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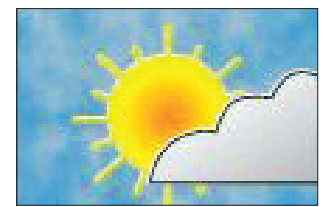
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Padilla re-elected to BSISD Board Place 2 seat Incumbents Reid, Wright win to Coahoma ISD board; Allen upsets Moore

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

When it comes to voter turnout in school board races, Coahoma residents could teach their neighbors in Big Spring a few lessons. While neither community set records for polling numbers, those in the Coahoma Independent School District race Saturday dwarfed figures from the Big Spring ISD contest. Incumbent Maria Padilla doubled up on challenger Edwin Ware in the BSISD Place 2 race, which attracted fewer than 3 percent of the registered voters in that district.

"That's a poor turnout," an obviously disappointed Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said. Padilla earned 27 votes, compared to only 13 for Ware. "I'm very, very thankful to the voters, the volunteers and my family for all the help and support I got," Padilla said. "I'm just glad it's over. It was very nerve-wracking, but it was a good experience." Padilla said the district has a very big decision looming on the horizon as to what to do about aging facilities. "A big issue for the school board is going to be our buildings and how

we can try to get them repaired," she said. "And, as always, the most important issue will be ensuring a good education for our kids." In comparison to Big Spring ISD, voter turnout was huge in Coahoma, where residents returned two incumbents and voted in a newcomer in the race for three at-large seats. Incumbents Jody Reid and Alan Wright were returned the board with 288 and 187 votes, respectively, while challenger Brian Moore won the third available seat with 199 votes. Incumbent Kirk Allen narrowly lost a chance at another term, receiving 172 votes.

"Coahoma ISD had 15.6 percent of its voters cast ballots," Bloom said. "That's a relatively good turnout." Glasscock ISD voters defeated a \$12 million school bond issue by a more than 2-to-1 margin. Final results show that 191 people voted against the measure, while only 87 voted in favor. The bond would have financed various renovations throughout the district as well as construction of a new gymnasium. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Ramirez, McDonald re-elected Hansen runaway winner in race for District 6

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will see very little change to its role call in the coming year, as two incumbents running for re-election managed to hold on to their seats. Big Spring District 2 incumbent Manuel Ramirez Jr. was able to hold off challengers Raul Marquez and Terena Rustman, taking 44 ballots in the race, or 52.38 percent of the vote. Rustman garnered 27.38 percent of the vote with 23 ballots, while Marquez finished third in the race with 20.24 percent, or 17 ballots. While Ramirez only managed to draw 39.22 percent of the early voting totals — which would have forced a runoff election — the strong finish was enough to elicit a long sigh from the first-term councilman. "It was a nailbiter," said Ramirez with a relieved grin. "This was different than when I was first re-elected because I felt like I had something to prove this time around. During the first election I didn't have anything to prove, and I felt like I was just running on my own. In this



An election clerk from the Coahoma polls brings in voting booths — and final election results — during Saturday night's municipal and school trustee elections. HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

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Routine agenda awaiting Big Spring council

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will take care of a number of routine items during its Tuesday meeting, including a canvas of Saturday's election and swearing in of newly elected council members. Two of the council members taking the oath will be familiar faces, as incumbents Manuel Ramirez Jr. and Gloria McDonald won their bids for District 2 and District 4 seats on the council, respectively.

However, the District 6 seat, which was held by longtime councilman Greg Biddison until he decided not to run for re-election earlier this year, will have a new face as Howard College Vice President Terry Hansen prepares to take over duties. Hansen, who was elected Saturday by a landslide victory, said he doesn't have plans to tackle any one particular issue once seated on the council. "Right now, I'm just ready to get in there and learn the ropes," said Hansen, who won the seat by taking 79.8

percent of the vote. "There are a lot of similarities between the way the city council works and the college board, so I feel like I'm coming in prepared. I'm excited about the opportunity." All three candidates won their races by more than 50 percent, making plans to call for runoff elections in the three races — which included three candidates in each of them — a moot point. Also on Tuesday's agenda, the See **COUNCIL**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Bernice Jordan

Bernice Jordan, 93, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 9, 2009, in a Crane nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sheriff

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.
- JOSHUA ARRIOLA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of operating a motor vehicle without financial responsibility and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.
- JAMIE LEE ATKINSON, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a local warrant and charges of tampering with/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, resisting arrest, search or transportation and evading arrest/detention.
- VANESSA BACKES, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- TRACY BLACKMON, 45, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury and theft by check.
- JESSICA BLANCO, age not provided, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction (two counts).
- KIMBERLY COGBURN, 40, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- MELODY LYNN GAY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER WESLEY HALE, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- EVAN LORNE KIMBALL, 36, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation.
- EDWARD MADRON, 29, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest/detention.
- DONNY WILLIAM MOORE, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- KEITH MYRICK, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES NEWSOM, 51, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- MIRANDA NEWTON, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- ASHLEY ORTIZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRYSTAL PEEBLES, 35, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- JOHNNY REYES, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on two local warrants and a charge of no driver's license.
- KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- SALOME RIOS, 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JASON DEWAYNE ROBERTS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
- MARIA BRITO ROJAS, 54, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.
- ASLEY NICOLE ROSA, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana — two ounces or less.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, age not provided, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY SANCHEZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- AMY SARMIENTO, 25, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct — vulgar language.
- ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for consumption of alcohol by a minor — third offense enhanced and criminal mischief.
- FRANK ALEXANDER TREVINO, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- ESTEVAN VALENCIA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Lottery

Winning numbers from Saturday night's Lotto Texas drawing:
1-4-28-33-42-49
Next Lotto Texas drawing: Wednesday night.
Estimated cash value: \$3.2 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 19-24-34-15-21.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$26,204
Winning ticket purchased in: Fort Worth
Next Cash 5 drawing: Today night.

Police blotter

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

- VANESSA BACKES, 45, of 307 W. Third St. in Forsan, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KIMBERLY COGBURN, 40, of 1306 Richie Rd., was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.
- SALOME RIOS, 34, of 2511 Albrook, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KEITH MYRICK, 21, of 1700 Virginia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROCKY SANCHEZ, 21, of 1205 E. 12th St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- AMY SARMIENTO, 25, of 704 W. Eighth St., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KIMBERLY RIOS, 22, of 1402 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Rd., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER HALE, 18, of 1815 Benton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft.






- THEFT was reported:
in the 1300 block of Wood.
in the 2300 block of Wasson.
in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
in the 200 block of Marcy.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
in the 800 block of FM 700.
in the 2600 block of Crestline.
in the 1400 block of Sixth Street.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported:
in the 700 block of Lorilla.
in the 1500 block of Cherokee.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT — DISPLAYING A FIREARM was reported in the 600 block of LINDA.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT — DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM was reported in the 900 block of Sgt. Paredes.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- BUGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1800 block of Donley.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 2000 block of Scurry.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of Courtney Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of Airbase Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore. Service refused.
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- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 13000 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Wilia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of S. Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Ann. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2300 block of N. Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Atlantic. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Your Local Weather

Tue 5/12	Wed 5/13	Thu 5/14	Fri 5/15	Sat 5/16
				
92/69 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Hot. High 92F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph.	93/64 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	86/66 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	87/66 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	89/60 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

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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.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society meets at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh St. at noon. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at (432) 264-7599.
- 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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 at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- 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.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

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Relay for Life set to begin Friday evening

By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

Walking, jogging, hugs and “howdys.” Toddlers toddling, older folks visiting. Balloons. Smoke wafting from grills and cookers and mouth-watering aromas. Much laughter and some tears. Games and all kinds of wares. Company presidents and maintenance men.

