Pete Rodriguez, 68, passed away peacefully with his family at his bedside.

Captain Rodriguez was born Oct. 10, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas, to Pedro Rodriguez and Maria Saldívar Rodriguez. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1969 and attended Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, where he joined the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. During his time at A&M, he earned degrees in Industrial Technology and Industrial Engineering and graduated a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie class of 1973. He earned his P. E. License in 1990.

Pete was honorably discharged from the Army, Army Reserves, and National Guard, earning the

highest rank as Captain, and later opened Lean Manufacturing Solutions as a consulting business. His hobbies included country and western dancing, running, and taking part in the national and local politics.

Pete is survived by sisters Lucy and husband Joe Lopez, Gloria and husband Jesse Gámez, both from Kingwood, Texas, and sister Janie Rodriguez of Big Spring. He also had four nephews and three nieces and several great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Joseph Lopez, Stephen Stokes, Bryan Stokes, Lee Alcantar, Juan Ayala, and Gilbert Velasquez.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 20, 2019, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. immediately followed by the Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Charles C. "Matt" Matthews



Charles C. "Matt" Matthews, (TSGT, Retired) 84, of Big Spring died Friday, March 15, 2019. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial with Air Force Honors will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Charles was born January 21, 1935 in Vicksburg,

Mississippi to Ruth Belcher Matthews and Charles Fred Matthews.

Charles is survived by his wife Jewel "Bobbie" Matthews of Big Spring; three daughters: Katherine Reyes of Big Spring, Katrina Schultze (Eric) of Kernersville, North Carolina and Amanda Ruth of Big Spring, nine grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by two sons: Kenny Matthews and Lee Matthews; one great grandson: Aiden Matthews; one brother: Robert Matthews and one sister: Annie Ruth Magarity. Active pallbearers will be the Military. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Take Note

• A fund has been set up to assist Debby Salazar-Valverde with funeral expenses. If you would like to contribute, please stop by State National Bank and speak with Jeff Ward. Checks are to be made payable to "Patsy Rodriguez ITF Debbye Valverde."

• AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income.

Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the taxpayer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018. Free electronic filing will be available for faster refunds.

For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Wildflower Ministries will have their next Foster Informational Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. This group meets at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Have you ever considered fostering? Do you have questions? Wait no longer. Your opportunity is here. Come meet foster parents and a licensing professional to learn about fostering in Howard County. Please enter through the Northwest door in the back of the building.

• 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, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be April 1 and 2 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

• The Academy, an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the first through fifth grade, is now accepting applications for current students grades first through fifth for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The program is designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. It is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

Applicants and their parents must undergo an interview and complete an orientation prior to the start of the program.

Forms can be filled out in the Coahoma Elementary School office, 400 Ramsey, Street, Coahoma. Applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Mar. 29, 2019.

Students who are already in the program will not have to re-apply.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• 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.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year

to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **YESICA YADIRA MENDEZ**, 18, of 1511 Kentucky Way, was arrested on a charge of racing on the highway-acceleration contest, etc.
- **ROSEMARY VASQUEZ**, 47, of 13 E. Interstate 20, was arrested on a warrant for pedestrian failing to yield right of way to a vehicle.
- **ANGIE FAYE BROOKS**, 51, pf 1009-1/2 E. 15th St., was arrested on a warrant for public nuisance, class C.
- **MARTIN ALVARADO**, 37, of 1603 Cardinal St., was arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no drivers license, failure to control speed, and on a warrant from another agency.
- **ROBERT R. VALENCIA**, 40, of 7206 S. Service Rd., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$100-\$750).
- **THEFT** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20, 2700 block of Central Dr., and the 1700 block of Hwy 350.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 20th St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of N.W. 10th St.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy 87, and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at Fourth and Birdwell and on the North Service Road and Hwy 87 red light.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 11th Place.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARTIN ALVARADO**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on warrantS for bail jumping/failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license, failure to control speed.
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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of E. 25th St. 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.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

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to have a couple of paid internships for our students.”

