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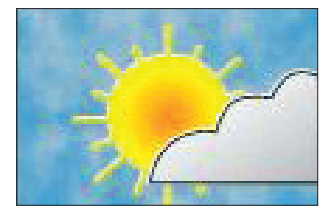


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SWCID Workforce Center opens



Years-long process is completed

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Workforce training students at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will no longer have to hit the road to take classes.

Friday ribbon-cutting ceremonies highlighted the opening of the new training center on the SWCID campus which will soon be home to about 50 students taking trade classes.

While some equipment remains to be either moved in or purchased, college officials plan to start holding classes in welding, automobile mechanics and building trades. Both practical labs and classrooms will be housed in the building.

This will prove a welcome break for students who have,

HERALD photo by Steve Reagan

Community leaders joined Howard College and Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf officials Friday for ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Workforce Training Center on the SWCID campus.

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Council expected to approve new sign ordinance

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members are expected to give a new ordinance updating the way signs and billboards are used in municipal limits final approval during Tuesday

evening's meeting, as well as entertain first reading of a budget amendments to pay for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) necessary improvements to Municipal Auditorium and the city swimming pool.

Final approval of the new sign ordinance, which will replace Article 9 of the existing city code, will regulate the size, maintenance and location of signs, including electronic billboards.

Tuesday's decision has been some time in the making, as the council approached final reading of a similar swap of ordinances months ago, opting to start over after confusion concerning the way the signs' square footage could be broken up took hold.

The new ordinance would put a ban on billboards on U.S. Highway 87 from the southern city limits to the northern most edge of Interstate Highway 20.

Property with frontage area along Interstate Highway 20 will be limited to a maximum billboard size of 672 square feet, while others in the city will be limited to 300 square feet, with a width not to exceed 15 feet.

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Public gets look at new jail



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Visitors take a look along one of the cell blocks of the new Howard County Jail during an open house at the facility Saturday afternoon.

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Obituaries

Mary Burnett

Mary Burnett, 61, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. James Mitchell, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary was born Oct. 22, 1947, in Big Spring. She grew up in Big Spring. She moved to Midland in 2005 from San Antonio. Mary married Jim Burnett Oct. 16, 2005. She is a member of the First Christian Church of Midland. Mary's hobbies were music and decorating, especially decorating for all holidays. Her love for decorating splashed over into her career as a sales representative for home furnishing and gift accessories.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jim Burnett of Midland; four sons, Phillip Hall and his wife, Lacy, of Boerne, Jason Hall and his wife, Kara, of Buda, Kevin Burnett of Panama City, Fla., and Ryan Burnett of Plano; mother, Mary Rosson of Big Spring; four granddaughters, Brooke Hall, Kacie Hall and Haley Hall, all of Buda, and Braden Hall of Boerne; one step-brother, James Rosson of San Angelo; and two step-sisters, Freda Rosson of Fort Worth and Terri Rossenbaum and her husband, Keith, of Joshua.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Bill Newton; her first husband, Phil Hall; and one brother, Billy Richard Newton.

The family suggests memorials to their favorite charity. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Florencia 'Pola' Franco

Florencia "Pola" Franco, 80, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 23, 2009, at her residence. Vigil services were at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass was at 11 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 27, 1928, in Big Spring to Juanita and Marcelino Gonzales. She attended school in Borden and Howard Counties, and lived most of her life in Big Spring except for 20 years in Santa Ana, Calif. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church and was a member of the Legion of Mary. She was a homemaker, did babysitting and also enjoyed bingo until her 60s.

She is survived by her husband, Alex Franco of Big Spring; two sons, Joe Gonzales and Alex Franco Jr. and his wife, Linda, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Emma Blanco and her husband, Gilbert, and Irma Delgado and her husband, Fernando, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Lucia Manzanarez of Big Spring and Margaret Romero of Santa Ana, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, Corrina Gutierrez, Lori Delgado, Lit'l Alex III, Johnny Lara Jr., Fernando Delgado

Jr., Armando Delgado, Carlos Blanco, Valerie Rivera, Joe Luis Rivera, Brittany Escaunela, Alexandria Escaunela and Michael Escaunela; eight great-grandchildren, Gabriella Delgado, Matthew Gutierrez, Jahalynn Lara, Angelica, Tony, Isiah, Joe Jr. and Maria; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Pablo Gonzales and Ascencion "Charlie" Gonzales, and two sisters, Basalecia Moran and Rosalia Billalba.

Pallbearers will be Alex Franco Jr., Fernando Delgado Jr., Joe Gonzales, Alex Franco III, Felipe Delgado and Johnny Lara Jr.

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

Paid obituary

G.O. 'Popie' Gomez Sr.

G.O. "Popie" Gomez Sr. has gone to Heaven to be with his beloved Maria; daughter, Dora Powell; granddaughter, Lisa Taylor; and other loved ones that preceded him. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Popie lived for 92 years, surrounded by family that loved him. After retiring from T&P Railroad, he worked for the city of Big Spring and also for the Coahoma ISD. Popie was a good man, a loving husband and father, smiling to the end. His strength was in God and he never met a stranger. He was loved by all that knew him and will be forever in our hearts.

Popie is survived by his daughter, Maria Goldman; his son, G.O. Gomez Jr. and wife, Laura; his grandchildren, Sherrie Conger and partner, Brian Drew, Wendy Gambone and husband, Tony, Gil Goldman and wife, Melissa, Jessica Baxter and husband, Patrick, Timothy Goldman, Scott Taylor and wife, Jenny, Debra Edding and husband, Jeremy, and G.O. Gomez III; 14 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Alan Powell; and a tremendous number of nieces and nephews that will miss him dearly.

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

Paid obituary

Kevin Haulotte

Kevin Haulotte, 42, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 26, 2009. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Cora Berry

Cora Berry, 80, of Big Spring, died Saturday, April 25, 2009, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: An activity report for Sunday, April 26, was not available due to what BSPD officials described as computer problems.

- JOSE MENDEZ CUELLARM, 46, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 33, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
- BRANDON CADE MINDLING, 18, was arrested Saturday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT - FIGHTING was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 800 block of Eighth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
 - in the 4100 block of Muir.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
 - in the 1000 block of Main Street.
 - in the 1600 block of Runnels.

