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Not just in it for the thrills

Hang gliders voice different reasons for taking to the skies

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Staff Writer

Flying like a bird, meditation, fulfillment of a dream. Those are just a few of the ways hang gliding can be described when you talk to the group of 40 pilots — from across the world, including Mexico, Australia and Brazil — here for the U.S. National Hang Gliding and Paragliding Competition this week. "A lot of people associate this (hang gliding) with a thrill seeking sport, but it's not that," Dave Aldrich, hang glider pilot, said. Aldrich, who is in his second year of competition and fifth year of hang gliding, said for most of the pilots it's not about the adrenaline rush, but about flying. "It's about aviation and the experience of flying," Aldrich said.

Jonny Durand from Australia and Zac Majors, who both have been involved with hang gliding for a combined 37 years, agreed with Aldrich. Recently, Durand broke the open distance record by flying 475 miles — an 11-hour trip — a record that had stood for 11 years. He also set a new record for distance to a declared goal by flying 348 miles. Hang gliding is about pursuing a dream for Majors and enjoying the love of flight for Durand. "My first flight was at the age of 9 with my father," Durand said. "My father was involved in hang gliding so I grew up around the sport and now this, competing, is my full-time job."



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From left, Kendrick Stallard, Dave Aldrich and Mike Bilyk look over the flight plan for Wednesday during the National U.S. Hang Gliding and Paragliding Competition at the Big Spring airpark. Competition wraps up Friday.

Majors added, "I have been doing this for 20 years. As a child, I dreamed of flying and I looked into all types and found a book on gliding and have been doing it ever since." He continued, "This is something I enjoy being able to do

because it all goes back to that feeling of flying like a bird. There isn't a huge adrenaline rush, it's actually more of a meditation and experiencing cooperation with nature." See **PILOTS**, Page 3

Primary runoff: Early voting light

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Early voting in the upcoming state primary runoff elections has resulted in a light turnout so far in Howard County, officials said.

Slightly more than 100 county residents have cast ballots in early voting, which ends Friday.

Five state primary races are subject to runoffs, including both the Republican and Democratic contests to choose U.S. Senate candidates. On the GOP ballot, Ted Cruz and Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are vying for the nomination, while Pat Sadler and Grady Yarbrough are squaring off for the Democratic nomination.

The Republican ballot also includes runoff races for two Railroad Commission nominations and a Texas Supreme Court spot.

Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom said that 115



Bloom

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Public can tour new campus Aug. 7

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring public school officials are going to show off their new schools a little earlier than planned.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Big Spring's four new elementary campuses, originally scheduled for Aug. 9, have been moved up two days, said Ann McClarty, executive director of personnel and instruction for Big Spring Independent School District.

"There was a scheduling conflict with the Chamber of Commerce; that's why we're moving the ribbon-cuttings to Aug. 7," McClarty said.

McClarty School district officials will now hold a series of ribbon-cuttings at the four schools beginning at 4 p.m. at Moss Elementary, then proceeding to Washington and Goliad before finishing up at Marcy Elementary at approximately 5 p.m.

Following the final ceremony, the district will conduct a public tour of Marcy, McClarty noted.

Because of the scheduling change, a meeting of the BSISD school board, originally slated for 5:15 p.m. Aug. 9 at Marcy, instead will be held at that time and date at the high school board room.

For more information on the ribbon-cutting ceremonies and the tour of Marcy, contact the BSISD central office at 264-3600.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Wayland Pierce, left, shows off the gymnasium at the new Goliad Elementary during a recent tour.

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Support groups

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

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers.

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

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

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

MONDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents and guardians. Every first and fourth Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

• Christ Fellowship Church, 1008 Birdwell, will be the site of a menudo and burrito sale from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday. Call Michelle at 270-2202 for more information.

• Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefiting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allans Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Cha-

let Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. A training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 18. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a coun-

seling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

VOTING

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people had cast early ballots as of noon

Wednesday.
"That's about what we expected," Bloom said. "I expected a light turnout ... and nothing that's happened has made me think otherwise. Obvi-

ously, the Senate races are attracting the most interest."
Election day for the state run-offs is Tuesday. In a change from recent elections, there

will be only one polling place — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum — that day.
People can cast early ballots on the third floor of the county courthouse until 5 p.m. Friday. For

more information, contact Bloom's office at 264-2273.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

PILOTS

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Majors is competing in his fifth Big Spring event and continues gliding not only for the love of flying, but also because of the reception given by the local community.
That sense of welcoming continues to attract hang glider pilots, including Aldrich and Durand.

drich, for example, was looking for a new challenge.
"I enjoying flying, but I was looking for a new challenge which is why I got into the competition aspect of it," Aldrich said. "To come here, have them tell you to do this, this and this and actually be able to do that is challenging and to be able to do it is very gratifying."
All three of the pilots encourage members of

the community to go out and see them this week.
"This is something interesting and new to see and it might spark an interest in someone that they didn't realize was possible," Aldrich said.
Majors added, "This is a great opportunity for people to experience hang gliding for themselves. It truly is something anyone can do."

The competition will continue through Friday at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Pilots are scheduled to take off around 1 p.m. each day, depending on the weather conditions.
Return times, if the task calls for a return, are between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
To find out more, call the airpark at 264-2362.

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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

By Eddy Pitchford

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10).
"I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).
"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body."
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OUR VIEWS

Community projects, new developments, annual events and new ideas are constantly happening in our city.

The combination of traditions and new events help make up the diversity of community involvement which can lead to the success of a community.

Often times things take place in town that touch the hearts of residents. For some it involves major topics that could change the course of the communities future and other times it involves a single act from an individual, but nonetheless passion ensues and the need to spread the word is there.

Words can be a powerful thing especially once they are shared whether they are coming from the mouths of babes, pioneers of the community, someone in public office or your average ordinary Joe.

Each week in the Sunday edition there is a portion of the paper ~ Letters to the editor ~ dedicated to providing a voice for those residents who want to share their thoughts and ideas on those topics they feel passionate about.

As one of the sources providing a voice, as well as updates for the community, we encourage our readers to share their passions with us and others in the community.

If you have something you want heard send us a letter, an email or a fax.