Key added that the fair will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the college's Maddux Student Center.

Key also emphasized the fair is open to the entire

community.

“We're trying to make everyone aware that it's for the community, it's not just for deaf students and deaf businesses. It's for everyone to come and have a booth, and members of the community can come and look for a job,” she said. “It's a work in progress. We're just trying to get the word out there.”

So far, Howard College and the USDA have confirmed tables at the fair.

“We still will take requests from employers until 5 o'clock (Wednesday),” Key said.

For more information, contact Key at 432-264-3775 or the main SWCID campus at 432-264-3700.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

BSISD

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the state which gives traditional school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools, provided they develop an “innovation plan.” The district plans to file their innovation plan with an “exemption amendment”;

- Consider approval of the 2019-2020 school calendar;
- Consider employment recommendations;

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BILLS

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taxpayers over half of the revenue Howard County gets.”

School funding by the State decreased by seven percent in 2018-2019 fiscal year. In 2008, the State was paying around 42 percent of school funding and now it is paying about 35 percent, leaving local taxpayers to pay the rest, according to Judge Wiseman.

“Howard County runs on about 18 and a half cents of a local prop-

erty tax dollar and we continue to be very conservative with taxpayer money. We always try and stick with the Effective Tax Rate if we can,” she said. “If SB2 and HB2 pass, Howard County's ability to provide services to our citizens will be affected.”

Judge Wiseman gave an example of the bills effect on Howard County;

The effective rate went from .30 to .32 per \$100 property value last year and brought in \$793,000; this increase caused the rate to go two cents over the effective rate.

“With this rate we gave the employees a two percent raise and the rest went to build up the recommended six month reserve balance,” Judge Wiseman said. “If the SB 2 and HB 2 bills had passed and been in effect, there would have had to be an election because of the rate being raised 5.94% over last year's rate. (the mandated cap would be 2.5%) An election typically costs taxpayers \$20,000.”

Local school districts do not have any information regarding the potential impact if the

bill were to pass, but more information is expected to be released soon.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

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Gayle (Mumsy) Bledsoe, 83, died Sunday. A memorial service will be held at Myers & Smith Chapel on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2 p.m.

Take Note

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect

books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th

Place.

• 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 is \$8 per person.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• 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 432-271-2138.

• 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.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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Kathryn was nominated by several of her teachers, one to include Mrs. Macleod her math teacher which stated the following:

“She always does her best work, focuses on learning, is helpful with classmates. Great attitude. Wish I had a room full of her.”

Coach Sotelo stated that Kathryn always gives her 100% in PE and quite

often when others quit, she keeps going.

She is a member of our BSI band and TMSCA (Texas Math Science Coaches Association). They are our Mathletes. Kathryn has been competing in Calculator, Number Sense, and Mathematics.

She is on the A Honor Roll.

She also competed in UIL.

When asked to nominate for Rotary Student of the Month the teachers needed to do so based on the following criteria: Inspirational, Giving, Helpful, Loving, Caring, Leader.

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Pet Talk:

Toxic Plants to Avoid at Home

By The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

COLLEGE STATION, March 18, 2019 – Dogs and cats often nibble on plants in the house or yard, but not all plants are safe to be eaten. As you are shopping for plants this spring, keep in mind that many common options are very toxic, and even deadly, to pets.

Murl Bailey, a professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, has advice for pet owners who are not sure which plants to avoid.

Common indoor plants that are toxic to cats include the Easter Lily, Tiger Lily, Day Lily, and Dieffenbachia, commonly called Spotted Dumbcane. Bailey said that if a cat eats a lily, treatment needs to begin within 24 hours to avoid serious kidney damage.

Dieffenbachia is also toxic to dogs, as well as Kalanchoe, a small flowering succulent that can cause vomiting, heart problems, and convulsions.