Fire/EMS




The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Eighth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Lamar. One person

- was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of N. Sixth Street and Main. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the

- 13000 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5900 block of Ratliff. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC.

Your Local Weather

Tue 4/28	Wed 4/29	Thu 4/30
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Bulletin Board

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TODAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-23-16-27. Number matching five of five: None. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 0-4-4-7. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 5-4-4. Sum It Up: 13.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 2-7-6-3. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 5-8-4. Sum It Up: 17.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 51 inmates at the time of this report.

- DEAN CAMDEN, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

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Leadership style of new speaker taking shape

APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The role of Texas House speaker isn't defined by the state Constitution, but rather by the individual holding the office. From reform-minded Price Daniel Jr. to the iron-fisted rule of Tom Craddick, circumstances and personalities have dictated each leader's power and prestige.

Three months into his first term leading the 150-member chamber, Republican Speaker Joe Straus is emerging as a bipartisan compromise-seeker, rejecting much of the power that his predecessor so coveted.

Straus still faces some tough tests, but just four years after Craddick was anointed as the most powerful Texan by Texas Monthly magazine, observers say the young GOP leader has shifted power back to the House.

"Not some, probably all," said Rep. Tommy Merritt, a Longview Republican when asked if the speaker has given up some of the office's power.

"He's doing exactly what a good speaker should do. He's wielding the gavel and trying to make fair rulings to make the will of the House work for Texas."

Straus' first big victory came last week when the normally raucous House unanimously approved the \$178 billion budget. It was the first time in a decade that the usually thorny state budget came out with 149-0 approval.

In a rare sit-down, on-the-record interview with The Associated Press, Straus said the unanimous vote was the result of weeks of negotiations and compromise.

"No one, right or left, Republican or Democrat, urban or rural, is going to crush somebody by sheer force this session," said Straus, the state's first Jewish speaker.

Though he prefers to shun the spotlight, Straus is well liked around the Capitol. With a thick head of salt-and-pepper hair, his distinguished and polished looks convey his wealthy San Antonio pedigree. He spoke on a

wide number of subjects during the nearly hourlong AP interview.

He said he could see both sides of the argument over whether the state should oppose Gov. Rick Perry to accept federal unemployment money, criticized his counterpart in the Senate for hastily taking up a divisive political bill and said Perry has gotten a little overly enthusiastic in suggesting Texans might at some point want to secede.

"I think it's hyperbole," he said. "It's getting the governor so enthusiastic that sometimes I think he gets a little over enthusiastic. I'm the opposite. I'm boring and slow. I'm sure he didn't mean it."

As speaker, Straus sets the agenda in the Texas House and, in terms of political influence, is on par with the governor and lieutenant governor.

His surprise rise to power this year ended an era of bitter partisan division. Craddick's six-year reign yielded the successful passage of an

aggressive GOP agenda including curbs on personal injury lawsuits, congressional redistricting and school property tax reductions. But his win-at-all-costs style inspired a House uprising that led to his eventual defeat.

"This is a period of transition," said Michael Phillips, a historian working on a book about the history of Texas speakers. "Straus is not able to, in this period, to really wield the power that that leadership has had, that's been developing for 20 years. His humble objective is to make sure the House functions more smoothly ... but not at the risk of alienating the Democrats that put him into office."

The new decentralized power structure "puts a lot more burden on the" committee chairmen, said Rep. Phil King, a Republican from Weatherford. "Chairs are taking a lot more Tylenol and Advil than in previous sessions."

Still, Straus' role in brokering the newfound harmony

remains to be seen. With Republicans holding a narrow 76-74 edge over Democrats, compromise would be necessary under any speaker.

"Anyone can assemble enough members to kill almost anything ... so everyone's having to work together," King said.

Moreover, the House has been off to a slow start and many of the session's most important votes have only taken place in the Senate.

"There are a bunch of bills that have yet to come up in the House that are going to show us more," said Ross Ramsey, editor of the online newsletter Texas Weekly. "We don't have a complete picture yet."

Lately, Straus has been working to forge a compromise on an effort to strengthen voter identification requirements, a measure so divisive it sparked partisan meltdown in the Senate and triggered threats of lawsuits.

The legislation is expected to be debated by the House within the next couple of weeks.

Swine flu fears close schools in big states

By KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Esti Lamonaca's illness started with a high fever, a cough and achy bones, just a couple of days after she returned from a spring break trip on the beach in Cancun with friends. By the weekend, her voice was hoarse and she was wearing a surgical mask.

The 18-year-old senior is one of at least eight students at her New York City high school who health officials say have been sickened by a strain of swine flu suspected in a deadly outbreak in Mexico. It has now spread to the United States, where authorities have confirmed 20 cases.

However, all of those sickened in the U.S. have recovered or are recovering. That's a stark difference from the outbreak in Mexico that authorities can't yet explain.

Officials at Lamonaca's school, St. Francis Preparatory in Queens, learned that something was wrong there on Thursday when students started lining up at the nurse's office complaining of fever, nausea, sore throats and achy bones. It wasn't long before the line was out the door.

The nurse notified the city Health Department that day. On Friday, more students were getting sick, and the department dispatched a team to the school at

about 1:30 p.m. But they got caught in traffic and didn't arrive until 3:30 p.m., just as classes were letting out for the weekend, said Brother Leonard Conway, the school's principal.

By then, there were only a few students left, and health officials quickly tested them for swine flu. While only eight cases are confirmed, more than 100 students are suspected to have been infected. Officials think they started getting sick after some students returned from the spring break trip to Cancun.

Richard Besser, acting head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Monday the United States has begun "passive

screening" for the illness at its borders and reiterated the Obama administration's call for people to remain calm.

The U.S. government declared a public health emergency Sunday to respond to the outbreak, which also has sickened people in Kansas, California, Texas and Ohio. Many of them had recently visited Mexico. Roughly 12 million doses of the antiviral drug Tamiflu will be moved from a federal stockpile to places where states can quickly get their share if they decide they need it, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said.

Health officials in Michigan said Monday they have located a suspected case of swine flu

there. They were awaiting lab results on the 34-year-old woman from Livingston County who had recently traveled to the Texas and Mexican border and had flu-like symptoms.