This combination family reunion, school picnic, summer campout can only be the Howard/Glasscock Relay for Life, an annual event that brings out people from every corner and strata of the two-county society. The attraction? A common dedication to fund research and help for those stricken with cancer and to celebrate those who have battled the enemy and defeated it, while remembering those whose fight is over.

After working year-round to raise funds in creative ways, teams and committees gather to make a final push to reach their goals. They begin in the evening by walking the track with survivors, spend the long night by competing, eating and visiting and celebrate the dawn by recognizing the hard work and goals met. The similarity to a person’s experience of the shock of learning he has

cancer, the determination to fight, enlisting the help of many support systems, forbearance through treatment and the light at the end of it all is intentional. The evening-night-to-morning event evokes a shared experience for victims and caregivers that forges a bond through the whole community.

While the purpose for Relay is serious, the event provides all kinds of fun. Amy Vidal, this year’s entertainment chair, has scheduled a balloon relay race at 11 p.m., a horseshoe contest at 12:30 a.m. and a tug-o-war at 1:30 a.m. For those still awake, or struggling to remain so, 2:30 a.m. offers a best dance group competition, a hula hoop contest an hour later and a disco lap around the track at 4:30. During down times between events, bingo sessions are on tap.

The 33 teams offer a myriad of items as fundraisers: TexaStone Racers, NASCAR memorabilia and limestone cross; Big Spring State Hospital Mind, Body & Soul, a propane fajita cooker; CRMWD, Target, Wal-Mart and Brenda’s gift cards; Scenic Mountain Medical Center, a 4-foot dollhouse made by cancer survivor Bill Smith and a queen-size Relay quilt; First Bap-



Klate Graham, left, and his mother, Shelley, prepare hot dogs during the Big Ed’s Deeres Relay for Life team fundraiser at Pollard Chevrolet Saturday afternoon. The team is raising funds for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, to be held Friday at Blankenship Field.

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tist Mother’s Day Out girls, breast cancer golf clubs; Big Ed’s Deeres, a Texas lamp and 5-piece tool set; Sid Richardson’s Men in Black, a \$1,000 barbecue pit; and BSISD’s Yellow Dogs, two Elrod’s rockers.

One contest involves voting by contribu-

tion for the best team T-shirt. Each team will display its shirt beside a jar to collect money votes. The winning T-shirt will gain all the contributions for that teams total and a special prize.

An auction of custom-made baskets from indi-

vidual teams will be in the Main Tent at 8:45 in the evening.

Friday is the date for the 2009 Relay. Team registration goes from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Survivor registration and reception is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. under the Survivor Tent. A short open-

ing ceremony is scheduled for 7:45 p.m., and the Survivor Lap begins at 8 p.m.

The meaningful luminaria ceremony is set for 10 p.m., with the Fight Back ceremony at midnight. The closing ceremony will be at 8 a.m. Saturday.

COUNCILS

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election I felt like I had my name out there, and I hopefully had the trust of the voters.

Ramirez said he was happy to avoid the runoff and can now set his sights to the challenges facing the city in the years to come.

“After I saw the early voting numbers, I was already preparing to start making phone calls for the runoff,” said Ramirez. “I was ready to hit the streets again. But, by the grace of God, the voters came in and took me over the top. I really couldn’t be happier. I owe it to the voters, and to my mom. She was a real force in this.”

“We have a lot facing us as a city. We have to continue the work that’s going on to revitalize downtown, and I also feel like we have to do a diligent job of marketing the new sports complex.”

Only 5.3 percent of the registered voters in District 2 — accounting for only 84 votes — cast a ballot in this year’s contest.

Also avoiding a runoff election Saturday night was Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, who won her bid for re-election by taking 60.11 percent of the vote with 217 ballots in the race for District 4. Her challengers didn’t manage to come close, as John Huck Huckabee took 21.05 percent of the race with 76 ballots, and Joyce Crooker garnered 18.84 percent of the vote with 68 ballots.

McDonald said she was happy with the turnout in her district — which accounted for 18.4 percent of registered voters in the district — but was sad to see lower turnouts in the rest of the Big Spring contests.

“I’m a little disappointed with the overall turnout,” said McDonald. “I felt like the people of District 4 stepped up to the plate, but you would really hope the people in the rest of the

city would take a more active role in their city government. They have to understand they have a voice in this.”

McDonald said she felt like taxes would be one of the bigger challenges facing the city in the coming years, and while she would like to see residents’ tax bills shrink, there are no easy answers.

“Taxes are always an issue, but to lower taxes you have to decide what to give up,” said McDonald. “We’ve done so much in Big Spring over the last several years, with the streets and roads, and the northern entryway to the city. I’d just like to see the city stay on that roll in the coming years.”

A total of 361 ballots were cast in the contest.

And while it was incumbents that narrowly avoided runoff elections, the only blowout of this year’s city council races was the contest for the District 6 seat, with longtime council member Greg Biddison deciding not to run for

re-election.

Howard College Vice President Terry Hansen won a commanding victory in the race, pulling in 79.8 percent of the vote with 135 ballots. Hansen’s competitors never came close, as Steve Campbell only managed to receive 11.24 percent of the vote with 19 ballots, and Bahola B. Deleon garnered 8.8 percent with just 15 ballots. “Frankly, I’m very humbled,” said Hansen moments after being announced the winner. “Now the work begins. It’s going to take a while to learn the ropes, and I’m going to jump in and try to do that as quickly as possible so I can begin contributing.”

“I’ve told people all along that I wasn’t running on any particular issue. My contention throughout the process was that I saw so many similarities between the work I’ve done with the board and the college concerning the budget, construction, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and

other issues, that I felt the crossover between it and what the city does is very, very close. And I felt like I would offer my services. I’ll tell you right now, I don’t have all the answers to all the problems. However, I’d like to be a part of the solution, so we can fix as many of them as we can.”

There were 169 ballots cast in the District 6 race.

Also in area elections, the Coahoma City Council will be getting a slew of new members, as incumbents in all of the city’s races failed to run for re-election. Jay D. Holt took the first of two at-large seats on the council with 33.52 percent of the vote — 117 ballots — while fellow challenger Ronnie Dodson took the other with 26.6 percent of the vote, or 93 ballots.

In all, 349 ballots were cast in the contest. Challenger Ray Lee failed to garner the necessary support with 14 percent of the vote, or 49 ballots, while fellow contestant

Elmer F. Lindsey garnered 25.7 percent with 90 ballots.

The city of Coahoma will also see a change in its mayor, with resident Warren Wallace winning the race with 115 ballots, 57.2 percent of the vote. Challenger Linda Luce brought in 86 ballots, accounting for 42.7 percent of the vote. In all, 201 ballots were cast in the contest.

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COUNCIL

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council is expected to entertain:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter Six of the City Code of Ordinances entitled “Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation,” by amending Article Seven entitled “Comanche Trail Golf Course,” by amending Section

6-146 entitled “Golf Course Fees,” adding a new Subsection (G) to be entitled “Driving Range Fees,” and providing for such fees; and by amending Section 6-148 entitled “Golf Cart Rules and Fees,” by adding a new Subsection (G) to provide for golf cart rental fees.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter Six of the Code of Ordinances entitled “Cemeteries, Parks and

Recreation,” by amending Section 6-5 entitled “Interment & Rental Fees” to increase such fees; providing for severability and providing an effective date.