Bailey said that there are several plants commonly used for outdoor landscaping that are also very toxic to pets.

All parts of sago palms, also called cycads, are very poisonous, but the seeds contain the most toxins.

Oleander, a pink flowering shrub, has toxins that harm cellular metabolism and can cause GI tract issues or heart problems. Bailey said this plant is very dangerous for horses, as well as dogs and cats.

Brunfelsia, a plant with purple flowers also known as Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, is also poisonous, especially to dogs and cattle. It grows wild in Florida but is commonly found in gardens all over the Southern US.

Tulips, azaleas, rhododendron, lilies, yews, and castor bean plants should also be avoided.

The best option for pet owners is to keep these plants out of the yard, or at least in an area that pets cannot access.

Bailey also recommends looking at the ASPCA website's poisonous plants page for information on other plants that may or may not be toxic. The website can be found at <https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>.

If a pet does eat a toxic plant, owners may begin seeing symptoms right away, or they may develop over time.

By The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences ly, when pets ingest toxic plants, the first symptom is vomiting," Bailey said. "Depending upon which plant is ingested, the animal may develop loose bowels, become depressed, or show excitement."

Pets who have eaten toxic plants should be taken to an animal emergency clinic as soon as possible. Pet owners can also call the ASPCA poison control line at 888-426-4435.

Dogs and cats often try to eat plants due to boredom or curiosity, but they do not need them for nutrition. Bailey suggests training pets to leave plants alone or providing toys as a distraction. The best solution is to keep all plants out of a pet's reach.

Plants may be beautiful and great for landscaping, but they are not worth the loss of a pet's life. Smart plant choices are the best way to make sure your pet is not at risk for any plant poisoning.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be found at vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

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Big Spring High art students used Post-It notes to tell their stories. These and many more will be on display at the high school. The students were under the tutelage of Mrs Andrea Phinney.

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Hawks go 3-1 in four game series with NMMI to improve to 6-2 in conference play

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

ROSWELL, NM – The Hawks looked great at the plate in their series with NMMI. Howard College got double digit hits in three of their four games versus the Broncos and scored double digit runs in two of those games as well. With their bats doing work, the Hawks were able to win three games in the four game series and improve their conference record to 6-2 on the year.

In the first game of the series, Howard College out hit NMMI 15 to 10 and put up 10 runs on the Broncos while managing to hold them to just 1 run in the win. Nick Jodway led the way for the Hawks, driving in 5 runs on 2 hits. Jodway got the action started early with a 3 run homer in the first inning to give Howard College a nice 3 run cushion right off the bat.

The Broncos got some hits but couldn't turn them into runs throughout the game and didn't get a run on the board until the bottom of the sixth inning. The Hawks played great defense behind their pitching and kept the base runners in check while committing no errors in the win. Jordan Mikel got the win on the mound for Howard College. Mikel pitched six innings allowed just 1 run on 9 hits and struck out seven. John Carlos Ariza also pitched one inning in relief for the Hawks to help seal the victory.

With 15 hits in the game there were five Hawks with multiple hits. Lance Russell, Ben McClain, Nick Jodway, Raul Ortega and Tracey Bucey each had more than one hit in the game with Russell leading the way going 4 for 4 at the plate with 1 RBI. With their sticks getting the job done at the plate and their gloves for the job done in the field, the Hawks cruised to a convincing 10-1 victory in game one of the series.

In the second game of the series things were a lot closer. Howard Col-



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Howard College catcher Raul Ortega catches a strike for the Hawks.

lege barely edged out the Broncos 9-8 on the scoreboard and only out hit them 11-9 in the narrow win. Both teams protected the plate well and hit the ball with power the entire game.

The Hawks jumped out to a 7-3 lead at the end of the third inning after both teams scored three runs each in the second. In the top of the third Howard College scored four runs on an RBI single by Brandon Pimentel, a sacrifice fly by Nick Jodway and a two run dinger by Frank Cascio. The Broncos tried to mount a rally but came up just short as the early damage done by the Hawks was just too much for NMMI to overcome.