Do you feel there is something happening in town that deserves light shed upon it? Let us know.

Have an idea for a story? Feel that a good deed has been done to deserve public acknowledgement or just have information you feel Big Spring residents could benefit from, let us know.

We love to hear from our readers and want to continue to bring updates events and ideas to light.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

In You, Lord, we have the most wonderful, loving friend that we could ever have.

Amen

A memory not to be forgotten

The lavish decorations, the large amount (or small amount) of people attending or not attending are not the things that will be remembered most.

Those details, while adding to the atmosphere of the occasion, are nowhere near the most important.

What matters, truly matters 10 years or 50 years down the road, are the memories that were created.

Those butterflies that are flying around in your stomach, the nerves that make you wonder will you be able to make it down the aisle.

The things that truly matter aren't the physical things that tend to take up so much time in wedding planning, but the moments that you can't control. Those unexpected feelings that arise in that moment, the tears that fall as you speak words from your heart and begin the chapter with the one who holds your heart.

Months of planning, no matter how detailed can not prepare you for that moment. The moment when your eyes meet and you both realize that this is really happening. A life together is

about to be embarked on and the journey is yet to come.

That look in his eyes as they meet yours and that twinkle in both your eyes which causes a tear drop to fall letting the other person know how true that moment is.

The things that will be remembered will be those words spoken and the feelings created inside as you realize just how powerful words can be. The memories will include how you were trying so hard to not fall over, not burst into tears (of happiness of course) and wrap your arms around the one you love before it's time.

People will constantly tell you as the stress starts to get to you in the planning stages that it's not about the decor, not about the guest list, not about what is there or what goes wrong.

They will tell you how the only thing that matters is the two of you, the rings and the person officiating the ceremony and of course if you are like me you will not listen, but in the end those people were right.

A wedding, no matter how large or how small is merely a public display of a union between two lives. The details of that event are not the important matter. The true importance lies within the love shared by the two people choosing to join their lives and build a partnership.



AMANDA DUFORAT

Looking back on the time spent planning my recent wedding I realize the little details are things that didn't even make an impact on me that night. Through photos I will be able to remember what the venue looked like but it is through the memories that I will describe the day.

I will remember the feeling I had when I saw important people in my life attending, sharing and experiencing the emotion behind this milestone. I will remember the well wishes from family and friends and the feeling we felt knowing the support we had behind us.

I will remember that emptiness I felt as I went through yet another joyous occasion without a few very important people by my side. However I know they were there with me shining down because neither one would miss it.

Most importantly I will remember the love expressed through our words; the emotion displayed through our tears and the fact that yet another dream came true.

Love found a way as it always will and I have to admit I am looking forward to the journey ahead.

Contact staff writer Amanda Duforat by calling 263-7331 ext. 234.



Time to walk away from this

I celebrated the Fourth of July this year by having a heart attack.

All things considered, watching fireworks would have been more fun.

I woke up at 2 a.m. July 5 with raging pain in my chest and both arms. I was bathed in a cold, clammy sweat, and my breath was coming short. I was slightly nauseous.

"Gee," I said to myself. "I wonder what's wrong?"

Apparently I was waiting for a Western Union messenger to come to the door and say:

"You're having a heart attack, stupid. Call 911."

It went on like that for a few hours until my wife woke up too and convinced me to get help. An ambulance brought me to the emergency room, where a team of doctors, nurses, attendants, and God-knows-who else was waiting for me.

It was like being sent through a cardiac car wash. I went in on one end with a heart attack; I came out the other an hour later with an unblocked artery, a stent, and an optimistic prognosis.

They told me they expected me to return to close to 100 percent. (This was particularly good news as I haven't been close to 100 percent in years, if ever.)

I'm told that my reluctance to seek immediate help is fairly typical of men.

Even male doctors often go into

a state of denial when confronted with symptoms that can only be a heart attack. They wait. It's a guy thing.

If you take only one thing away from the newspaper today, let it be this:

If you start showing symptoms of a heart attack, even if they're not as dramatic as mine, don't screw around.

Call 911 and have an ambulance take you to the hospital. The treatment starts in the ambulance.

As a cardiologist friend told me: "They say time is money, but in my business time is muscle."

The longer you take to get treatment, the more heart muscle is destroyed — permanently.

The upshot of this is that I've suspended writing this column indefinitely.

(I can hear the moans of anguish across the nation now.)

And there's a real question as to whether I'll start writing it again when I feel better. (I can hear the cheers and shouts of triumph drowning out the moans.)

I'm now 77 years old. I've been doing this — writing columns — for nearly 50 years, 35 years of it in Washington.

I can tell you that things have changed and not for the better.

I've covered fools, crooks and charlatans over this half century. But for the most part, they had some sense of seriousness about them — an appreciation for the national interest as they saw it.

Even rogues like Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon did.

The current bunch of miscreants is nothing like that.

Centrist Democrats, who talk a good game but don't do much about it, are battling increasingly radical Republicans, a fierce tribe of Bible-thumping know-nothings fueled by money from modern Robber Barons who want to sell the country off by the board foot and metric ton for their personal profit.

Thus we approximate the times described by the Irish poet W.B. Yeats:

"The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."

Does that describe Congress or what?

Do I want to spend my time left deciphering such people, trying to decide whether the Republican leaders are as stupid as they sound or merely willfully ignorant?

We are well on our way toward becoming a nation on the colonial model, where a few people own everything and the rest of us play the lottery and watch football.

That's not the America I grew up in.

It's not the America I spent my life writing about.

I have to figure out whether I want to spend my last years writing about this new country.

I'll let you know.

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News in brief

Tower at polygamist ranch demolished

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — A new 100-foot concrete tower at a West Texas polygamist ranch has been torn down.

The San Angelo Standard-Times reports Schleicher County officials do not know why secretive polygamist members dismantled the seemingly finished structure.

Justice of the Peace James Doyle said Wednesday that an airborne friend noticed rubble at the Yearning For Zion Ranch. Doyle, who's a pilot, then did a flyover July 19 and confirmed the tower was demolished.

Sheriff David Doran says Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints members worked on the tower for the past year.

