The Indians struck a deal today to obtain the services of relief pitcher **Jairo Asencio** from the Atlanta Braves
in exchange for
cash considerations. Fearful of the consequences of having to roll out one of Dan Wheeler, Jeremy Accardo, Henricus van den Hurk, or Chris Seddon (you all collectively gasped didn't you?) the Indians jumped on grabbing Asencio from the Braves, who now becomes a part of the 40-man roster.

Asencio has no remaining option years left and a corresponding 40-man roster move has not been announced. If he were to be sent to the minors, he would need to clear waivers.

You may not recognize the name Asencio and that's because up until 2010, he had been pitching in the Atlanta organization under the name Luis Valdez. He missed that season in the same light that the former Fausto Carmona may miss a considerable amount of time this season, stuck in the Dominican Republic, unable to obtain a visa. Asencio is his name and he was born on May 5th, 1984, making him 27 years old.

There are two things to be glad about.

A) He already changed his name back to what it was supposed to be before arriving here (unlike Henricus van den Hurk, who shedded the moniker of "Rick" when he arrived).

B) He already gained a few years of age as well.

Jokes aside, it's looking very likely that Asencio will slide into one of those vacant bullpen jobs that no one has really jumped up to claim this spring. Before the trade, Jairo pitched 11 innings, gave up four runs, struck out 12 hitters and walked three this spring for Atlanta. He also struck out 70 hitters in 54+ innings of work with Triple-A Gwinnett, while leading the International Leauge in saves (26) for the second time.

He made three appearances as Luis Valdez for the Braves in 2009 and six last year as Jairo Asencio, giving up eight runs in 10+ innings.