Nicco Cole got the win on the rubber for Howard College. Cole pitched six innings, allowed six runs on seven hits and struck out five in the win. Noah Miller and Jeffrey Zack each pitched in relief for the Hawks with Miller holding off the Broncos late charge to earn the save. Pimentel and Wilson Galvan each had multiple hits in the game with Pimentel leading the way for the Hawks with three hits in

four plate appearances. Howard College fought hard and did just enough to hold on for the close 9-8 win to go up 2-0 over NMMI in the series.

In the third game of the series, NMMI got a little taste of revenge for the first two games of the series and beat the Hawks 14-4 while outsiding hitting the Hawks 12-4 in the lopsided game. The Broncos jumped out to an early lead and forced Howard College to try to play catch up before blowing the game wide open in the bottom of the fourth with a huge 8 run explosion to put the game out of reach.

The Hawks didn't only struggle to keep the Broncos from scoring runs in the game, but also had real issues trying to score runs themselves in the game. With just four hits on the day, Howard College really struggled at the plate against NMMI's Jose Cabanillas who pitched really well against the Hawks. Cabanillas pitched five innings, allowed four runs on four hits and struck out three as he got the win. Ricky Apodaca did fair as well in the game as he took the loss on the

mound for Howard College. Apodaca pitched three innings, allowed nine runs on eight hits and struck out four in the loss.

Bruce Bredon and Trace Bucey both went yard in the fourth in the lone bright spot for the Hawks while Raul Ortega and Wilson Galvan got the other two hits for Howard College in the game. Five players had multiple hits for the Broncos as they took game three from the Hawks in convincing fashion.

In the final game of the series, it looked like the Hawks wanted some redemption for their disappointing performance in game three. Howard College got started right away and scored three of their 11 runs in the first inning. The Hawks out hit the Broncos 10-4 in the game and really played well at the plate and on the diamond to get the double-digit 11-1 victory.

Frank Cascio got things started off with a bang for Howard College in the top of the first. Cascio hit a three run shot deep over the wall to give the Hawks an early 3-0 lead that they would not relinquish in the game. Seth Ochoa, Allante Hall, and Cascio all had multiple hits in the game for Howard College with Ochoa leading the way with a three-for-four day at the plate.

Taylor Pendley got the victory on the hill for the Hawks. Pendley lasted five innings, allowed just one run on three hits and struck out seven. Tyler Hardwick took the loss for NMMI. Hardwick pitched five innings, allowed nine runs on seven hits and struck out five in the loss.

With the win the Hawks improved to 6-2 in conference play and took a 3-1 advantage in the four game series with the Broncos. Howard College will play Western Texas College in a double-header this Friday at Jack Barber field looking to continue to improve the conference record and move up in the standings.

AP source: Alex Bregman, Astros agree to \$100M, 6-year deal

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Alex Bregman and the Houston Astros have agreed on a \$100 million, six-year deal that keeps the All-Star third baseman under contract with the team through 2024, according to a person with direct knowledge of the situation.

The agreement includes this season, three years of arbitration eligibility (2020-22) and pushes back Bregman's opportunity to become a free agent by two years. The person spoke Tuesday night on condition of

anonymity because details had not been released by the team. The agreement was first reported by KRIV-FOX 26.

The 24-year-old Bregman made his first All-Star team last season and was selected MVP of the game after hitting a home run to help the American League win. He set career highs with a .286 batting average, 31 homers, 103 RBIs and a major league-leading 51 doubles, finishing fifth in AL MVP balloting.

The second overall pick in the 2015 amateur draft out of LSU, Bregman has hit .282 with 58 homers and

208 RBIs in 2½ seasons with the Astros, helping them win consecutive AL West titles and the 2017 World Series.

Bregman was limited early this spring after having arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow in January.

The deal means the Astros have Bregman and star second baseman Jose Altuve locked up through 2024.