Officers in 2008 raided the private ranch. Leader Warren Jeffs was convicted of sexual assault of two underage brides and sentenced to life in prison. Ten followers were convicted on child sex and bigamy charges.

Man, boy returned from London in sex case

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston massage therapist and a 15-year-old boy have been returned from London in a sex acts investigation.

Prosecutors allege 35-year-old Jason Daniel Gandy abused the boy, let massage customers in Houston do the same and planned a similar offer in London.

A federal magistrate in Houston on Wednesday denied bond for Gandy. He's charged with transportation of a minor for a commercial sex act.

Immigration officials at Heathrow Airport, where security is tight for the Olympics, detained the pair July 19. Authorities became suspicious because the man and the youth are not related. They were put on separate flights back to Houston.

No information was immediately available on an attorney for Gandy, who faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Further details on the boy weren't immediately released.

Man in Texas pipeline incident pleads not guilty

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — A North Texas man accused of trying to blow up a natural gas pipeline in suburban Dallas has pleaded not guilty.

Anson Chi of Plano entered the plea Wednesday in federal court in Sherman, where he was indicted this month.

Chi remains in custody without bond pending trial on a charge of possession of an unregistered firearm or explosive device.

Investigators say Chi was seriously hurt June 18 when a bomb he allegedly made exploded on a natural gas regulator in Plano. Authorities say the device went off prematurely and caused little damage.

Authorities to reveal details of raids

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Federal drug agents are set to detail the results of raids on West Texas and New Mexico smoke shops selling synthetic marijuana and other synthetic drugs.

The Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled a Thursday news conference in El Paso to describe the operation.

The DEA says its agents along with officers of the Texas Department of Public Safety, El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the El Paso Police Department teamed up in the operations to crack down on the sale of so-called "bath salts" and synthetic marijuana known as spice.

2 injured in crash discharged, in custody

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two people hurt in a deadly Sunday pickup truck

crash that killed 15 people have been discharged from a hospital and detained by immigration authorities.

The truck packed with 23 suspected illegal immigrants crashed Sunday evening near Goliad, about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio.

A spokesman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement tells the San Antonio Express-News that a juvenile and another person were discharged from hospitals and turned over to ICE. Six other people remain hospitalized.

ICE says those killed when the overloaded truck crashed into trees beside U.S. 59 were from Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico.

Dewhurst: I'm focused on Texans, not tea party

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst says he never felt the need to woo key tea party leaders nationwide. In his words, "I've been focused on Texans."

Dewhurst made the comments to The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and other tea party favorites are scheduled to visit Dallas and Houston this week to campaign for Ted Cruz.

Dewhurst says supporters for his Republican opponent for U.S. Senate are from smaller, less developed and less diverse states than Texas. Among Cruz's supporters are South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul.

Dewhurst and Cruz meet Tuesday in a runoff election for the GOP nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Judge blocks air permit for Las Brisas plant

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state judge has struck down a state air permit for a planned coal-fired power plant on the Texas coast.

State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky's ruling came Wednesday in Austin. He says state regulators didn't require backers of the Las Brisas Energy Center to show it would meet standards intended to ease air pollution.

A spokesman for the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality says the agency believes the permit is sufficiently protective. He says the agency is considering its next move.

Last May, Yelenosky rejected a previous TCEQ permit, saying the regulatory agency used models in granting its approval that failed to meet national air quality standards.

Environmental groups have raised air quality concerns about the unit planned for Corpus Christi's inner harbor.

Judge: Fort Hood suspect could be forcibly shaved

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — An Army psychiatrist charged with killing 13 people in a shooting rampage at Fort Hood will be forcibly shaved if he doesn't remove his beard himself, a judge said Wednesday.

Maj. Nidal Hasan appeared in court Wednesday sporting a beard as he did during a court appearance last month. The beard violates Army regulations, but Hasan said it is an expression of his Muslim faith.

The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, held Hasan in contempt of court for keeping the beard and fined him \$1,000. Fort Hood spokesman Chris Haug said Gross gave Hasan the choice to shave on his own or be forcibly shaved sometime before his court-martial begins Aug. 20.

Hasan again refused to shave and watched the rest of the day's hearing outside the courtroom.

Hasan, 41, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 massacre, the worst shooting incident on a U.S. military post. He faces the death penalty

if convicted.

Until last month, he had been clean-shaven every time he attended court.

Missing Okla. man, 85, found dead in north Texas

PRYOR, Okla. (AP) — Mayes County authorities say a missing 85-year-old man has been found dead inside his crashed car in north Texas.

County Sheriff Frank Cantey told reporters that the body of Ralph Smith was found Wednesday morning inside the car in Grayson County, Texas, — near Sherman, Texas.

Smith had been reported missing Tuesday afternoon and authorities said they believed he might have been trying to visit his wife in a Tulsa hospital.

Cantey says it appears Smith had been dead for several hours when his body was found about 8:30 a.m.

Cantey says authorities are trying to determine how Smith wound up in northern Texas.

Zetas cartel racehorse case set for October trial

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Federal prosecutors said Wednesday they will present 30,000 pages of documents and transcripts from 2,000 recorded phone conversations as part of a sweeping case alleging the buying and training of American racehorses to launder drug profits for Mexico's feared Zetas cartel.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks scheduled an Oct. 22 trial in Austin for the seven men and one woman arrested in the alleged scheme. He also suggested not all the defendants "would be here by then," indicating some may reach separate plea agreements with prosecutors, or move to otherwise have their cases tried separately.

Fifteen people have been charged in what federal prosecutors said was a money-laundering operation centered at an Oklahoma horse ranch that quietly spent millions in drug profits on racehorses for the Mexico-based Ze-

tas. Eight of the suspects have been arrested; the rest remain at large.

Prosecutors told Sparks the evidence includes 30,000 pages of records on horses, as well as banking and auction documents. They said they also have recordings of 2,000 phone calls obtained with the consent of at least one of the parties involved, not with wiretaps.

They also said investigators seized about 200 boxes of evidence from seven locations searched during sweeping raids in June that triggered the arrests.

Among those in custody is Jose Trevino Morales, the brother of two alleged cartel leaders. Trevino's attorney, David Finn, has suggested authorities are trying to "tar and feather" his client because of the alleged actions of his brothers. Miguel Angel and Oscar Omar Trevino Morales both are reputed top Zetas leaders.