The acting head of the Centers for Disease Control, Richard Besser, said Monday people can best protect themselves against the swine flu threat by taking precautions they were taught as kids, like frequently washing their hands and covering their mouths when coughing.

Cleaning crews spent Sunday scrubbing down St. Francis, which will be closed for days.

"I haven't been out of my house since Wednesday and am just hoping

to make a full recovery soon," Lamonaca said. "I am glad school is closed because it supposedly is very contagious, and I don't want this to spread like it has in Mexico."

Some schools in Texas, California and Ohio also were closing after students were found or suspected to have the flu.

The outbreak has people on edge across the country.

CENTER

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until now, had to split time between SWCID, located on the site of the old Webb Air Force Base in west Big Spring and the Howard College campus on the east end of town.

The \$1.15 million building took about six months to complete. Money for the project was appropriated by the Texas Legislature.

"We're still buying equipment for the building," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "But we plan to have it fully operational by the start of the fall semester."

Sparks said during June groundbreaking ceremonies for the building that it is the culmination of years of planning by college officials.

"We've been working on this for more than six years," Sparks said at the time. "We first

submitted a request with the Legislature three sessions ago. Each session after that, we presented increasingly scaled-down proposals until it was finally approved."

Friday, Sparks said the building was a culmination of a years-long campus improvement project.

"We started our (master plan) project in the early 1990s, based on interest from the Texas Legislature to finance some of these pro-

grams," Sparks said. "Since that time, we've been able to renovate some buildings and, in other cases, construct new ones ... the Workforce Training Center was the last building we needed to complete to finish our overall strategic building plan for SWCID."

Officials anticipate at least 50 students will take advantage of the center's services this next semester and Sparks hopes that number is merely the begin-

ning. "We now have the physical facilities in place; now, we're going to increase our marketing efforts," Sparks said. "One of our goals is that we want to develop an adult basic education program at SWCID. We're working with state and federal authorities to secure funds for that."

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COUNCIL

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The new ordinance will provide for the use of electronic billboard, the subject that originally spurred the look into existing sign and billboard policies, as long as it meets the requirements for the zone it's placed in. However, electronic billboards must meet the same 300-square-foot requirements as traditional billboards, as well as

have an eight-second delay between messages, with each message coming no longer than two second apart.

The signs must also maintain a default mechanism that will lock the message in place in case there's a malfunction.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, the council is expected to discuss and possibly take action on a series of budget amendments that will fund changes necessary to City Hall and the municipal swimming pool to bring the facilities

within ADA compliance.

Earlier this year a lawsuit was filed against the city for its failure to meet the government's ADA requirements, forcing the council to look for ways to fund the projects. The lawsuit also forced the city to close Municipal Auditorium, which council members agreed was too costly to repair at this time.

Big Spring's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Advisory Committee, along with officials from engineering firm Parkhill Smith

& Cooper, began developing a plan to address the city's ADA woes several months ago, beginning with a series of town hall meetings designed to give local residents a chance to express their concerns about specific areas of the city.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Obama was right in the releasing torture memos

President Barack Obama was right to release the four secret Justice Department memos detailing the Bush administration's legal justifications for torturing captured terrorism suspects.

Not only was Obama right, he was courageous.

There was little to gain politically from making public those memos, which lay out the shocking techniques top U.S. government lawyers authorized interrogators to perform on suspected terrorists. For one thing, the world is not likely to think more kindly about the United States because of this. For another, the president angered some in the intelligence community, which fought to keep these secrets under lock and key.

Finally, Obama's decision outraged many conservatives, who accuse him of tipping off terrorists to our interrogation methods, and some liberals, disgusted by his refusal to prosecute CIA agents who inflicted this punishment on detainees.

That said, he took the proper path. He promised more transparency in his administration, and this is what transparency looks like. President George W. Bush repeatedly insisted that the U.S. did not torture terrorism suspects. This is not true. The recently disclosed secret Red Cross report, revealed by journalist Mark Danner in *The New York Review of Books*, made claims of innocence difficult to believe.

Obama's release of the four memos shatters them. It's enough simply to read the details of the sadistic techniques to which CIA interrogators subjected prisoners. As if that weren't enough, a May 10, 2005, memo from Office of Legal Counsel chief Steven Bradbury not only takes legal sophistry to dizzying heights to get around the clear meaning of Congress' anti-torture law but also explicitly recognizes that these same techniques he endorses are condemned by the U.S. State Department as torture when other nations do them.

This is a democracy. Americans have to take responsibility for what our elected leaders do in our name. We cannot hide behind official assurances, bland euphemisms or twisted legal rationales to keep from confronting what agents of the U.S. government, with the full backing of top leadership, did. The new president understands that America cannot say it won't happen again unless we clearly understand that which we're repenting.

Nevertheless, those eager to prosecute CIA agents should reflect on how different the world seemed in 2002, when these heinous policies were developed. Most people believed another 9/11 was imminent. Pressure on the government to prevent it was intense. It's easy to pass judgment after almost eight years of safety.

Obama left open the possibility of an official investigation, perhaps by Congress, to determine how and why the Bush administration came to implement torture policies. That investigation should go forward, as Senate Judiciary Committee chair Patrick Leahy put it, "so we make sure it never happens again."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we rely on Your love, Lord.

Amen

Simply parting company

Texas Gov. Rick Perry rattled cages when he suggested that Texans might at some point become so disgusted with Washington's gross violation of the U.S. Constitution that they would want to secede from the union. Political hustlers, their media allies and others, who have little understanding, are calling his remarks treasonous. Let's look at it.

When New York delegates met on July 26, 1788, their ratification document read, "That the Powers of Government may be resumed by the People, whensoever it shall become necessary to their Happiness; that every Power, Jurisdiction and right which is not by the said Constitution clearly delegated to the Congress of the United States, or the departments of the government thereof, remains to the People of the several States, or to their respective State Governments to whom they may have granted the same."

On May 29, 1790, the Rhode Island delegates made a similar claim in their ratification document. "That the powers of government may be resumed by the people, whensoever it shall become necessary to their happiness: That the rights of the States respectively to nominate and appoint all State Officers, and every other power, jurisdiction and right, which is not by the said constitution clearly

delegated to the Congress of the United States or to the departments of government thereof, remain to the people of the several states, or their respective State Governments to whom they may have granted the same."