The 28-year-old Altuve, who had off-season knee surgery, is a six-time All-Star and the 2017 AL MVP. His \$163.5 million, seven-year contract includes annual salaries of \$26.2 million from 2020-24.



AP photo
Houston Astros' Alex Bregman hits a home run in the first inning during an exhibition spring training baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Thursday, March 14, 2019, in West Palm Beach Fla.

Osetkowski leads Texas over S. Dakota St. 79-73 in NIT

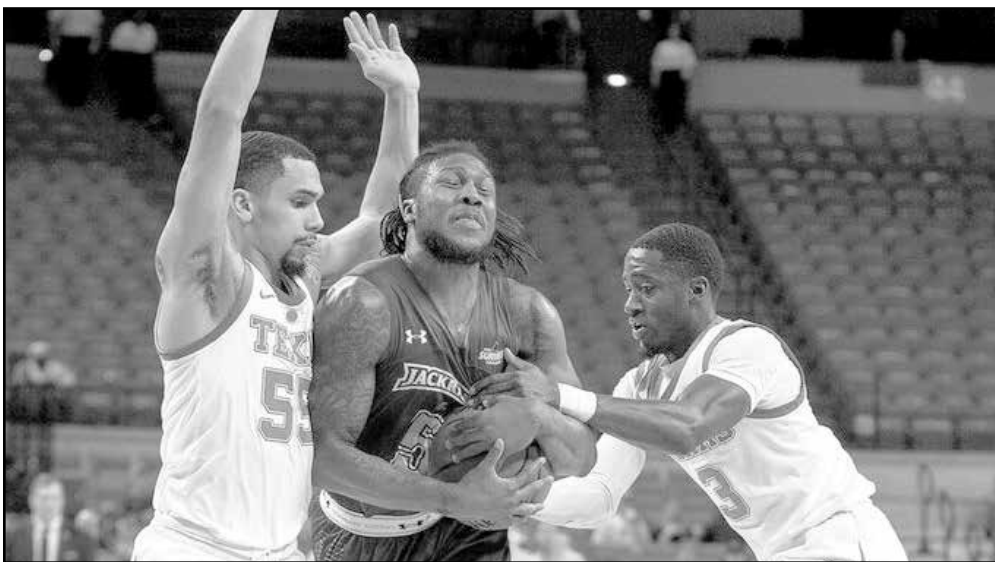


AP photo

Texas forward Dylan Osetkowski (21) shoots over South Dakota State forward Matt Dentlinger (32) during a first round game of the NCAA college basketball National Invitation Tournament in Austin, Texas, Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Dylan Osetkowski had a career-high 26 points as Texas defeated South Dakota



AP photo

South Dakota State guard David Jenkins (5) tries to split through Texas guards Elijah Mitrou-Long (55) and Courtney Ramey (3) during a first round game of the NCAA college basketball National Invitation Tournament in Austin, Texas, Tuesday.

State 79-73 in the NIT first round on Tuesday night. Osetkowski shot 4 for 6 from beyond the arc. Courtney Ramey had 13 points for Texas (17-16). Kerwin Roach II added 12 points.

Mike Daum had 25 points and 11 rebounds for the Jackrabbits (24-9). David Jenkins Jr. added 19 points. Skyler Flatten had 14 points and six rebounds.