Texas death row inmate found dead in cell

HOUSTON (AP) — A man sent to death row for the slaying of his ex-girlfriend's mother at her home in Austin six years ago has died in prison, Texas corrections officials said Wednesday.

Selwyn Davis, 30, was found unresponsive on the floor of his death row cell at the Polunsky Unit outside Livingston during a security check last Friday night, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said. When Davis couldn't be revived, he was taken to the prison infirmary and then to a hospital in Livingston where he was pronounced dead, Clark said.

The cause of Davis' death was not yet known. Autopsy results were pending and the prison agency's Office of Inspector General was investigating — a standard procedure, according to Clark.

Davis was convicted and sentenced to death by a Travis County jury in 2007 for the fatal stabbing of 57-year-old Regina Lara during a burglary.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DIST. BUDGET

The HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 8, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. located at 315 S. MAIN, BIG SPRING, TEXAS. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$989,872.46

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. -\$322,946.55

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 9

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 9

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office at 315 S. MAIN, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720.

The phone number of the HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT is: (432) 263-8301.

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News in brief

Mitt Romney looking to build ties with British leaders, meeting with prime minister and others

LONDON (AP) — With the Olympics Games as a backdrop, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney met Thursday with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, beginning a day of meetings with Britain's most powerful people. The likely GOP nominee sought to send a message that he recognizes the close bonds between the U.S. and its top ally — and to project an image of leadership.

"We have a very special relationship between the United States and Great Britain," Romney told NBC News in an interview in London on the first day of a weeklong overseas trip that will also take him to Israel and Poland. "It goes back to our very beginnings — cultural and historical."

Romney's first official appearance during a campaign swing intended to highlight longtime U.S. alliances was with Blair. He was slated to meet later in the day with current Prime Minister David Cameron.

Blair hosted Romney at his private office few blocks off Hyde Park. The former Labour Party prime minister now serves as a special envoy to the Middle East for the British government. The two

discussed the Olympics and exchanged pleasantries at the beginning of a planned half-hour meeting.

Romney then met with Ed Miliband, the current leader of the Labour Party. Before that session, Miliband invited two reporters from what he called "my side" to ask questions, although Romney declined to take questions from American journalists. Romney again cited the "special relationship" between the two countries and praised Britain for its military commitment in Afghanistan.

Report: Movie shooting suspect sent notebook to school describing assaults

DENVER (AP) — As reports emerged of a suspicious package sent to a university the suspect in the Colorado theater shooting once attended, the first memorial service was held for a victim of the massacre.

The University of Colorado Denver said Wednesday that the U.S. Postal Service delivered the package Monday, and it was immediately investigated and turned over to authorities within hours.

It wouldn't confirm its contents or whether it was sent by former neuroscience graduate student James Holmes. However multiple media outlets, citing unnamed sources, reported Holmes sent a notebook with drawings and descriptions of an attack.

Fox News' website was among those reporting the notebook was in a package addressed to a psychiatrist at the school. It was unclear if Holmes, 24, had had any previous contact with the person. The neuroscience program that he withdrew from on June 10 included professors of psychiatry.

Holmes is accused of opening fire on a theater showing the new Batman movie, killing 12 people and injuring 58. He is due to hear the charges against him at a court hearing scheduled Monday.

3 hospitals wipe out, limit medical bills for Colorado movie theater shooting victims

DENVER (AP) — Some of the victims fighting for their lives after being wounded in the movie-theater shooting rampage may face another challenge when they get out of the hospital: enormous medical bills without the benefit of health insurance.

Members of the public, along with Warner Bros., the studio that released the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises," have contributed nearly \$2 million to help victims, though it's not clear how much of that will cover medical expenses.

And three of the five hospitals treating victims said Wednesday they will limit or completely wipe out medical bills.

Some of the victims, however, still face a long recovery ahead and the associated medical costs — without health insurance. There's no exact count of how many of them don't have insurance but statistics suggest many of them might not be covered.

Nearly one in three Coloradans, or about 1.5 million, either have no health insurance or have coverage that is inadequate, according to a 2011 report by The Colorado Trust, a health care advocacy group.

Gun violence shifts to forefront of campaign, but Obama and Romney offer few new positions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days after the mass shootings in Colorado, guns shifted to the forefront of the presidential campaign as President Barack Obama and Republican candidate Mitt Romney engaged in their most extensive discussions on the issue since the tragedy.

Obama, in a speech to an African-American group Wednesday in New Orleans, embraced some degree of additional restrictions on guns. He acknowledged that not enough had been done to prevent weapons from getting into the hands of criminals and pledged to work with lawmakers from both parties to move forward on the matter.

Romney said in a television interview that changing the nation's laws would not prevent gun-related tragedies. But he mistakenly said many weapons used by the shooting suspect in Aurora, Colo., were obtained illegally, despite the fact that authorities allege that the firearms used to kill 12 people and injure dozens more were purchased legally.

Neither candidate strayed significantly in their remarks Wednesday from their previously held positions on gun violence. But their pointed comments revived a debate — if perhaps only briefly — that has steadily faded to the background in national politics and been virtually non-existent in the 2012 campaign.

The White House in particular has faced fresh questions since the shootings about whether Obama, a strong supporter of gun control as a senator from Illinois, would make an election-year push for stricter measures.

Congress is a stage: Senate passes tax cuts for all but rich, rejects GOP's tax cuts for all

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has debated, sniped and voted on the politically fraught issue of tax cuts, and next week it'll be the House's turn. Still, Americans won't know until after the November elections how much more of their paychecks will go to the government next year.

Turning both houses of Congress into a campaign stage on one of the defining issues of the presidential and congressional races, Republicans and Democrats are putting each other on record over which Americans, if any, should receive an extension of former President George W. Bush's income tax cuts.

The Senate got the ball rolling Wednesday with surprise debates and passage of a Democratic bill fashioned on President Barack Obama's proposal to extend the income tax cuts to all but the wealthiest Americans through 2013. It passed even though the measure stands no chance of surviving the Republican-led House. Meanwhile, the Senate rejected a GOP amendment to extend the cuts to all taxpayers. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, intends to bring up that measure in his chamber next week.