On June 26, 1788, Virginia's elected delegates met to ratify the Constitution. In their ratification document, they said, "The People of Virginia declare and make known that the powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the People of the United States may be resumed by them whensoever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression and that every power not granted thereby remains with them and at their will."

As demonstrated by the ratification documents of New York, Rhode Island and Virginia, they made it explicit that if the federal government perverted the delegated rights, they had the right to resume those rights.

In fact, when the Union was being formed, where the states created the federal government, every state thought they had a right to secede otherwise there would not have been a Union.

Perry is right when he says that there is no reason for Texas to secede. There are indeed intermediate actions short of secession that states can take. Thomas Jefferson said, "Whensoever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force." That suggests that one response to federal encroachment is for state governments to declare federal laws that have no constitutional authority null and void and refuse

to enforce them.

While the U.S. Constitution does not provide a specific provision for nullification, the case for nullification is found in the nature of compacts and agreements. Our Constitution represents a compact between the states and the federal government. As with any compact, one party does not have a monopoly over its interpretation, nor can one party change it without the consent of the other. Additionally, no one has a moral obligation to obey unconstitutional laws. That's not to say there is not a compelling case for obedience of unconstitutional laws. That compelling case is the brute force of the federal government to coerce obedience, possibly going as far as using its military might to lay waste to a disobedient state and its peoples.

Finally, here's my secession question for you.

Some Americans accept and have respect for the Tenth Amendment, which reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Other Americans, the majority I fear, say to hell with the 10th Amendment limits on the federal government.

Which is a more peaceful solution: One group of Americans seeking to impose their vision on others or simply parting company?

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Los Angeles or waterboarding?

After 9/11, Americans wanted one thing from Washington: to prevent future terrorist attacks. President George W. Bush, the CIA and other hard-working officials delivered. For their trouble, a handful of those individuals now have reason to fear that they may be ruined.

My guess is that President Obama realizes it was a big mistake for his administration to release four memos written by Bush administration lawyers sanctioning enhanced interrogation techniques. Already, rage on the left has prompted Obama to go squishy on his once-insistent opposition to prosecuting any Bush administration officials. Now he says he might let his attorney general prosecute Bush lawyers. That would be criminalizing the politics of 2002.

George Tenet wrote in his book "At the Center of the Storm," "After 9/11, gripped by the same emotions and fears, Congress exhorted the intelligence community to take more risks to protect the country."

Civil rights? Then-Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., noted at a 2002 Senate intelligence committee that "we are not living in times in which lawyers can say no to an operation just to play it safe."

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz defended the use of rough treatment — "the third degree" — in order "to elicit information from terrorists about continuing threats." The Bush administration authorized techniques that the ACLU calls torture.

Seven years later, Obama banned those techniques, as he promised. But in releasing the memos last week, Obama unwittingly reinforced Osama bin Laden's view of America as a country of pantywaists. Now America's enemies know they have nothing to fear but bad lawyering if U.S. forces catch them.

The memos describe "enhanced" techniques used on 28 high-value detainees. Protocol called for operatives to begin with tamer methods. To wit: the "attention grasp," the "facial slap" and "dietary manipulation — that is, "presenting detainees with a bland, unappetizing but nutritionally complete diet." Read: Ensure Plus. Really.

"Walling" involved pushing a detainee into a wall — but a phony wall to prevent injury. The CIA was going to try to scare al-Qaida biggie Abu Zubaydah with insects, but the bugs had to be harmless and not cause an allergic reaction.

I can see the al-Qaida boys chortling in their cave over the very idea that these techniques would even be controversial — not to mention out of bounds under the Obama administration.

If the tamer methods did not work, operatives could ask CIA headquarters for permission to use more daunting techniques — such as sleep deprivation and waterboarding. Three detainees were waterboarded before the last waterboarding in March 2003. The memos revealed that two detainees — Abu Zubaydah and Khalid Sheikh Mohammed (aka KSM) — were water boarded a total of 266 times.

Some maintain that the CIA might have learned what it needed to know without waterboarding. But as one memo reported, before the questioning got tough, "KSM resisted giving any answers to questions about

future attacks, simply noting, 'Soon you will know.'"

The questioning got tougher. As the memo noted, the CIA believes that "the intelligence acquired from these interrogations has been a key reason why al Qaeda has failed to launch a spectacular attack in the West since 11 September 2001."

And: Once "enhanced techniques" were used on KSM, interrogations "led to the discovery of a KSM plot, the 'Second Wave,' ... to use East Asian operatives to crash a hijacked airliner into a building in Los Angeles."

Do I like waterboarding? No, but it is not life threatening; in extreme cases, I can live with it. And I'll take waterboarding over a 9/11 in Los Angeles any day.

One last point: The Navy has used waterboarding in training. Obama put a stop to the "enhanced" techniques because he believes they have tarnished America's image abroad, which makes Americans less safe. People of goodwill can disagree on that point.

But when Obama opened the door for his attorney general to prosecute Bush lawyers, that flip-flop told U.S. intelligence and law enforcement operatives that Obama's assurances cannot be trusted. That can't be good for America's safety.

Former California Gov. Pete Wilson, who served on the Bush Defense Policy Board, was appalled. "If they try to prosecute that, that should spark mass resignations in the government," he told me Tuesday.

As for Obama, Wilson said, "This is a guy who was teaching law. Good God."

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Bulldogs grab share of District 7-2A title

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogs baseball team simply aren't resigned to residing in anyone's shadow in District 7-2A.

The Bulldogs defeated the Grape Creek Eagles Friday, 4-2, claiming a share of the 7-2A title with the Eagles.

"The win means a lot to this team. It's a good win going into the playoffs," said Coahoma Head Coach Shane Fuller. "It gives us a share of a

district title and we definitely wanted that."

The Bulldogs got up early on the Eagles, pushing across two runs in the first and second innings. That was all the scoring Coahoma could manage as the Eagles shut out the Bulldogs over the final four innings.

Grape Creek started to rally in the fifth with a 2-run homer by Josh Younts off of Coahoma starter Ray Gutierrez, but that was all the damage the Eagles could manage.

"We faced some adversity in this game," said Fuller. "We got up to a

quick 4-0 lead and then they hit that 2-run homer. It was good to see the team respond the way they did to that."