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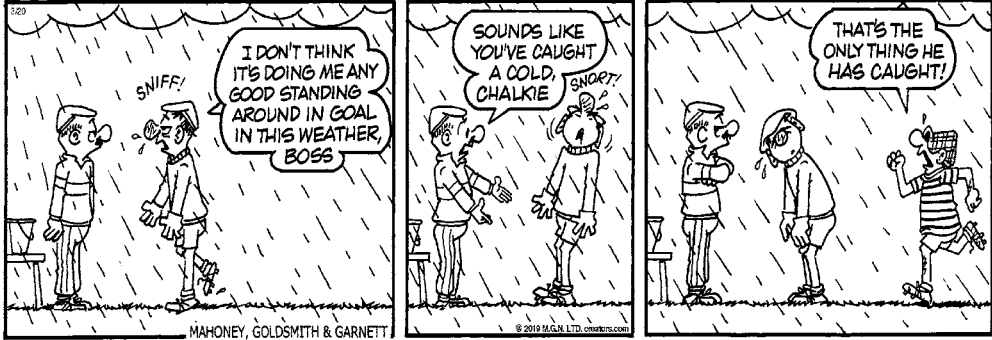
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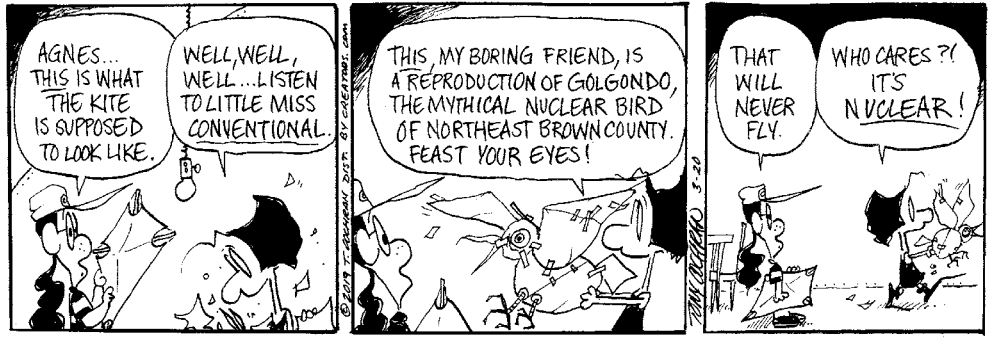
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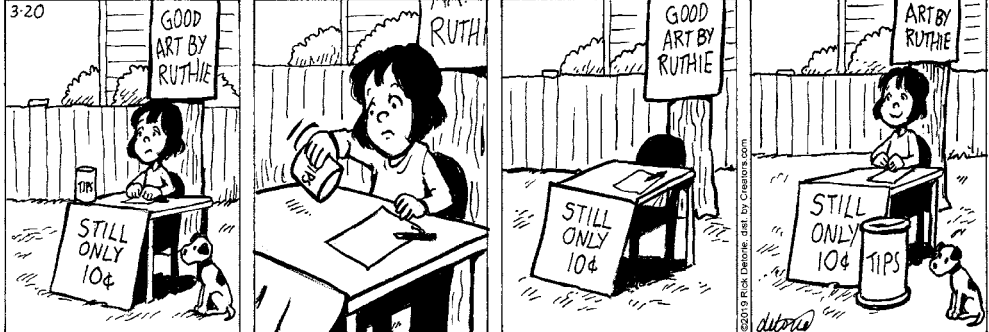
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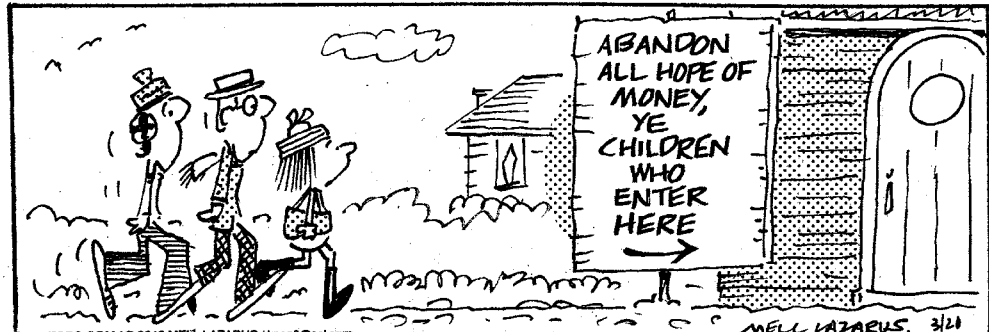
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Harden, Capela lead Rockets to easy win over Hawks

By **GEORGE HENRY**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chris Paul wasn't concerned that Houston would keep struggling to hit shots.