- Fist reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager or designated directors to execute routine agreements between the city and other parties for short term lease, rental or use of city facilities and authorizing the city

manager to execute repair and maintenance contracts.

- Approval of rules and regulations policy for the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

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

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OTHER VIEWS

This time public's right to know tops claims to security

In these days of well-founded public nervousness over the possibility of terrorist attacks, few would dispute the need for security personnel details to keep public officials with a certain level of visibility safe as they go about their daily duties.

Fewer still would likely argue with the notion that the governor of Texas is among the select group deserving of such protection.

That's common sense in post-9/11 America.

But it's taking things too far to claim, as the Texas Department of Public Safety and a state senator from San Antonio do, that the specifics of how the tax dollars involved are spent have to be kept a big secret in the name of security. That's self-serving nonsense.

A bill by state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, a San Antonio Republican, would prevent Texans from knowing how their dollars are being used to protect their governor how many officers were involved, where they stayed and for how long.

Wentworth and the DPS say making such details public would jeopardize the officeholder's security.

Wentworth's bill would make moot a state district court opinion opening such records to public access. The lawsuit was filed by Hearst Newspapers LLC and Cox Texas Newspapers LP. Hearst owns the Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News. Cox Texas owns the Austin American-Statesman.

Ruling in the newspapers favor last summer, the district judge found that the vouchers sought don't contain information that is highly intimate or embarrassing, and that they are newsworthy. Reporters had sought the records in connection with stories about Gov. Rick Perry's foreign travels and an out-of-state trip campaigning for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani for president.

The district court decision is on appeal. Wentworth's bill is flawed in concept. It wrongly mixes up security with something utterly unrelated to the public's right to know how its dollars are used.

Gov. Perry has made several trips abroad that deserve public scrutiny. He's campaigned out of state. The security bills for those trips were paid with Texans tax dollars. We deserve to know how they were spent and if that use was proper or not.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We can fool some of the people sometimes, Lord, but we can never fool You. May we live knowing You know our every move.

Amen

Huge crack in drug protection

When Congress passed the Anti-Drug Abuse Act in 1986, proponents boasted that stiff mandatory minimum sentences would be bad news for major drug traffickers. Ha. Over time, drug kingpins learned that they had little to fear from the law — especially if they were dealing crack cocaine. The federal law institutionalized a 100-to-1 crack/powder cocaine sentencing disparity by mandating a five-year minimum term for 5 grams of crack — the weight of less than two sugar packets — or for 500 grams of powder cocaine.

Then-Sen. Barack Obama campaigned against the disparity in 2008, as it resulted in longer sentences for black offenders than white offenders. In 2006, more than four out of five of those prosecuted on federal crack charges were black. White offenders accounted for fewer than 1 in 10 crack offenders. The ratio for powder cocaine offenders, however, was 27 percent black, 14 percent white and 58 percent Latino.

Department of Justice Criminal Division chief Lanny Breuer testified against the disparity before a Senate subcommittee last week. As Breuer noted, the crack law doesn't target major traffickers; 55 percent of federal crack offenders were street-level dealers in 2005, while 7.3 percent of powder offenders were street-

level dealers.

As a congressional staffer, Eric Sterling helped write the 1986 law. Now the president of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Sterling told me that when the law "first passed, no one said this is an anti-black law. Many members of the Congressional Black Caucus voted for the law. They saw the crack epidemic as a plague on inner-city black communities."

But over time, the disparity between the time served by white and black offenders alienated the black community. Asa Hutchinson, Drug Enforcement Administration chief under President George W. Bush, also testified against the 100-to-1 disparity. A former federal prosecutor, Hutchison observed that the law meted out a five-year sentence for 10 to 50 doses of crack, or 2,500 to 5,000 doses of powder cocaine.

He sees "a disparate racial impact" that undermines "the integrity of our criminal justice system."

The law also mandated a 10-year minimum sentence for 50 grams of crack — or 100 to 250 doses — or 5,000 grams of powder. The status quo isn't tough on drug kingpins — it's hell on their minions.

The U.S. Sentencing Commission recommended equal sentences in 1995. Washington did nothing. Some drug warriors said they would support equalization only if powder sentences were raised to crack levels — which would have given drug lords more cause for celebration.

Kudos to Obama for working for needed balance. But he can

do more. Former U.S. Pardon Attorneys Margaret Colgate Love and John Stanish recommended in the National Law Journal that Obama apply "a few judicious grants of clemency to crack defendants who have served many years in prison and have been recommended for release by the prosecutor or the sentencing judge." Or he could choose to commute the sentences of first-time nonviolent offenders serving draconian time.

Obama could start with Clarence Aaron, who, in 1992 at the age of 23, was arrested for hooking up two drug dealers. He had no criminal record. He had no record of violence. He made \$1,500. But because the professional dealers, men with long criminal histories, knew enough to "snitch" on Aaron, they were sentenced to less time in prison than Aaron. All but one of those six dealers were released from prison years ago, while Aaron is serving life without parole for a first-time nonviolent drug offense. Only Obama can free him.

On his PardonPower.com blog, political science professor P.S. Ruckman Jr. wrote last month that Obama "is already among the nation's slowest presidents" when it comes to granting a pardon. "... In a matter of weeks, his administration will be a mere generic extension of the Clinton/Bush era of clemency controversy and neglect."

Now that's not change — where change is most needed.

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To capitalists: Be very afraid

Lately, MSNBC's Chris Matthews has been on a childish tear, taunting Republicans to admit their belief in the biblical account of the Creation. Someone ought to ask this paragon of smug self-satisfaction why, if he's so brilliant, he unquestioningly echoes the demagogic hyperbole of global warming fanatics hellbent on destroying the economic system responsible for producing unprecedented prosperity in the advanced industrialized world.

Oh, yes, it's fashionable to denounce capitalism these days, but the historical record is clear. As Richard C. Bayer documents in his 1999 book, "Capitalism and Christianity," the gross domestic products remained flat in the 1,000-year period from 500-1500 for all now-advanced industrial countries but rose geometrically with the advent of merchant capitalism (1700-1820) and modern capitalism (1820-present).

More specifically, "Real per capita U.S. GDP in 1989 (\$18,317) was seventeen times what it was in 1820 (\$1,048)," using 1985 real dollars. The growth rates of the other advanced industrial nations showed exponential jumps in that period, as well. But this track record didn't keep class warfare exponents in the 1930s from blaming our economic hardship on capitalistic exploitation, and it isn't keeping them from doing it today.

As long as people have different worldviews, there will be vigorous debates about the effectiveness, fairness and morality of capitalism compared with other economic systems. But common sense supports history's empirical evidence in validating the generalized notion that robust economic production will accompany political and

economic liberty rather than command and control systems.

People will produce more when they are allowed to retain more of the fruits of their labor. You simply cannot expand the economic pie by separating rewards from efforts. To do so is a failsafe prescription for economic stagnation — if not immediately, then in the long run. Yet the current administration and its wholly owned congressional partners have embarked on a course to destroy capitalism from every imaginable front.