So the matter was a nearly certain stalemate even before Democratic leader Harry Reid and Republican leader Mitch McConnell abruptly agreed to vote on two measures.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Crucial Defensive Play

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Both sides vulnerable.

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♥ 9 8
♦ A K J 7
♣ A J

WEST
♠ K 7 6
♥ A K Q 10 2
♦ 10 9
♣ K 7 6

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♠ —
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♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 9 8 3 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ Q 5
♣ 10 9 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Dbie Pass 1♠
2♥ 3♣ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.
Let's say you hold the West hand and are defending against four spades. You begin by leading the K-Q of hearts, on which East contributes the 5-6 and declarer the 3-4, in that order. What would you play next?

It may not look like much of a problem, but what you play next is crucial. Let's assume you shift to the ten of diamonds at trick three, which many players would do. This might seem like a harmless play, but you'd

soon learn that you had handed declarer the contract.

South wins the diamond with the queen and plays the ace and another trump. You score your king of trumps, but that's your last trick. Declarer finishes with 10 tricks consisting of four trumps, four diamonds, a club and a heart ruff in dummy.

Now let's go back to trick three and lead a low club instead of the ten of diamonds. This is a much more sensible approach, and in the actual case it sinks the contract. Regardless of what declarer does next, he has to lose a club trick and so go down one.

The club shift at trick three is not dangerous at all. If South has the queen, you are no worse off, but if your partner has the queen, it is vital to attack clubs while you still have the king of trumps.

Players who would not lead a club at trick three might be overly influenced by the general rule that it's risky to lead away from a king. However, that rule is not relevant here, since the king is as dead as a doornail if declarer has the queen. Your best chance to defeat the contract is to find East with the queen of clubs, and that's all the reason you need for shifting to a club at trick three.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Study finds limits to 'Twiplomacy'

GENEVA (AP) — Almost two-thirds of world leaders have joined the Twitverse where President Barack Obama and his tweet on gay marriage are the most popular to date, says a new study Thursday.

But the rise in so-called "Twiplomacy" resembles something of an echo chamber, according to an analysis of 264 government accounts in 125 countries that the PR firm Burson-Marsteller describes as the first-ever global study of world leaders on Twitter.

Some 264 world leaders now have a Twitter account, and the researchers believe that 30 of them do their own tweeting. Altogether

they have sent more than 350,000 tweets to almost 52 million followers, the study shows.

But about a third of them don't follow each other and dozens of them don't even follow any other Twitterers. But that doesn't mean they don't converse. More than nine of every 10 tweets by the Ugandan prime minister and the Rwandan president are replies, the study says.

World leaders tweet in 43 languages, with English favored by 90 of the accounts.

Spanish is the next most-used, with 41 accounts, French is third with 25 accounts and Arabic fourth with 17 accounts.

"Sixteen of the G-20

leaders are actively using Twitter for public diplomacy, but it is sad to see that the heads of state and government in China, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Italy still have not joined the Twitverse," said Matthias Luefkens of Burson-Marteller in Geneva. "What is really interesting is how the world is divided into English and Spanish tweets."

The data, gathered in July, looked at more than 30 variables such as tweets, retweets and hashtags. Luefkens said Twitter was not involved in any way in the study.

The most-followed account is (at)BarackObama, which is run by the Obama campaign and has 17.8 million

followers. Of those followers 76 are the president's peers and other governments. Obama rarely sends his own tweets, but when he does he signs them, as he did in one to the first lady on Valentine's Day, Luefkens says.

A May 9 tweet sent by the campaign team quoting Obama as saying "same-sex couples should be able to get married" is the most retweeted to date — more than 62,000 times.

Twitter is often used by politicians during election campaigns whose accounts go silent once they are elected, the study says, citing Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and French President Francois Hollande as examples.



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Texas' Elvis Andrus scores on a wild pitch by Boston starting pitcher Josh Beckett in the seventh inning of the Rangers' 5-3 win Thursday.

Beckett's wild seventh helps Rangers top Sox

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Red Sox starter Josh Beckett clearly wasn't trying to hit Elvis Andrus with a pitch.

And while Beckett obviously wanted to pitch around Michael Young, he certainly didn't mean to throw several feet wide of the plate and allow Andrus to score.

Those two wild throws by Beckett in the seventh inning produced the go-ahead run for the Texas Rangers, who went on to win 5-3 on Wednesday night to clinch their seventh consecutive home series.

"Josh gave us a zero in the first inning, as promised, and pitched a good game," Boston manager Bobby Valentine said. "Nobody on in the seventh, then a wild pitch to score a go-ahead run. ... It's a damn shame."

Will Middlebrooks and Dustin Pedroia hit solo homers, but they were the only Red Sox to reach during an otherwise dominating stretch when Rangers left-hander Derek Holland (7-5) retired 20 of 22 batters.

"We've got to score more runs and just play better. It's frustrating," Pedroia said. "You just got to keep trying to put good at-bats together. We got to do it collectively as a team and

we're not doing that."

The Red Sox (49-50) fell below .500 after losing for the fifth time in six games. Their only win in that stretch was 2-1 Tuesday night after Rangers All-Star closer Joe Nathan had consecutive two-out walks and gave up a run in the ninth.

Beckett has won only once in nine starts since May 20 after allowing nine hits with two walks in his seven innings. The right-hander never appeared in the clubhouse when it was open to reporters after the game.

"He was great, I thought he was awesome. The balls we hit, they caught and the balls they hit just fell in," Pedroia said. "Josh is out there pitching his butt off. It's tough to allow a run on a wild pitch. It kind of cut and at the last second got by (catcher Kelly Shoppach)."

Holland, meanwhile, is intent on making up for the time he missed on the mound.

The left-hander made his fourth start since coming off the disabled list. He missed a month because of shoulder fatigue brought on when he lost about 15 pounds when he had a stomach virus.

"I'm trying to do everything I can to step up and get those innings back, that I had lost in

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Reds rally as Astros' continue to fall

KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Two nights in a row it looked as if the Houston Astros were going to break out of their losing skid.