"In the first half we weren't making anything," he said. "We looked, and it was tied up and we were down two at some point. Once we started making stops, we can blow this game open, man. That's what I always say. 'If we're not making shots, you better go on a run on us.'"

James Harden had 31 points and 10 assists, Clint Capela added 26 points and 11 rebounds and the Rockets won their third straight game with a 121-105 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

The Rockets have won 12 of 13 and have 10 wins in their last 13 road games.

It was a lopsided match-up. The Hawks, led by Trae Young's 21 points and 12 assists and John Collins' 20 points 10 rebounds, are rebuilding and likely headed for the NBA draft lottery. Houston is third in the Western Conference and has plenty of star power.

Harden, the league's scoring leader, is trying to become the first player since Michael Jordan in 1988-89 to average at least 30 points, seven assists, six rebounds and two steals.

Atlanta had no player able to defend him for long as he finished 8 for 18 from the field and 11 of 12 from the foul line. Harden set a new NBA single-season high of 890 attempts beyond the arc, four more than Stephen Curry took in 2015-16.

Paul, who last month joined Oscar Robertson, Magic Johnson,



Houston Rockets center Clint Capela dunks in front of Atlanta Hawks forward Vince Carter, left, during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 19, in Atlanta. Houston won 121-105.

John Stockton and Jason Kidd as the only players with at least 17,000 career points, 9,000 assists and 4,000 rebounds, had 13 points, 11 assists, three steals and just one turnover.

"We get most of the shots that we want every night," Paul said. "It's just a matter of whether or not they go in. We just keep trying to turn the defense and push the tempo and we feel like we can make shots."

Capela got his sixth straight double-double and 37th overall.

"Their second-half execution was tough," Collins said. "I think they turned it up a little bit, hit a lot of

tough shots and that pushed the lead out. With a team like that, if they get a lead, they know how to keep it."

Houston struggled beyond the arc in the first half, missing 13 of its first 15 attempts, and entering the third was just 4 for 21.

But just as they did Sunday with 21 3s in a win over Minnesota, the Rockets came out of the break quickly, finishing the period with eight 3s to take charge of the game.

The Hawks never had a chance the rest of the way, letting Houston push the lead to 93-78 early in the fourth when Paul fed Kenneth Faried for a

layup.

Atlanta took a two-point lead early in the third on Dewayne Dedmon's 3, but it lasted just a few seconds. P.J. Tucker, Paul and Harden each followed with a 3 to make it 68-61. The Hawks called timeout before Harden and Tucker each hit a 3 to push the lead back to double digits.

Harden fed Capela for a dunk that made it 78-67, and Atlanta coach Lloyd Pierce asked for another timeout. It did little to slow Houston, which went up 104-84 on Paul's 3.

Capela's three-point play in the second quarter made it 53-42 for the game's first double-digit lead on an 11-1 Houston run.

"We have a lot of knock-down shooters," Harden said. "Offensively, we can get it going at any moment. If we can sustain our defensive pressure for an entire game, then we can put a lot of pressure on the other team's defense."

TIP-INS

Rockets: Danuel House Jr. had six 3s and 19 points.

... Houston finished with 19 3s, two nights after getting 21 against the Timberwolves. ... Coach Mike D'Antoni continued his pattern of resting players. C Nene sat out Tuesday and will do so on Wednesday. G Iman Shumpert was given Tuesday off. ... Harden has at least 10 assists in his last five games.

Hawks: Rookie G Kevin Huerter went 2 for 9 from the field and finished with four points in 27 minutes. ... 41-year-old Vince Carter, a reserve, had 14 points and nine rebounds in 27 minutes.