Sadly, far too many Americans are apparently oblivious to the magnitude and peril of this systemic assault. They are also obviously unaware that the constriction of economic freedom will necessarily result in a constriction of political freedom. When the government, instead of the free market, picks winners and losers, it exercises coercive power in employing its value judgments. If it has a prejudice against capital and favors labor, its decisions will reflect those biases, at the expense of the rule of law.

We've already seen this with the White House's strong-arming of GM creditors, using threats and intimidation to force a major shift in ownership and control from disfavored (business) groups to favored (labor) ones.

Thomas Lauria, attorney for creditor Perella Weinberg Partners, blew the whistle on the White House's totalitarian threat to destroy his client's reputation unless it accepted the administration's Chrysler-restructuring plan to give the United Auto Workers 55 percent of the company. Other creditor representatives have told similar stories. One described the administration as the most shocking "end-justifies-the-means" group he has ever encountered. Another said, Obama is "the most dangerous smooth talker on the planet — and I knew Kissinger."

The White House, of course, denies the charges — as if it's remotely conceivable it would

admit them if they are true — but we all saw Obama directly single out and publicly demonize the firms, such as Perella Weinberg, that wouldn't roll over to his demands.

Folks, this is just a small taste, a foreshadowing of what we can come to expect from an administration that has already decided who should be the winners and losers and has undertaken a comprehensive agenda to "right the wrongs" — and even the score — by using the capricious power of government to radically redistribute income and wealth in this nation.

Obama promised to lower taxes on all but the top 5 percent of income earners, but his policies make that impossible. He is dramatically increasing our national debt, which will require massive tax increases on all producers in the long run. Likewise, the very allocation of his "stimulus" spending is, in itself, an exercise in income and wealth shifting.

But it's not just through preferred spending, income tax increases, his mortgage default bailout bill, his union-favoring restructurings, and venture capitalist purges that he'll redistribute income and wealth, guaranteeing long-term economic despair for all. He also seeks to implement Social Security means testing and nationalize health care. He'll pass his cap and trade bill, which is a complete farce in terms of reducing carbon emissions but a cinch lock to extort wealth from corporations. He'll increase capital gains tax rates, place caps on executive salaries, and punish energy players he detests and favor those he prefers.

Call me an alarmist, but we are witnessing the beginning of the most frightening period of government tyranny in our nation's history.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney.

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A visitor to the Big Spring Art Association's 55th annual Area-Wide Show examines some of the contest entries. Forty artists entered 146 works at the contest, BSAA President Ruby Bruns said.



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Kay Smith is shown in front of her painting which was judged best in show at the Big Spring Art Association's 55th annual Area-Wide Show, held Saturday at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus.

Art Show results:

Here are results from the Big Spring Art Association's annual Area Art Exhibition, held Saturday at the Hall Center for the Arts:

Best of Show: Kay Smith, Big Spring, "Flirty Flamingos"

Watercolor:

- 1st: Marvin Stevenson, Odessa, "Soaring Above the Storms"
- 2nd: Corey Sly, Midland, "Big Spring Switching Station"
- 3rd: Carolyn Walker, Colorado City, "Pink Hollyhocks"
- Honorable Mention: Shirley Minzenmayer, Winters, "Just Trucking"

Oils/Acrylics:

- 1st: Lorrie Andrews, Monahans, "Skull"
- 2nd: Estelle Howard, Big Spring, "Panther Draw"
- 3rd: Sheree Moates, Big Spring, "Slice of Life"
- Hon. Mention: Sheree Moates, Big Spring, "Essence of Light"

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- 1st: Doris Vieregge, Big Spring, "Carved Gold Bowl"

- 2nd: Adriana Kocak, "Mosaic"
- 3rd: Douglas Oertil, San Angelo, "Fill Me UP"

Photography:

- 1st: Bruce Schooler, Big Spring, "Foggy Sunrise"
- 2nd: Jerry Cotten, Lamesa, "Claret Cup Cactus"
- 2nd: Susan Minzenmayer, Winters, "Yesteryear"
- 3rd: Susan Minzenmayer, Winters, "Lily Pond Splendor"
- Hon Mention: Jerry Cotten, Lamesa, "Balanced Rock, Big Bend"
- Hon Mention: Bruce Schooler, "Settles Hotel"

Pastel:

- 1st: Gail LeBrenz, Abilene, "The Fitting"
- 2nd: Gail LeBrenz, Abilene, "Keisha"
- 3rd: Arlys Scott, Big Spring, "Owl"

Mixed Media:

- 1st: Jean Hensley, Ballinger, "TV Girl"
- 2nd: Meghan Bias, Big Spring, "Duplicity"
- 3rd: Sheree Moates, Big Spring, "Abstract 1"
- Hon Mention: Rhonda Hoffamn, Big Spring, "Space"
- Hon Mention: Carol Peterson, Big Spring, "Tickle Me Pink"

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ 7
♦ A Q J 5 3
♣ A 10 8 5

WEST
♠ K Q J 5 2
♥ Q J 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 4 2

EAST
♠ 8 7
♥ 9 8 5 4 2
♦ K 10 8 2
♣ K 6

SOUTH
♠ A 4 3
♥ A K 10 3
♦ 9
♣ Q J 9 7 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣
Pass 3♣ Pass 3♥
Pass 4♣ Pass 4♠
Dble 5♥ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — king of spades.

This deal was played by many-times national and world champion Bob Hamman in the 1986 Grand National Teams championship, won by his Texas team. He and his partner, Bobby Wolff, reached six clubs, against which West made the most effective lead, the king of spades.

Hamman took the ace and could have banked everything on a club finesse. This would have resulted in losing the slam as the cards lie.

But Hamman didn't become one of the world's greatest players by relying on a finesse when a reasonable alternative was available. So after taking the first spade, he cashed the A-K of hearts, discarding a spade from dummy, then led a diamond to the ace.

Next came the diamond queen, covered by the king and ruffed by declarer. A heart ruff brought forth the queen, establishing the ten, and Hamman was now at the crossroads.

One possibility was to trump a low diamond to establish the suit, then try a club finesse, planning to discard two spades on the J-5 of diamonds after trumps were drawn. But Hamman had good reason to suspect the club finesse would fail. West had thus far shown up with the Q-J-x of hearts and apparently had a good spade suit. If he also had the king of clubs, he probably would have opened the bidding.

So, after ruffing the heart, Hamman next cashed the ace of clubs, then played the jack of diamonds, discarding a spade, and ruffed a diamond. The ten of hearts was then led. West ruffing and dummy overruffing. When dummy's good diamond was now led, East ruffed with the king as Hamman discarded his last spade, and the slam was home.

At the other table, North-South bid and made exactly five clubs, so Hamman's team gained 13 IMPs on the deal. Every one of those points proved vital, because the Texans won the match by just 1 IMP.

Tomorrow: Old habits die hard.

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Texas News Briefs:

Six San Antonio firefighters injured

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Six San Antonio firefighters were briefly hospitalized Sunday after being exposed to chlorine while battling a blaze at a shed on the city's northwest side.

Assistant Fire Chief David Coatney said the firefighters experienced burning skin and some had trouble breathing after dealing with the blaze early Sunday. It was not immediately apparent who owns the shed, located on property near a cemetery and a country club, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The shed contained chlorine cylinders that apparently expanded and leaked into the air.

A spokesman for University Health System in San Antonio told The Associated Press that all the firefighters were treated and released by Sunday afternoon.