Instead, Drew Stubbs came up with big ninth-inning hits in both games to lead the Cincinnati Reds to wins and add to the Astros' misery.

Stubbs launched a two-out, two-run double that rallied the Reds past Houston 5-3 Wednesday night for their season-high seventh straight win.

Stubbs came through with the Reds trailing 3-2. A night earlier, he hit a two-run homer in the ninth that wiped out the Astros' one-run lead.

Both of Stubbs' hits came

against former teammate Francisco Cordero (3-7).

The NL Central leaders sent Houston to its ninth loss in a row, tying a season worst.

"We can say we're snake-bitten or whatever, but we've still got to play the game," Houston manager Brad Mills said.

Houston scored three times in the eighth to take the lead. But pinch hitter Xavier Paul opened the Cincinnati ninth with a double off Cordero and pinch hitter Brandon Phillips drew a one-out walk.

Stubbs' double pinged low on the wall in center field to allow Paul and Phillips to score. Jay Bruce added an insurance run with an RBI single later in the ninth.

Sean Marshall (3-3) got the last out in the eighth for the win and closer Aroldis Chapman pitched a scoreless ninth for his 19th save.

"You're right there," Houston's J.D. Martinez said of the last two games. "After yesterday and tonight, we came back and battled. But that's baseball. It's frustrating, but I'm sure we'll bounce back."

Cordero has blown both of his save opportunities since joining the Astros in a trade from Toronto on Friday.

Mills said he wouldn't be available to pitch on Thursday, but wouldn't comment on his future as the team's closer beyond that.

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Hamilton has no problem with Ryan's comments

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton understands why Nolan Ryan believes the struggling Texas Rangers slugger sometimes appears to be giving away at-bats.

"I love and respect Nolan to death. He's a competitor. He's still a competitor and was a big-time competitor," Hamilton said Wednesday. "I believe he cares so much for us as players, almost like a grandfather would, that when he sees us not performing or doing the things we need to do, it frustrates him. I understand why it frustrates him."

Hamilton wore a replica of the New York Knights jersey used by the character Roy Hobbs in the movie "The Natural" while responding to comments the Rangers president and Hall of Fame pitcher made during his weekly radio appearance.

During his segment Monday on ESPN Dallas, Ryan said some of Hamilton's recent at-bats haven't been very impressive because he doesn't

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PSU sanctions give opponents chance to cherry pick

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If you are a college football coach in need of a player or two, Penn State's misfortune could turn out to be your team's lucky strike.

There's a blue-and-white plate special going on right now in Happy Valley, and coaches from all over the country are looking at the Nittany Lions' roster like a menu — even though a board of Penn State players have pledged to stick with the school through the tough times.

Illinois coaches were in State College, Pa., to recruit on Wednesday. Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez said his staff has talked with a couple of Nittany Lions. Baylor coach Art Briles has said his staff was contacted by at least one Penn State player.

Preseason practice starts at Penn State on Aug. 6. The next two weeks could be the most difficult of Bill O'Brien's coaching career as he tries to keep his team

together.

NCAA sanctions will keep the Nittany Lions out of a bowl game for the rest of these players' careers, and college sports' governing body is allowing any of them to transfer to another school and get on the field right away.

The only restriction is they cannot practice or play with Penn State this year and still play for another school this season.

Players can transfer and be eligible for next season any time before the start of fall practice in 2013, but O'Brien should know what he has to work with in 2012 on Aug. 6.

And he got some good news on Wednesday.

At least 13 players listed as first-stringers on the preseason depth chart affirmed their commitment to staying in Happy Valley, including senior quarterback Matt McGloin.

"We want to let the nation know that we're proud of who we are," senior fullback Michael

Zordich said, flanked by his fellow players early Wednesday morning. "We're the true Penn Staters, and we're going to stick together through this. We're going to see this thing through, and we're going to do everything we can for the university. We know it's not going to be easy, but we know what we're made of."

Neither Zordich nor senior linebacker Michael Mauti — both sons of former Penn State players — mentioned former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky by name during the impromptu news conference, where they didn't take any questions after reading a statement.

"We take this as an opportunity to create our own legacy," Mauti said. "This program was not built by one man and it's sure as hell not going to get torn down by one man. This program was built on every alumni, every single player that came before us, built on their backs."

The Nittany Lions

can't play in a bowl game until the 2016 season after an unprecedented child sex abuse scandal that shattered the program's image as a place where "success with honor" was the rule. The scholarship reductions they'll receive could make it difficult for O'Brien to field a competitive squad during the next few seasons.

On Twitter, McGloin called the NCAA penalties "extremely harsh."

"I am a Nittany Lion and will remain one," he tweeted. "I believe in the core values I have learned in this program. It is not Nittany Lion Football. It is Nittany Lion family."

Along with Mauti, Zordich, McGloin and Morris, players listed as first-teamers who attended Wednesday included wide receiver Allen Robinson; offensive linemen Donovan Smith, Matt Stankiewicz, John Urschel and Adam Gress; tight end

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Griffin ready, relaxed for start of Redskins camp

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Robert Griffin III's burgundy shirt read "No Pressure. No Diamonds."

The Heisman Trophy knows it isn't quite that simple. Not for a quarterback in position to start for the Washington Redskins after being selected second overall in the NFL draft.

He still put up a pretty good argument Wednesday, a day before the Redskins open training camp.

"I was more anxious, maybe a little nervous for minicamp and OTAs," Griffin said. "I've been through the offense, got a taste for how fast the game is and just what I need to do as a quarterback to help this team win. I feel a lot more comfortable."

It's actually more relaxing. There's nothing going on outside of football. It's all smiles in the locker room. In

the short time, we've built great relationships."

Some of that relationship building happened in Waco, Texas, in late June when Griffin welcomed receiver Santana Moss, Pierre Garcon, Anthony Armstrong, Brandon Banks and tight end Fred Davis to work out with him at Baylor.

"Throwing with the guys over the break, you can see who's truly dedicated and who you have to continue to stay on," Griffin said. "We went twice a day. I wanted those guys to get a feel for who I was. It's best to just show them sometimes ... go through a workout with the Baylor team, see how we worked. I thought it was very productive as far as throwing and as far as being able to bond."