Nathan Deporto led the Bulldogs with two RBI with Corey Roberts adding another. Gutierrez picked up the win as he pitched all seven innings, allowing two earned runs on five hits, while striking out 10 batters. He helped his cause at the plate by having Coahoma's only extra-base hit with a double.

The Bulldogs handed Grape Creek starter Landon McCall his first loss of

the season.

The result of the game forces the Bulldogs into a game with Grape Creek for the top playoff seed out of the district at 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Thursday at McMurry University in Abilene.

"I think every game you go into should be played as if it's the most important game of the season," said Fuller. "This obviously would give us the No. 1 seed so it is the most important one we've played this year."

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50-0 HC sweeps Clarendon

Herald Staff Report

CLARENDON — Even the heavy bats swung by Clarendon College weren't enough to stop the No. 1 Howard College Hawks.

The Hawks rolled to their 49th and 50th wins of the season Saturday, sweeping the final two games of a four-game series with Clarendon, 12-9 and 22-14.

Clarendon, which is one of the top hitting teams in the country, got to the Howard pitching staff, but weren't able to keep the Hawks bats quiet for the duration of the game.

"This is the best team we've faced this season and it was the one of the hardest settings we've had to play in," said Howard Head Coach Britt Smith. "That team is built around the type of ballpark they have. The series was a lot closer



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College's Monk Kreder blasts a homer in Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball action April 17 at Jack Barber Field. Kreder hits two more homers Saturday as Howard completed a four-game sweep of Clarendon College, improving their record to 50-0 with four games remaining on the 2009 schedule.

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Dallas makes 12 picks on draft's 2nd day

DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

IRVING — Whatever excitement the NFL draft lacked on the opening day for the Dallas Cowboys, they sure made up for it on Day 2.

"This is as excited as we've ever been about the draft with the numbers and opportunities that we have," team vice president Stephen Jones said, after Dallas made an NFL-high 12 selections. "To me, this is a lot more interesting process."

For the first time since Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989, the Cowboys did not have a pick in the first two rounds.

That meant Dallas did not make a selection Saturday and had to wait until Sunday before taking Western Illinois linebacker Jason Williams and Ball State offensive tackle Robert Brewster in the third round.

Dallas drafted Texas A&M's Stephen McGee in the fourth round, the first quarterback the team has drafted since taking Quincy Carter in 2001. The Cowboys also nabbed a pair of defensive ends in the fourth, Oregon State's Victor Butler and Texas Tech's Brandon Williams.

"The acquisition of this talent complements what we already have on this team," Jones said.

This is the first time Dallas has gone without a pick in the first two rounds since 1980, when its first pick was in the third round and 78th overall. The Cowboys' longest wait in Jones' tenure before Saturday was 2001, when they drafted Carter at No. 53.

McGee threw for 4,889 yards and rushed for 1,800 more in his first three seasons with the Aggies but made only three starts in 2008 after suffering a torn labrum in his throwing shoulder.

"I really expected to go in the third round," said McGee, who was taken with the first pick of the fourth round. "I had a lot of things happen in my career that I couldn't control. Despite all that, I'm thrilled to go to the Cowboys."

The 6-foot-1, 241-pound Jason Williams was the 69th overall selection after making 17 tackles for losses and forced six fumbles as a senior. The Cowboys took Brewster with the 75th pick after four years at Ball State

Rangers' pen gives another away in 8-5 loss

BALTIMORE (AP) — Adam Jones enjoyed beating the high-powered Texas Rangers at their own game.

Jones hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and the Baltimore Orioles rallied for an 8-5 victory Sunday.

"We can mash, too," Jones said. "We're different ballclubs, different style teams. They hack. I love watching them — not against us, but I love watching them."

With one out, Cesar Izturis was hit on his left foot and Brian Roberts singled to left before Jones hit an 0-1 slider from reliever Jason Jennings (0-1) into the seats in left-center to give Baltimore a 7-5 lead. Jones' third homer



AP photo/Rob Carr

Texas Rangers catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia tags out Baltimore's Luke Scott at home plate during the fourth inning of an MLB game Sunday in Baltimore. Baltimore won, 8-5.

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Sports in brief

Forsan High School Sports Banquet scheduled for Monday, May 11

Forsan High School will hold its annual sports banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for parents and guests at \$10 apiece and must be purchased at the high school office by May 8.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association playday results

In a playday hosted by the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association at Comanche Trail Park Golf Course April 20, the team of Dee Jenkins,

Annie Ward and Shirley Long won first with a 1-under par.

Shooting an even par for second place was the team of Daury Cockrell, Connie Fowler and Betty Murphy.

The CTLGA, which formed in the 1940s, hosted the annual Western Lone Star Spring Fling Tuesday and Wednesday. Thirty-six players from 11 cities and 12 golf courses attended the event.

The format was in match play with golfers divided into two teams. The Red Team defeated the Blue Team by 9.5 points Tuesday. Team play occurred Wednesday with the Red Team also winning it.

The CTLGA plays every Monday and sponsors a couples tournament every Thursday.

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Dear Margo: Leaving well enough alone

Dear Margo: I am 25 and have been in a relationship with 26-year-old "Randolph" for two years. We, of course, have had some emotional ups and downs, but overall it's wonderful.

Our sex life has also been incredible. However, about six months ago while playing fantasy games, we pretended we were in other relationships and cheating together, and this was a big turn on for me.

Now, whenever we are intimate, I always have to picture him having sex with someone else in order to climax. I keep this secret from him because it is slightly worrisome to me. I often picture him with women I have small jealousies over, and this makes me climax much faster than I ever have been able to before.

Should I try a threesome? (Though, the thought of him actually being with someone else does not elicit as positive a response!) Is this fantasy more normal than I think it is? — *Stuck in the Gutter*

Dear Stuck: Forget the threesome, hon, and stick with the fantasies. Yours, by the way, is one of the golden oldies. The dynamic would be different with a threesome, and they can be dangerous to the health of a marriage. Not only do the participants have to be pretty jaded, but all parties have to be in favor of this. And since you've written to me about it, I will be the fourth, and I vote no. — *Margo, protectively*

How To Be a Destructive Father

Dear Margo: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. Seven years ago I was blessed, after many miscarriages, to have a son. My husband has three adult children from a previous marriage.