The fire was one of four authorities believe were started by an ars

Stabbed, beaten priest in stable condition

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A South Texas Roman Catholic priest hospitalized after being beaten, kicked and stabbed by a parishioner was in stable condition Sunday, although a breathing tube remained in his throat, a spokesman for the Diocese of Corpus Christi said.

Spokesman Marty Wind said the Rev. Shaji F. Varghese, administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Sinton, was conscious and aware of his surroundings at Christus Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi, where he has been treated since the Friday attack. A hospital spokeswoman declined to give out information, saying Varghese was listed as a "confidential" patient.

In a story in Sunday's Corpus Christi Caller-Times, Bishop Edmond Carmody said Varghese's wounds weren't as deep as had been anticipated, but the priest still has "a long road ahead."

Varghese, 42, was stabbed nine times during the attack, which occurred near a side door to the church shortly after Mass, Wind said.

David Rodriguez, 36, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and tampering with evidence. He remained in the San Patricio County jail Sunday on bonds totaling \$350,000.

A jail spokeswoman said there was no attorney listed for him.

The Caller-Times reported that Rodriguez had previously told other parishioners that he needed help and that "demons" would fight with him. Varghese was among church officials who had tried to help him deal with his problems, according to the parishioners cited by the newspaper.

Father mourns son killed by Corpus police

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The father of a 28-year-old Sinton man shot and killed by Corpus Christi police says he urged his son to slow down and pull

over for police who were pursuing him.

Sylvester Villasana was shot and killed Saturday after a police chase that began with a traffic violation. Police said an officer shot Villasana three times after he turned toward them with a knife. Capt. Tim Wilson said investigators found a folding knife in the grass but some witnesses said they saw Villasana holding only a cell phone.

Villasana's father, Andres, said when his son called him he could hear the sirens and told his son to pull over. Sylvester Villasana told his father he was speeding. Villasana said there was no reason for his son to die.

Wilson said the shooting is under investigation.

Federal judge faces up to 3 years in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — A disgraced federal judge who pleaded guilty to charges related to sexually abusing his secretary is set to return to court for sentencing.

U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent could have received up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine after admitting to obstruction of justice but prosecutors said they wouldn't seek more than three years in prison under a plea agreement with him.

Kent's sentencing hearing is set to begin Monday.

Kent, on the federal bench for nearly two decades, became the first federal judge charged with a sex crime.

He entered the plea in February before U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson, a visiting senior judge from Pensacola, Fla., as jury selection was about to get under way for his trial on the obstruction charge and five sex-crime charges alleging he groped his secretary and his former case manager. Conviction on the most serious of those charges could have sent him to prison for life.

As part of the plea agreement, Kent admitted the sexual contact was against the two women's will.

Kent's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said at the time of the plea the judge was retiring from the bench, then clarified later that Kent intended to retire due to a disability.

Federal judges must be at least 65 before they can retire and reaching that age allows them to still collect their full salaries for the remainder of their lives.

Kent, who was paid \$169,300 a year, is 59. The only way a younger judge could retire and still collect his salary would be to claim a disability, either mental or physical. A federal judge who resigns gets nothing.

A counsel of judges from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals investigated Kent and suspended him in September 2007 for four months with pay but didn't detail the allegations against him.

His case manager had accused Kent of harassing and sexually abusing her over a four-year period, culminating in March 2007, when she said the judge pulled up her blouse and bra and tried to escalate contact until they were interrupted.

The judicial panel transferred him from Galveston, where he'd worked since his 1990 appointment,

to Houston, 50 miles northwest. After a Justice Department investigation, he was indicted in August and had additional charges filed against him in January.

Kent and his attorney said when he made his plea that the judge was taking medication for depression and anxiety and was under the care of both a psychiatrist and a psychologist.

Landowners, attorneys make \$20 million

ARLINGTON (AP) — Landowners and their attorneys made an additional \$20 million by fighting the city when it acquired property for the new Dallas Cowboys stadium, according to a newspaper report.

Offers to buy land for the \$1.1 billion stadium initially added up to \$60 million, but just-released city records show the actual payments will be at least \$80 million, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday. The cost is double what the city of Arlington first projected by using Tarrant Appraisal District numbers.

The city has worked for nearly four years to settle most of the land disputes. The owners of 17 parcels are still trying to challenge condemnation in court.

"To this day, I think we've been fair to everybody," said Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck. "There are many of those cases we thought were excessive in the court. ... Everybody had the option to take the offer or go to a lawyer."

Attorney Glenn Sodd, who represented some of the property owners, said many of his clients received pay that was several hundred percent higher than what the city first offered.

"They (cities) have a big incentive to make lowball offers because they know that some people are going to take whatever they offer," he said.

Trey Yelverton, an Arlington deputy city manager, said the city hired professional appraisers and didn't "lowball" anyone.

Karen Magnus initially doubted her decision to fight the city. She had health problems and no insurance at the time.

Eventually, she settled for \$350,000 — more than six times greater than the original \$53,000 offered by the city. Magnus said she was able to pay off her old mortgage and her new mortgage and place some money in savings.

The stadium, funded mostly with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' money and scheduled to open next month, features a retractable roof, seating capacity of 100,000 for football, 300 luxury suites, and the two largest HD video boards ever built.

The stadium already has secured the 2010 NBA All-Star game, the 2011 Super Bowl and the 2014 NCAA men's Final Four. It also will be home to college football's Cotton Bowl.

The stadium land in Arlington's entertainment district was a mixture of small, post-World War II houses, apartment complexes and small businesses.

The owners of about 16 percent of the 162 properties took the city's first offer and moved on.

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Steers run-rule Lake View for 3rd seed

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — If Big Spring's and San Angelo Lake View's baseball teams were supposed to be even after tying for third place in District 4-4A, then Saturday's seeding game between the two squads must have been an aberration.

The Steers routed the Chiefs, 12-2, ending the game after five innings courtesy of the 10-run mercy rule.

With the win, Big Spring clinches the third seed out of 4-4A, which

matches the Steers against Canyon Randall in the bi-district round of the postseason.

Randall placed second in District 3-4A. The Raiders will face the Steers in a best-of-three series beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Moegle Field in Lubbock. Game 2 is set for 5 p.m. Friday at the same location with a third game, if needed, taking place 30 minutes following the completion of the second contest.

Steers pitcher Jon Benavides

pitched the entire five innings against Lake View and was dominant from the start. Lake View didn't get any runs on the board until the fourth frame, but by then, it was far too late.

The Steers bats were in overdrive as they pushed across eight runs in the first three innings of play.

They added four more in the fifth to enforce the run-rule.

Matt Ritchey and Kaegan Hunt each had three RBI, while Jeremy Solis

knocked in three runs.

This is the first time since 2002 Big Spring has advanced to the postseason. For the past two seasons, this team didn't win a single district game. Now, it will be playing deeper into the month of May.

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W - Jon Benavides (3-4). L - John David Baker. 2B: BS - Jeremy Solis, Martin Yanez. 3B: BS - Kaegan Hunt. RBI: BS - Hunt 3, Matt Ritchey 3, Solis 2, Yanez, Benavides, Rance Terry, Steven Henry.



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Howard College's Zach Neal pitches in a NJCAA Region V Tournament game against North Central Texas College at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth. Neal pitched a complete game, giving up three runs, while striking out 12, and the Hawks won 7-3 to advance to the quarterfinals of the winner's bracket. They'll face Midland College at 5 p.m. today.