Griffin has done commercials for several companies including Adidas and Gatorade.

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This Scorpio moon is a quarter moon, meaning that she's completed a quarter of her turn around Earth and also that she's showing us a quarter of herself, which is half of her illuminated side. She squares Mercury, then goes void, of course suggesting that most of



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CLERK OF THE COURT:
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Big Spring, Texas 79721-2138
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:
George S. Bishop
401 Cypress Street, Suite 210
Abilene, Texas 79601
THE STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: MIDSUN OIL CORPORATION, and ITS SUCCESSORS, SHAREHOLDERS, ASSIGNS, AND/OR THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendant in the cause herein described.
You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 118th Judicial District Court in the Howard County Courthouse located in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 13th day of August, 2012, then and there to answer the petition of Athlon FE OPERATING LLC, Plaintiff in Cause No. 48604. The said petition, filed on the 25th day of June, 2012, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Sections 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral interest owned by the Defendant in the following described lands in Howard County, Texas, to-wit:
Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 19, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and to execute oil, gas and mineral leases thereof to the Plaintiff and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 25th day of June, 2012, at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Colleen Barton, District Clerk of Howard County, Texas
By: Jury Gomez, Deputy
#7420 July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2012

what's communicated will not be said aloud.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Consider that you may not actually be the most qualified person to assess your own life. An outside view will help you understand a part of you that you didn't before.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because the task before you seems to warrant your full focus, you will ration your attention. The ones to the right and left of you can't compete with the job that's at your center.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you may think it's no big deal, there's something impressive in your presentation today. It's spontaneous. You'll do what you feel and it boomerangs back to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It does take an effort to keep current, but you'll manage to stay abreast of people's lives that interest you. The

ones who matter most to you will be aware of their honored place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is the day to honor a loved one with the kind of thing that will matter most — a special look, body language that speaks big time, and a quality of attention you haven't given up for a while.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Enthusiasm goes a long way toward helping you accomplish professional goals right now, while personal goals, in contrast, require more restraint and sensitivity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It is rare these days that you do something for the sake of doing it, because the experience is the main goal. Enjoyment and expansion is the focus now, so get ready to have a good time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Spending too much time watching television is dangerous because

passive entertainment keeps you from interacting with the ones who will profoundly influence your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Boldness is not about putting your head inside the crocodile's mouth. That's foolishness. Boldness is putting your heart in the hands of another person and hoping for mercy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You take ownership of your actions, partly because you're hyper-responsible and partly because you recognize that it's the best way to guide and control your destiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are always things in life that you must do and don't much like doing. Taking out the garbage and paying the bills are things that will make their way into your day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be in the position to choose your focus. Look at the moral implications, and let them weigh heavily on your decision-making process. Enjoying what you do is not a sufficient reason for doing it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 26). Keep your ears and eyes open through the next six weeks as exciting changes and subtle shifts are happening behind the scenes. In September, you'll feel like a veil is lifted. November and March bring accomplishment and financial bonus. February features a contract. You'll like

seeing a different part of the world in April. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 3, 5, 49 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My mother told me that I was born on a bitter moon. That always bothered me because it sounds so difficult. I do have issues with my mom, but I don't think it was because I was born on a bitter moon. Do you have any advice for a "bitter" Capricorn?"

If you were born on what Chinese lore calls the "Bitter Moon," it means that you were born on the full moon of the 12th month. Surely that Moon got its name for the harsh cold that happens that time of the year, and I wouldn't take it personally. The Full Moon in December has been named all kinds of weather-related names by various cultures. It has been called the Snow Moon and the Cold Moon, and, quite practically, the Twelfth Moon. My suggestions is that you re-write the story that disagrees with you, and counter your "Bitter Moon" with a "Peach Moon" which is what the Choctaw Indians call a Full Moon in December. You're mother will surely go along with it, as few can argue with a Capricorn's conviction.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-CIVIL
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LELDON GENE NIX, DECEASED; UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS OF L.G. NIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.; and UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN LAND HERETOFORE GIVEN TO L.G. NIX DIRT COMPANY, INC. OF P.O. BOX 2395, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, collectively Defendants.
Defendants Greeting:

NOTICE
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this Citation, default judgment may be taken against you."

Said Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation was filed with the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas on July 3, 2012, the file number of said suit being Cause No. 48615.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation at or before ten o'clock AM of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this Citation before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Big Spring, Texas.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (Plaintiff)
v.
L.G. Nix Dirt Company, Inc.; R. Dirl Company, LLC aka or fka L.G. Nix Dirt Company, Inc. and aka or fka L.G. Nix Construction Company, Inc.; L. G. Nix Construction Company, Inc. aka

L.G. Nix Dirt Company, Inc.; Martha Anna Nix, individually and as independent executrix of the Estate of Leldon Gene Nix, deceased; the Unknown Heirs of Leldon Gene Nix, deceased; the Unknown Stockholders of L.G. Nix Construction Company, Inc.; and the Unknown Owners Or Claimants of Interest in Land Heretofore Given to L.G. Nix Dirt Company, Inc. (Defendants).

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: **Eminent Domain/ Condemnation** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation on file in this suit in connection with property described as follows:

A 1.104 acre transmission line easement out of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Section 48, Block 32, Township 1 North, Abstract 1016, situated in Howard County, Texas, being a portion of that certain called 10.0 acre tract of land described in a deed to L.G. Nix Dirt Company, Inc., and recorded in Volume 566, Page 608 of the Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. Plaintiff is represented by: Clark Aspy of NAMAN, HOWELL, SMITH & LEE, P.L.L.C. whose address is 8310 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Suite 490, Austin, Texas 78731.

A Condemnation Hearing will be held on the same on August 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Court in the Howard County, Texas Courthouse located at 300 Main Big Spring, Texas 79721.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas, this the 17th day of July, 2012.