The problem is, he has completely destroyed his relationship with two of his children and is on the way to obliterating his relationship with our 7-year-old.

My husband believes that total humiliation is the best way to deal with children. He gets in our son's face and screams at him about how worthless and stupid he is. I want to step in, but that causes a whole bunch of other problems.

Because of his actions we have a grandchild we never get to see, which, of course, has the ex-wife gloating. I hate to see my son be humiliated on a daily basis, and trust me, nothing is ever good enough or done correctly. I don't know what to do. — *Distraught*

Dear Dis: I don't know how you have tried to deal with this in the past, but you must get this angry, misguided man into therapy. Is he so thick that he makes no connection between his punishing behavior and two estranged children?

To have a parent tell a young child he is worthless and stupid, in my book, is grounds for a separation unless he gets professional help — and I'm not even sure anything can change his behavior. You cannot sacrifice your son's mental health and emotional well-being on the altar of this insecure man's twisted ideas about child-rearing.

This is just a guess, but I infer that you are under his thumb, as well, and the whole situation sounds like a hellish way to live. If he refuses therapy, then you have some serious decisions to make. Not to put too fine a point on it, but I hope you make it "either-or," with the choices being either a shrink or a lawyer. Good luck. — *Margo, unwaveringly*

Facing Facts

Dear Margo: My partner and I have been together for 26 years. After a messy divorce, he said he didn't need a piece of paper to tell him whom to love.

A few months ago I finally got up the nerve to tell him how dissatisfying our sex life has been. I asked him if he wanted to tell me anything, and he said he had not been aware that there was a problem. I tried to be as specific as I could, while at the same time not blaming him.

He knew I was inexperienced, because I told him. Now to the problem: Since our "talk," we have not had sex. In fact, he seems to fall asleep on the couch more and more. I wanted things to get better, not worse. We barely have a relationship anymore. I've tried several times to talk things out, but he says almost nothing.

I dislike him more each day. He is not abusive and supports our son in every way. My family all love him. I just see our relationship disappearing! I still love him, but I sure don't like him very much anymore. — F.R.

Dear F.: Your sex life has been no good for 26 years? You certainly have admirable patience. When you say you asked him if he "wanted to tell you anything," that suggests you think he might be gay.

Perhaps your declaration of "inexperience" made him believe he could fob off his lack of interest, ardor and frequency as the norm. The fact that "the talk" did away with any relationship suggests he may, indeed, be gay, or at the very least cannot tolerate criticism of any kind. He may not need a paper to tell him whom to love, but neither do you need to continue beating a dead horse. His passive-aggressive nonresponsiveness need not be endured. My hunch is that he would not agree to counseling, which, if correct, leaves you nowhere. Should you separate, he would surely remain a good father and you would be free to have a new life — all without a messy divorce. — *Margo, realistically*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Gemini moon brings some tasty conversational treats to the table. The dual nature of Gemini highlights the idea that there are two sides to every story. Also, it will be difficult to tell the difference between gossip and news. Important happenings masquerade as frivolous details and vice versa. Enjoy the stories without judgment.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some days you just want to know what will happen to you. Not today. You are very powerful. You take charge and decide what your experience will be. Make a plan and tell the rest of the world to fall in line.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Others get a sense of support and compassion from you. Being positive doesn't always come easily to you, but you continue to try and think the best of people and this habit will serve you well today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone has shortcomings and they are remarkably apparent this afternoon. Try not to be overly critical of yourself and others. Get away by yourself and close your eyes. This is not nearly as important as it seems in the moment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just like a real mag-

net cannot attract wood, your magnetic charm will only work on a certain type of person. Pay close attention to the ones who perk up when you're around. Forge further bonds with anyone who "gets" you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A peaceful mood prevails. Sure, there is a long list of things you'd like to get done. But you're also open-minded. If it doesn't happen today, it will happen tomorrow — no biggie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You let resentment go. It's not because you're doing the other person a favor. It's about you. Grudges are simply too heavy to harbor. So you let it go and laugh. You're happier. It's a small miracle of your own making.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are sensitive now. What occurs today will harken back to a time when you felt vulnerable. You may have kept a diary then and it will help you to write once more about the feelings you experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends and family urge you in a direction that you really don't want to go. Everyone needs to get off of your back. You'll move when you're good and ready and only in the direction of your own choosing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want everyone in your life to be happy. You can't accomplish that single-handedly. You need the agreement of the other people involved. But if they want to be in a fantastic mood,

you'll help to make it happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The world presents itself in such a way that you can't help but laugh. It's almost as though people are deliberately putting on a comedy for you. And when a friend sees the humor, too, you'll be giggling into the night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One decision you made doesn't seem to be working out very well. Take this as an invitation to awaken your intuition. Do very little. Breathe deeply and relax. Don't make a move until you feel compelled.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How in tune are you with your own life? You'll get glimpses of yourself as if you were another person observing you. You grow more aware of options you didn't consider just yesterday.

ASTROLOGY 101: WHAT IS LEO LIKE?: There is an entertainer inside each Leo. The fifth sign of the zodiac has something to express and would prefer to do it in front of an audience. Whether it's a small group of family members, colleagues around the water cooler or a room of classmates, Leo is driven to make them pay attention. Often Leo doesn't even know what it is that he or she wants to say, and will discover his or her own unique point of view in the process of performing. Not every Leo will actually take to the stage — life is the stage in which Leo really shines. However, the Leos who

do chose to be in the entertainment industry, and there are more than a few who have Leo sun or other prominent planets in Leo, have an extra edge. Their desire to delight others drives them forward. Leo is also the sign of creativity and children. In many ways, Leos never grow up. Many of them maintain a rich inner life. Some cannot relate to their overactive imagination and may consider it a function of immaturity. However, it is precisely this childlike quality that makes Leos irresistibly playful. There is often brilliance in their silliness.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is moving to the primetime this fall. This Taurus standup comedian is revered not only for his talent, but also for his heart, his love of comedy and his work ethic. In spite of his demanding schedule at the "Tonight Show," Leno still makes regular appearances as a standup comedian. Taureans are known to love luxury, and Leno's car collection proves the point.

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than the scores might indicate.”