On the verge

Hawks win 55th straight with 7-3 win over NCTC

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

FORT WORTH — The Hawks won their opening round game of the Region V Tournament Sunday, defeating North Central Texas College, 7-3, at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth.

The win makes the No. 1 Hawks 55-0 on the season and ties the all-time win streak record held by Seminole (Okla.) Community College. The Hawks can take sole possession of the record Monday, when they play rival Midland College in the quarterfinals of the winner's bracket.

The Hawks got off to a slow start at the plate and found themselves down 2-0 after two innings of play. NCTC got on the board after catcher Ryan Morgan led off the second with a double to left. Morgan scored two batters later when Nick Ochoa singled. Ochoa scored courtesy of a two-out triple by third baseman Daniel Sciantarelli.

Howard finally got to NCTC starter Kyle Felts in the bottom of the third, when Joe Leftridge led off with a single. Leftridge scored two batters later when catcher Miles Hamblin doubled.

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Rangers end Colon's streak, beat White Sox, 7-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Vicente Padilla keeps everyone thinking, even his own manager sometimes.

Hank Blalock homered twice, Padilla allowed one hit in seven innings and the Texas Rangers ended Bartolo Colon's dominance against them with a 7-1 win over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

Padilla (2-2) pitched around four walks in his second consecutive impressive outing. In his previous start against Seattle, the right-hander yielded only one hit and an unearned run in eight innings. He became the first Rangers starter to give up one

hit or less in back-to-back starts.

"I think about three starts ago there were questions about his velocity," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "The thing about Padilla, you don't know if that's by design. He can pitch, he can manipulate the baseball. He can do some good things. It just took him a little while to get going. Now he's going and I certainly hope he stays healthy and continues to make starts for us."

Chris Davis also homered and added an RBI double for the Rangers, who hope to get Michael Young and Josh Hamilton back Tuesday when they

start a three-game series against the Mariners.

Hamilton is eligible to come off the disabled list Tuesday. Young missed his second consecutive game with back stiffness. With Hamilton out, the Rangers have won nine of 13.

The Rangers finally touched up against them since Aug. 21, 2003, with a 2.50 ERA. It was the longest active winning streak against one opponent in the majors.

"I saw when they flashed it up on the scoreboard that he'd had a lot of success against us in the past," Davis

said. "That was my first time seeing him but I thought we did a good job of making him throw a lot of pitches the first few innings and putting ourselves in position to score and try to chase him out of the game early. I think that's the key with one of those guys. You don't want him hanging around the game."

Davis' leadoff homer in the fifth started a four-run inning. With runners on first and second and one out, Omar Vizquel hit an RBI double down the right-field line.

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Sports in brief

High school baseball and softball postseason schedule

Interscholastic play has been cleared to resume and local high school baseball and softball teams have reset their postseason schedules.

Big Spring

• Lady Steers softball plays Canyon Randall in a Class 4A bi-district playoff series beginning at 5 p.m. today at Lubbock High School.

Game 2 will be played at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the same location with a third game set, if needed, to occur 30 minutes following the completion of the second contest.

Coahoma

• Bulldogs baseball is taking on Grape Creek in a game to decide the top seed out of District 7-2A at 7:30 p.m. today in Abilene.

Forsan High School Sports Banquet scheduled for today

Forsan High School will hold its annual sports banquet at 7 p.m. today at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting today at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club is meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the Athletic Training Center.

Officers for the 2009-2010 school year will be elected, so all parents of any female athlete of the junior high or high school are highly encouraged to attend.

Coahoma ISD sets aside day for athlete physicals

Physicals for all incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders who plan on playing any sport at Coahoma next year will be given Thursday at the elementary gymnasium.

Cost is \$25 and can be paid in cash or check.

CGA holding monthly tournament May 17

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is holding its monthly tournament at Comanche Trail Park Sunday.

Cost to play is \$20 per person and participants must be registered by 9:30 a.m.

The tourney will be played in a two-man format

with the first six holes being played as a draw, the second six will be selective drive and the final six are played as individual low ball.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 213-4943.

Free adult tennis league starting at Figure 7

Ted Oleson, City of Big Spring tennis pro, is beginning a free adult tennis league on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.

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Wayland Baptist University conducting baseball tryouts

The Pioneer baseball coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview is conducting a tryout camp for all graduating high school senior and/or player with college eligibility remaining.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. June 13 at Wilder Field on the WBU campus. Tryouts follow at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the camp.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

If you started out walking and, at every turn, flipped a coin to decide whether to go right or left, where would you end up? Such exercises are perfectly in line with this Sagittarian moon.



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Getting a little lost allows you to see your usual environments with new appreciation. Open your mind to unusual suggestions and unlikely scenarios.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You do have an entertaining way of stating things. You tell your version of what happened and suddenly you have an audience. You couldn't plan for life to be this interesting!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You boldly take charge. If there's not quite enough action and excitement around, you'll be sure to start

something. You have a keen instinct for what people will sign up for and you can drum up a good deal of enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The list of what you need to accomplish is long and when you break the steps down, you have even more lists to contend with. Keep writing down the steps. This attention to detail is what it will take to get it all done.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Routine is only comforting to a point. When the habit that used to bring security instead seems mind-numbing and hollow, it's time to change. Go on an adventure and talk to someone new. Wake up to the possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Daydreaming will be a powerful and crucial exercise, equally important to doing actual work. Direct your imaginations and mentally create your desired reality instead of letting thoughts run willy-nilly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You find genius in people who stand out from the crowd. Unusual characters gravitate toward you and share what's on their mind. You may not follow the line of reason exactly, but you feel enriched for the connection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sense of balance will be challenged. If you have success in one area of life, does that mean that another area must suffer? No way. When you are serving your highest good, the other areas in your life thrive, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel it's necessary to exert your independence, but you also worry that loved ones will take this the wrong way. You don't want to be sneaky about it, either. Be thoughtful in this quest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are concerned with being recognized and admired — why shouldn't you be? This need for attention will have a positive result. You make a special effort to stand out in a good way. Others are delighted by you!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be let in on very secret and exclusive information. Your self-confidence leads others to believe in your trustworthiness. Go into group situations with the intention of being the best listener in the room.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A project is taking a great deal of energy, though it's definitely something you can handle. You've been down this road before. You know what the right next step is. Trust what experience has taught you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You like to be able to express your agreement with people. And even if you don't exactly concur with an idea that's being presented to you, you're a master at finding some kind of common ground and building from there.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I had a friend who did a tarot

card reading for me five years ago; her reading was so identical to the total happening surrounding me at that time. I was convinced there are good correlations between the physical and astral worlds. This reading my friend attained stirred my interest about astral projection, numerology, tantra, chakras and, of course, horoscopes. Sometimes it's difficult for me to make decisions in life. The negativity that pools around my soul drains energy from me. Holiday, is there a force field to protect me from darkness and help me walk in a better light?"

Yes. All you have to do is ask to be protected. Here's a simple mental exercise in buffering yourself: Imagine you are breathing in light blue light and breathing out dark smoke. Let the white light build a bubble around you. Go about your day being aware of your bubble. That's it. Do not get involved in anything that makes you feel

weird. Stay in control. Never give your power over to anyone. You are the primary force in your life. Accept only studies that enrich you, make you feel lighter and brighter and add beauty to your experience in this lifetime.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Jason Biggs appeared in television commercials at age 5 and has been entertaining ever since. He's a deliberate Taurus with a sensitive Cancer moon, indicating that his comedy developed as a defense mechanism to buffer himself from a sometimes-harsh world. Venus in quick-witted Gemini shows that in reality he's just as funny and lively as the characters he plays on screen.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old female and have been friends with "Danielle" for 12 years. In fact, she is the only friend I have. Recently, I expressed some personal frustrations to her about my in-laws' lifestyle.