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Cowboys agree to terms on 1-year contract with WR Cobb



AP photo

Green Bay Packers' Randall Cobb catches a touchdown pass in front of Atlanta Falcons' Sharrod Neasman during the second half of an NFL football game in Green Bay, Wis. The Dallas Cowboys have agreed to terms on a one-year contract with free-agent receiver Cobb. He spent the first eight years of his NFL career

Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have agreed to terms on a one-year contract with free-agent receiver Randall Cobb.

Cobb spent the first eight years of his NFL career with the Green Bay Packers, though he was limited to nine games last season because of a hamstring injury and a concussion.

Along with the addition of Cobb, the Cowboys on Tuesday re-signed unrestricted free-agent long snapper L.P. Ladouceur. They also signed Kerry Hyder, a defensive end from Texas Tech who was with Detroit last season.

Dallas has brought in Cobb and re-signed receiver Tavon Austin to a one-year deal since slot receiver Cole Beasley left in free agency last week for a four-year deal with Buffalo.

Cobb has 470 catches for 5,524 yards and 41 touchdowns for the Packers from 2011 through last season. The 28-year-old receiver was a Pro Bowl pick in 2014, when he had 91 catches for 1,287 yards and 12 touchdowns.

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Freshman Rodgers keeps homerun streak alive



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Madison Rodgers, Coahoma High School freshman, has been knocking out homeruns - six for the season. This is the first time in her softball career she has hit a homerun, which makes the streak even more exciting. Way to go Madison!

Grizzle remembered at Howard vs. McCook game



Courtesy photo

During a recent memorial for Clay Grizzle, Howard College staff and others attending the game, sat next to a pink chair in memory of Clay Grizzle. He was a drama instructor at Howard, a few years ago, who recently passed away. Grizzle worked at McCook, who Howard was playing. The chair was placed in memorium of him, as a representation of what he contributed to both schools.

Stanley Cup champion Capitals to visit Trump at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals will get a chance to celebrate their Stanley Cup championship with President Donald Trump at the White House on Monday. One player has already said he won't attend.

Minutes after the Capitals beat the New Jersey Devils 4-1 on Tuesday night, forward Brett Connolly said he would skip the ceremony.

"I said what I needed to say," said Connolly, who had hinted that he would not attend before the White House sent the invitation. "Respectfully, decline. That's all I will say about it. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. It's obviously a big deal and gains a lot of attention, but I have been in full support of an old teammate that I am really good friends with and I agreed with."

Connolly, who is Canadian, did not identify the player.

The most obvious choice is forward Devante Smith-Pelly, who is currently in the minors. He had told Postmedia in Canada during the Stanley Cup final that he wouldn't go to the White House.

Ovechkin and his teammates are

continuing the NHL tradition of visiting the sitting president after some recent champions in other leagues have chosen not to.

The Russian-born captain and play-off MVP said he was excited about the White House trip after the game and planned to attend.

"I can't wait," Ovechkin had said in June. "I never been there. I want to take pictures around it. It will be fun."

The Capitals are Washington's first champions in the four major North American sports leagues since the NFL's Redskins in 1992, also the last hometown pro team to visit the White House.

This visit has political undertones given that special counsel Robert Mueller is looking into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia and whether the president obstructed the investigation. Ovechkin has been a vocal supporter of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and fellow countrymen Evgeny Kuznetsov and Dmitry Orlov are also on the team.

After posting on Instagram about Putin in November 2017, Ovechkin said it was not political while adding that he had a good relationship with



AP photo

Washington Capitals' Alex Ovechkin, holds up the Stanley Cup trophy, in 2018. The U.S. Capitol rises in the background. A person with direct knowledge of the decision says the Capitals will visit the White House on Monday to celebrate their Stanley Cup championship.

Putin.

"I just support my president and just support my country because I'm from there, and you know, if people from U.S. came to Russia, they care about

what happen in the U.S.," Ovechkin said. "So, I care about what happening in Russia because it's my home and it's where I'm from."

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