In Game 1, Clarendon scored eight runs in the first two innings and held an 8-4 lead heading into the fifth. The Hawks finally hit their stride, scoring five in the frame for a 9-8 advantage.

Clarendon tied the game in the bottom of the fifth and the 9-9 score held until the seventh inning.

For just the second time this season, the Hawks went into the final inning of the game with the outcome legitimately in doubt.

The first time was April 18 in Game 3 of a series with Midland College. Howard was down 5-4 going into the seventh, but pushed across six runs for the win.

The Hawks responded in a similar way Saturday, posting three runs. Hunter Hill and Blake Barnes combined to get the final three outs of the game without giving up a run.

Hill (1-0) picked up the win, while Barnes earned his first save of the season. Howard was forced to use five pitchers in the game. Anthony Collazo got the start, but was relieved by Chase Adams in the second. Duncan McGee took over in the fifth and Hill took the mound in the sixth. Barnes came on to get the final out of the game.

Monk Kreder homered in the game and had two RBI. Miles Hamblin and Joe Leftridge also knocked in two runs.

While some might hold the belief it might benefit the Hawks to lose a game, Smith holds the opinion that more can be learned from close wins like this one.

“I’ve had several people tell me it would probably be good if we lost,” said Smith. “I kind of agree with Geno Auriemma, the women’s basketball coach at (the University of

Connecticut) who went undefeated this season. He talked about how his team is not going to go out and purposefully try to lose a game. When people tell me we need to lose one, I agree and tell them that if we get beat then we’ll have a loss to learn from. We’re not going to try and lose.

“I think more can be learned from the close wins we’ve gotten over Clarendon and Midland,” he continued. “We were down on the road in both games and had to come back to win. Not only did we have to get a lead late, but we had to hold on to that lead without another chance at an at-bat. We get from that is bigger than what we can get from a loss.”

Game 2 was a slugfest as the two teams combined to hit seven home runs.

Both squads scored four each in the first inning, but Howard continued to round up runs in the next two frames and led 10-4 after the third inning.

Clarendon wouldn’t go away and scored six in the fourth and fifth innings combined. The Hawks added three in the top of the fifth and held a 13-10 lead going into the seventh.

With the game in striking distance for Clarendon, the Howard bats once again responded, exploding for nine runs in the inning. Clarendon put up four, but weren’t able to keep the game going as it was called due to the eight-run-lead-after-seven-innings mercy rule.

The Hawks had 10 doubles in the game with Hamblin hitting three and Kreder and Bryan Johns coming up with two apiece. Kreder also hit his second homer of the day and finished Game 2 with five RBI.

Rune Davis also went deep and knocked in four runs. Nick Popescu hit two sac flies and finished the second game with four RBI, while Hamblin pushed three runs across the plate.

Howard once again exhausted its pitching staff, utilizing four more pitchers. Barnes got the start, but

was replaced in the first by Burch Smith. Smith lasted 3.2 innings and was replaced by Duncan McGee, who recorded just one out before being pulled for Will Calhoun in the fifth.

Calhoun finished the game and picked up his third save of the year, while Smith (4-0) got credit for the win.

Howard didn’t have to nearly as deep in its bullpen Friday in two wins of 20-7 and 15-4. The Hawks used just three pitchers in those two games with Zach Neal and Dylan Cacciola picking up the wins.

“I thought Zach and Dylan did a great job against Clarendon in those first two games,” said Britt Smith. “They both stepped up against some tough hitters. Clarendon hit us well on the second day, but we were able to get enough from our bats. They’re just a great hitting team.”

Smith also praised the performance of Clarendon starter Richard Olson, who kept the Hawks at bay in Game 1 of the series Friday.

“Olson is one of the best pitchers in this conference,” said Smith. “He really held us for five innings. We had just taken 5-2 lead when they pulled him and I think the only reason they pulled him was because they wanted him for a save if they had a chance to win a game later. Turned out they had that chance in Game 3 and brought him in for the sixth inning with the score tied at 9. They really believed they were going to win that game.”

Now at 50-0, the Hawks find out they aren’t going to be able to break the all-time win streak at any level of college baseball. The streak is 55 and Howard originally had six games left on the schedule.

However, today’s games with Abilene Christian University have been cancelled due to the threat of inclement weather. That leaves Howard with four games remaining, which will be played this weekend at Jack Barber Field against Frank

Phillips College. First pitch for the two doubleheaders to be played Friday and Saturday is scheduled for noon.

Smith says there isn’t much of a letdown for the team in not getting a shot at the record.

Frank Phillips comes in playing for a berth into the Region V Tournament, needing a single victory over Howard to clinch.

“They’re going to be gunning for us. They’ve got a lot to play for,” said Smith. “This is the first time since they’ve had a baseball program that there’s been a chance to get into the regional tournament. It’s the best team they’ve ever had. It’s going to be a good challenge for us. We’re going to have to come out and match the intensity.”

Game 1
Howard 12, Clarendon 9

HC 211 050 3—12 17 2

CC 350 010 0—9 6 1

Anthony Collazo, Chase Adams (2), Duncan McGee (5), Hunter Hill (6), Blake Barnes (7) and Miles Hamblin. Ryan Griffin, Justin Medeiros (5), Richard Olson (6) and Dominic Bouvier. W - Hill (1-0). L - Olson. S - Barnes (3). 2B: HC - Andrew Collazo, Nick Popescu, Rune Davis 2, B.J. Armstrong, Monk Kreder, Hamblin. 3B: CC - Gabriel Thibodeau. HR: HC - Kreder; CC - Scott Tabrett. RBI: HC - Davis, And. Collazo, Armstrong, Caleb Nine, Popescu, Kreder 2, Hamblin 2, Bryan Johns, Joe Leftridge 2; CC - Thibodeau 3, Tabrett 4, Golotta, Medeiros. SB: HC - Collazo, Davis; CC - Juan Arroyo. LOB: HC 7, CC 8.