I said these things in confidence. My husband is aware of my feelings, and we have reached an understanding. However, last week my brother-in-law came to visit and was extremely distant. He was obviously angry with me, but refused to say why.

My brother-in-law and Danielle converse often, and I am fairly certain she told him what I said.

He is in the military, lives several states away and only comes around

for holidays. I want our times together to be enjoyable for my husband's sake, and that is all at risk now.

This isn't the first time Danielle has done spiteful things to me. For the past four years, it seems she has been out to get me.

She makes lots of snide remarks, and this last incident proves she holds me in disdain. I have even called these things to her attention, and she apologizes, but nothing changes.

In the past, I have overlooked Danielle's underhanded behavior in order to save our friendship, but now I am at my wits' end.

I want to confront her about this latest incident, but don't know how to do it without cre-

ating some very bad blood or hurting her emotionally. Please help. — *Confidences Betrayed in N.C.*

Dear N.C.: If this latest incident turns out to be Danielle's fault and you confront her, at best she will follow custom and apologize but change nothing.

This is a toxic friendship, where you think it's necessary to appease her every time she hurts you. Apologize to your brother-in-law for whatever you may have done that upset him, and be cordial — nothing more — to Danielle. You need to branch out and find more trustworthy friends.

Dear Annie: I am getting married in August and trying to decide who my attendants

should be. In order to save money, I would like only three — two bridesmaids and one maid of honor.

To be polite and not hurt anyone's feelings, I was considering asking the same women who had me in their wedding parties. Unfortunately, I have been in four weddings. I am not sure who to leave out. What should I do? — *Confused Bride*

Dear Bride: Since the bridesmaids purchase their own clothing, we are not sure what you think you'd save by eliminating one of them. And it's quite possible someone will refuse the honor.

Even so, selecting your attendants should not be a matter of obligation. Many women

choose sisters or cousins, but try to select the women you are closest to, regardless of who or how many.

Dear Annie: I strongly disagree with your advice to "Just Curious," who asked about attending the future visitation of her ex-husband of 36 years. While I do think the situation needs a gentle hand, the visitation is supposed to be honoring the memory of, and paying respects to, the recently deceased.

If a man and woman spent 36 years together, despite the fact that it didn't work out in the long run, they shared many memories (and children).

While it is a painful time for relatives and friends, comfort can be

found in the sympathy of those who attend the visitation. In the end, the event belongs to the deceased. They deserve to be remembered by anyone lucky enough to be involved in their life.

— *Honoring the Memories in Omaha*

Dear Omaha: The event actually belongs to the survivors, which is why it is important not to upset them. If you can attend the funeral without doing so, it's fine with us.

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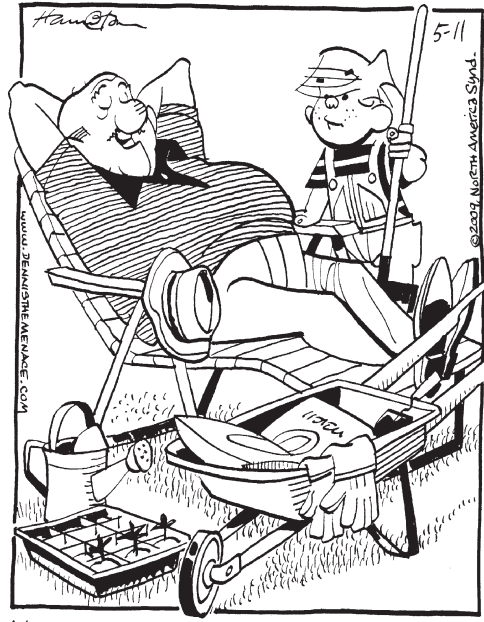
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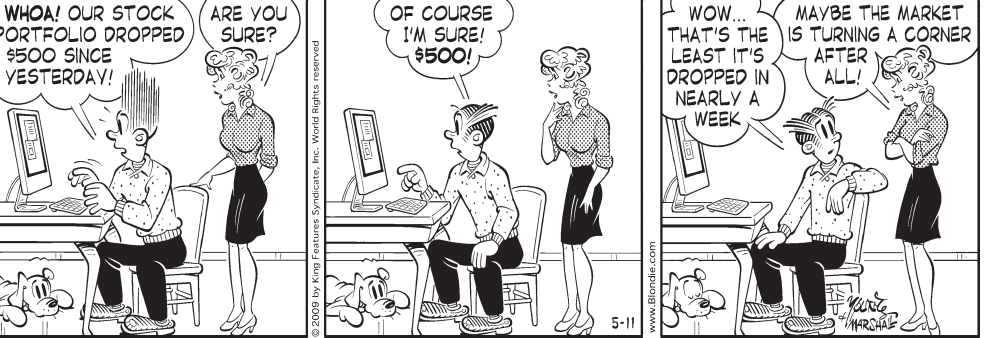


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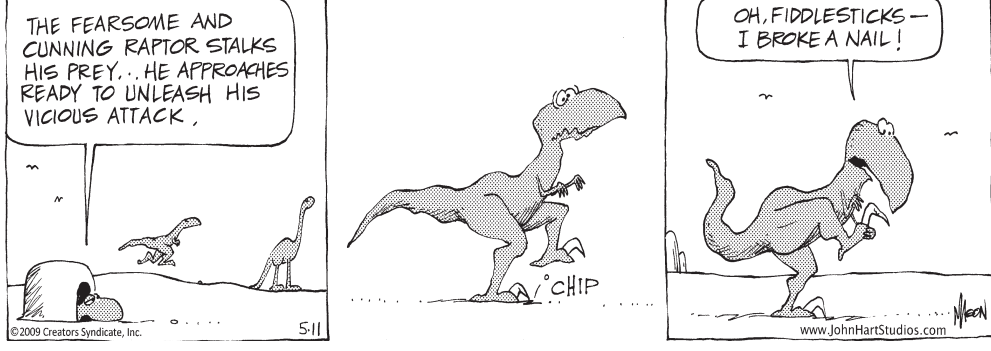
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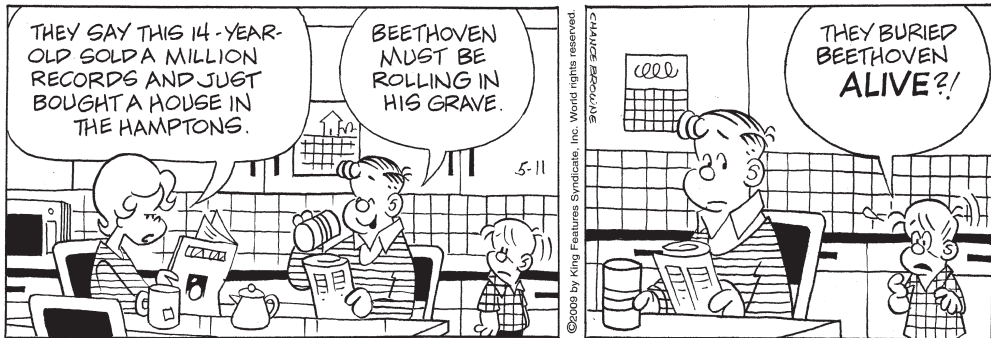
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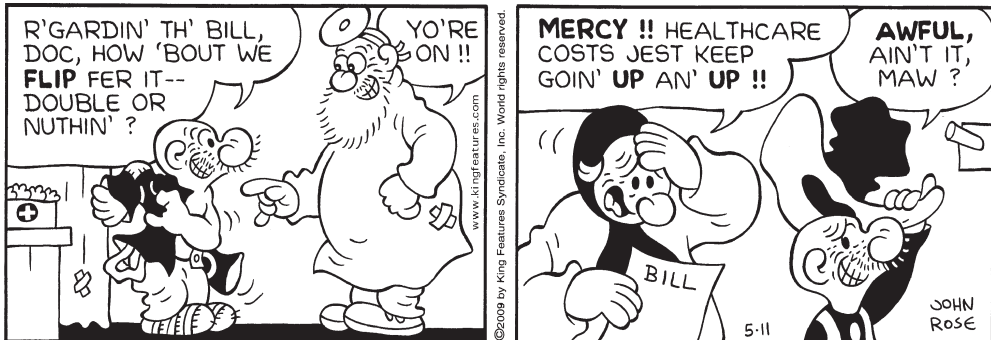
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1946, the first CARE packages arrived in Europe, at Le Havre, France.

On this date: In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1910, Glacier National Park in Montana was established.

In 1944, Allied forces launched a major offensive against German lines in Italy.

In 1949, Siam changed its name back to Thailand.

In 1973, charges against Daniel Ellsberg for his role in the "Pentagon Papers" case were dismissed by Judge

William M. Byrne, who cited government misconduct.

In 1981, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

In 1985, 56 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

Five years ago: A video on an al-Qaida-linked Web site showed the beheading of businessman Nick Berg, an American who'd been kidnapped in Iraq.

One year ago: Serbia's pro-Western president, Boris Tadic, declared victory in parliamentary elections — a stunning upset over ultranationalists. A cease-fire ended weeks of bloody fighting in Baghdad's Sadr City district. Parvati Shallow was the last woman standing on CBS' "Survivor: Micronesia — Fans vs. Favorites." (Shallow had previously come in sixth place on "Survivor: Cook Islands.")

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Mort Sahl is 82. Rock singer

Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 68. Actress Shohreh Aghdashloo is 57. Actress Frances Fisher is 57. Actor Bob Odenkirk is 56. Country musician Mark Herndon (Alabama) is 54. Actress Martha Quinn is 50. Country singer-musician Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 46. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 41. Country musician Keith West (Heartland) is 41. Actor Coby Bell is 34. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakso is 31. Actor Jonathan Jackson is 27.

Thought for Today: "Ability hits the mark where presumption overshoots and diffidence falls short." — Golda Meir, Israeli prime minister (1898-1978).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Brooks, Battier help Rockets blast Lakers, 99-87, without Yao

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets never doubted they could still beat the Los Angeles Lakers without Yao Ming.

The Lakers better believe it, too.

Aaron Brooks scored a career-high 34 points, Shane Battier sank five 3-pointers and added 23, and the Rockets beat the Lakers 99-87 on Sunday to even their Western Conference semifinal at two games apiece.

Luis Scola had 11 points and 14 rebounds as the Rockets got exactly the team effort they needed after Yao broke his left foot in the Lakers' win in Game 3.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles, and anyone who thought the Rockets were finished without their best player only needed to watch the first quarter Sunday, when Houston built a 29-16 lead.

The Rockets never trailed and led by as many as 29 before the Lakers made the score respectable toward the end.

"I'm not surprised," Battier said. "It almost sounds cliché, but we're a resilient group. We talk about bouncing back. Through adversity, through lineup changes, through trades, through injuries, we've never quit and we've never stopped believing."

Pau Gasol scored 30 points and Kobe Bryant had a quiet 15 for Los Angeles.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson warned his team about taking the Rockets too lightly after hearing about Yao's injury. But the Lakers looked lethargic from the start, giving away careless turnovers and playing lax defense.

The Rockets opened the game with a 22-7 run, starting 4-of-5 from 3-point range. Bryant scored the Lakers' first three baskets, but the rest of the team missed its first seven shots.

Houston led 54-36 at the break.

The Lakers got only two offensive rebounds.

HAWKS

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Hamblin was plated by Monk Kreder's single, tying the game at 2.

NCTC wasted no time retaking the lead as Morgan led off the fourth inning with a solo homer over the left field wall.

However, from there, Howard starter Zach Neal settled down and allowed just two more base hits and no runs over the final five innings.

Neal pitched a complete game, strik-

ing out 12 batters and allowing three earned runs on six hits and one walk.

The Hawks took the lead, 4-3, in the bottom of the fourth, when Runey Davis connected for a 2-RBI double off the wall in left center, scoring Will Calhoun and Andrew Collazo.

Howard added another two runs in the fifth, extending its lead to 6-3. Kreder led off the frame with a double. He was joined on the basepaths by Nick Popescu, who drew a walk. Calhoun had a bloop single to left to load the bases.

With two outs, Davis, who leads the

Hawks with 32 stolen bases, showed off his speed by beating out a throw from NCTC shortstop Jesse Payne, allowing Kreder to score from third.

With the bags still juiced, Leftridge got hit by a pitch, forcing in another run.

Howard's final run of the game came in the seventh after Calhoun led off the frame with a double and then scored when Collazo followed him with a single.

Earlier this season, Howard swept a four-game series with Midland, but not without any drama.

In Game 3 of the series, Howard

trailed Midland 5-4 going into the top of seventh and final inning. Collazo led off with a solo homer over right and ignited a 6-run rally. The Hawks ended up winning, 10-5.

Midland, which finished third in the WJCAC standings, defeated Cisco Junior College, 10-5, to advance to the second round.

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RANGERS

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Colon's day ended when he allowed a two-out walk with the bases loaded to Marlon Byrd.

Clayton Richard, scheduled to start against Cleveland on Wednesday, relieved and gave up an RBI infield single to David Murphy that gave the Rangers a 5-1 lead.

Colon (2-3) said after the game he had no idea about his streak against Texas. He allowed five runs and five hits over 4 2-3 innings, with four strikeouts and three walks.

"Obviously, he was not good enough to win, but on the other side Padilla threw the ball real well and when (the opponent) throws the ball real well and the ballclub is not hitting that's pretty hard to put things together," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Blalock led off the second inning

with a homer and tagged reliever D.J. Carrasco with a solo shot in the seventh, his ninth of the season. It was Blalock's seventh career multihomer game and first since April 11, 2006.

Davis added an RBI double off Lance Broadway in the eighth.

Jermaine Dye scored the only White Sox run in the second inning on Padilla's wild pitch. Chicago has been outscored 112-35 in its 16 losses this season.

"We are definitely not anywhere close to hitting on all cylinders. We

haven't all year," Paul Konerko said. "You just keep grinding, that's all you can say. We're not good right now, we just need to get better."

Notes: Before the game, White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper said on the club's flagship radio pregame show that the team plans to send struggling right-hander Jose Contreras to the minors. Contreras, who is making \$10 million this season, must first clear waivers to do that. He is 0-5 with an 8.19 ERA this season.

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