Game 2
Howard 22, Clarendon 14

HC 415 030 9—22 17 2

CC 400 240 4—14 13 2

Blake Barnes, Burch Smith (1), Duncan McGee (5), Will Calhoun (5) and Monk Kreder. Jeff Schmidt, Ray Garza (1), Mundo Sanchez (1), Ricardo Martinez (3), Angel Celedon (5), Irving Comacho (7), Josh Cordova (7), Justin Medeiros (7) and Dominic Bouvier. W - Smith (4-0). L - Sanchez. S - Calhoun (3). 2B: HC - Andrew Collazo, Bryan Johns 2, Kreder 2, Miles Hamblin 3, Calhoun; CC - Gabriel Thibodeau. HR: HC - Rune Davis, Kreder; CC - Scott Tabrett 2, Medeiros, Juan Santiago, Braxton Davis. RBI: HC - Johns, Hamblin 3, Kreder 5, Nick Popescu 4, Caleb Nine 2, Calhoun, Collazo 2, Davis 4; CC - Medeiros, Santiago 3, Davis 2, Tabrett 6, Thibodeau 2. SB: HC - Nine, Johns, Hamblin; CC - Juan Arroyo. LOB: HC 7, CC 5.

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completed the Orioles’ comeback from a 5-1 deficit.

“Things were jumping out of here today. (Jones) hit it in the right spot,” Jennings said.

Texas’ bullpen has a 6.75 ERA, though manager Ron Washington isn’t worried about his relievers’ ineffectiveness. Washington is more concerned with his starters coughing up leads.

“My bullpen isn’t giving me any concerns. I think my bullpen has been doing a good job,” he said. “It got us today. No concern here.”

Chris Davis, David Murphy and Hank Blalock connected for the Rangers, who lead the major leagues with 38 home runs and have hit two or more in a game 14 times this season, also most in the majors.

Roberts had four hits and also hom-

ered for the Orioles, and Nick Markakis had two RBIs. Markakis singled in the fifth, extending his hitting streak to 13 games and reaching base safely for the 27th consecutive game, the longest active streak in the majors.

Danys Baez (1-1) got the victory with three hitless innings. George Sherrill worked the ninth for his fourth save.

Baez came in after rookie Brad Bergesen allowed five straight hits to open the fifth. With runners on first and second, Baez struck out Davis and retired Jarrod Saltalamacchia on a popup.

Elvis Andrus reached on third baseman Ty Wigginton’s error, loading the bases, but Baez got Ian Kinsler to ground out.

Baez kept Texas from adding to its 5-1 lead, giving the Orioles time to rally.

“The momentum of the game changed when he got out of the (fifth) inning,” Baltimore manager Dave Trembley said. “There was a differ-

ent feel in the dugout after he got out of that inning and when we scored a couple, I think everybody felt like we were going to win the game.”

Davis homered with Marlon Byrd aboard in the second inning to give the Rangers a 2-1 lead. Davis’ drive off Bergesen was his third in four games and fifth overall.

Murphy snapped an 0-for-23 start with his first hit of the season, a solo shot to left-center leading off the fifth. After Michael Young’s double, Blalock homered to center for a 5-1 lead.

Bergesen allowed five runs and 10 hits.

“He was probably too strong because he didn’t have his good sink,” Trembley said. “So that tells me he was probably trying to either overthrow or was too strong.”

Roberts led off the fifth with his second homer. Markakis then singled, went to second on Aubrey Huff’s hit to right and was awarded home when right fielder Nelson Cruz, aiming for third base, threw wildly into the stands. Luke Scott’s double to the

wall in left-center made it 5-4.

Rangers starter Brandon McCarthy exited after allowing four runs and nine hits over five innings.

“I couldn’t be more disappointed with what I did in the fifth,” McCarthy said. “They went out and got me runs — I got a four-run lead at that point. It’s time to get a shutdown inning. ... It’s just unacceptable at that juncture in the game. I didn’t help our cause at all.”

Notes: Texas’ Omar Vizquel, who turned 42 on Friday, became the third 42-year-old in major league history to play shortstop when he entered as a defensive replacement in the eighth. He joins Luke Appling (1949) and Hall of Famer Honus Wagner (1916). ... Rangers CF Josh Hamilton was out of the starting lineup with bruised ribs, which he hurt sliding into third base on a double steal Saturday night. A team spokesman said X-rays were negative. Hamilton struck out looking as a pinch hitter in the eighth. ... Roberts had his team-high ninth multi-hit game of the season.

COWBOYS

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that included a 12-2 finish last season.

Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said both will be converted to outside line-backer.

“It is a new chapter, the next step in life,” Brewster said. “I’m ready to go to work and do the same things I did at Ball State.”

Brandon Williams, a native of Fort

Worth, left school after his junior season. He led the Big 12 with 13 sacks last season and finished his career with 22.5, the fourth most in Texas Tech history.

Butler started just one season in college, but he piled up 22.5 sacks the past two years.

“To make the move, you have to be able to rush the passer,” Phillips said. “You have to see enough of them to know if they can make the change at the next level.”

The Cowboys added to their secondary depth in the later rounds.

Dallas took Cincinnati defensive

back DeAngelo Smith and Clemson safety Michael Hamlin in the fifth, and the Cowboys added TCU safety Stephen Hodge in the sixth and Cincinnati cornerback Mike Mickens in the seventh.

The Cowboys selected USC kicker David Buehler, who said he expects to kick off and play on other return teams, in the fifth round, and Virginia tight end John Phillips in the sixth.

With their final pick of the seventh round, Dallas took Oklahoma receiver Manuel Johnson.

“We had a plan and stuck to that plan,” Wade Phillips said. “We feel

we can get a lot of production from this group of players even if they weren’t picked in the first or second round.”

The Cowboys did not have a first-round pick, having dealt that with third- and sixth-round selections to Detroit last season for receiver Roy Williams.

Dallas traded the 51st pick Saturday to the Buffalo Bills in exchange for third- and fourth-round picks — the 75th and 110th selections.

With two more moves Sunday, the Cowboys have made 55 draft-day trades since 1989.

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COAHOMA

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With the No. 1 seed, Grape Creek or Coahoma would earn a bye in the first round of the Class 2A baseball postseason.

“Its awful tough to say how far we can go in the playoffs,” said Fuller. “We play some games where we’re awful tough to beat and then we play others where we look beatable. It’s all about how we take on each individual game.”

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W - Ray Gutierrez (5-0). L - Landon McCall (6-1). 2B: GC - Matt Gonzalez; Coa - Gutierrez. HR: GC - Josh Younts. RBI: GC - Younts 2; Coa - Nathan Deporto 2, Corey Roberts.

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