Colleen Barton, Clerk of the Court
DISTRICT COURT,
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312 Scurry
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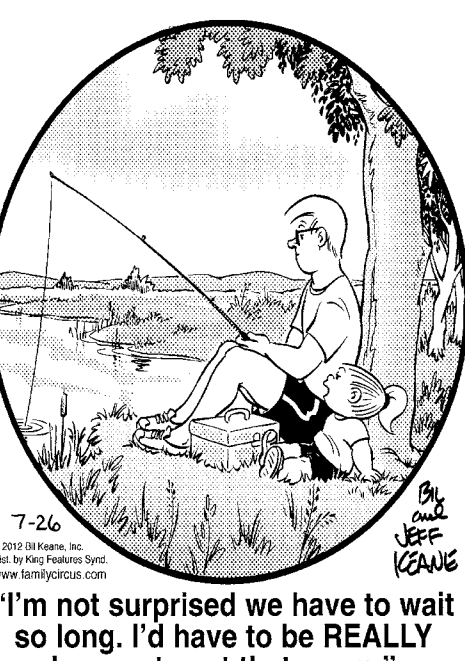
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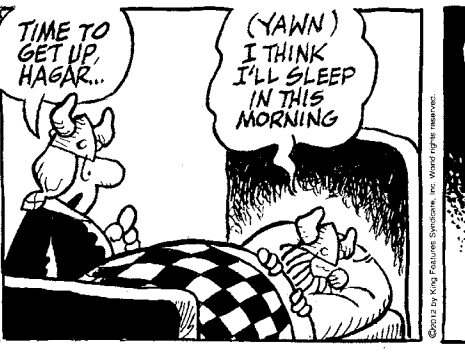
"I'M NOT MYSELF TODAY." "WELL, ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN."

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"I'm not surprised we have to wait so long. I'd have to be REALLY hungry to eat that worm."

HAGAR



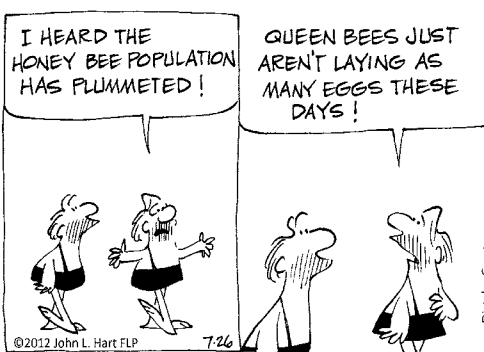
TIME TO GET UP, HAGAR... (YAWN) I THINK I'LL SLEEP IN THIS MORNING

BLONDIE



TODAY IS NATIONAL CHILI DOG DAY AND YOU NEVER SAID ONE WORD! I GOTCHA! HA! HA! HA!

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I HEARD THE HONEY BEE POPULATION HAS PLUMMETED! QUEEN BEES JUST AREN'T LAYING AS MANY EGGS THESE DAYS!

WIZARD OF ID



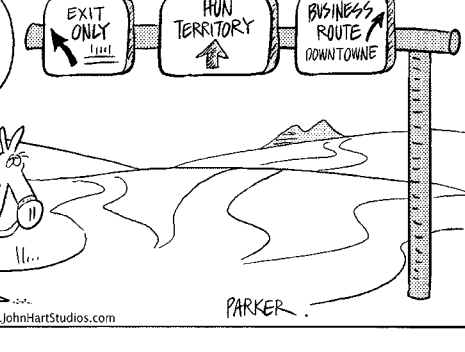
SIR RODNEY, DO WE HAVE AN EXIT STRATEGY? I KNOW IT'S ONE OF THESE

AGNES



NO ONE IS BUYING OUR REFRESHING DATEADE. BECAUSE IT JUST LOOKS LIKE BROWN, LUMPY WATER.

HI AND LOIS



I JUST PUT YOU TO BED. WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AGAIN? I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST A TEMPORARY TUCK-IN.

THE OTHER COAST



OOH, LOOK, IT'S A SEA LOUSE, THE LOWEST FORM OF LIFE ON THE BEACH.

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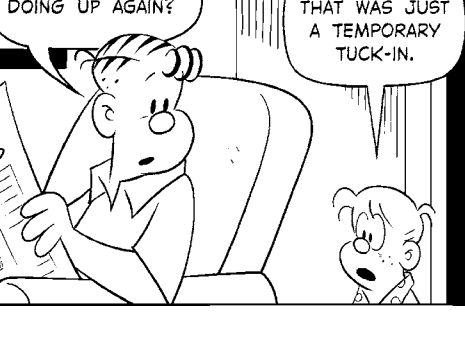
I'VE ALSO DISCOVERED A CURE FOR ALL KNOWN DISEASES AND DECODED THE ANCIENT MAYAN PROPHECIES, BUT NO ONE WILL LISTEN TO ME.

BETLE BAILEY



ANOTHER HALPIN', CLOVIS DARLIN' ? NO THANKS, LUELLIE, BUT YOU REALLY ARE ONE HECKUVA COOK !!

BEETLE BAILEY



LET'S TAKE A BREAK. WE BETTER NOT. OTTO'S WATCHING. C'MON, HE'S A DOG. HE CAN'T TELL ANYONE. HE HAS HIS WAYS.

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 26, the 208th day of 2012. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

- On July 26, 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.
- In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became America's first postmaster general.
- In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
- In 1882, the Richard Wagner opera "Parsifal" premiered in Bayreuth, Germany.
- In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- In 1912, the Edison Studios production "What Happened to Mary," one of the first, if not

very first, movie serials, was released with Mary Fuller in the title role.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which established the National Military Establishment (later renamed the Department of Defense).

In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista (fool-HEN'-see-oh bah-TEES'-tah) with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba.

In 1962, the pilot episode of "The French Chef" starring Julia Child aired on WGBH-TV in Boston.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth manned mission to the moon.

Photographer Diane Arbus died in New York at age 48.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

In 1992, singer Mary Wells died in Los Angeles at age 49.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marjorie Lord is 94. Actor James Best is 86. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 71. Singer Brenton Wood is 71. Rock star Mick Jagger is 69. Movie director Peter Hyams is 69. Actress Helen Mirren is 67. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 63. Actress Susan George is 62. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 56. Actor Kevin Spacey is 53. Rock singer Gary Cherone (sheroWN) is 51. Actress Sandra Bullock is 48. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 47. Actor Jeremy Piven is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

SCAT	AHOY	SPANK
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REDHEAD	FLEE	
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NAG	TYLER	OASES
SLAB	POT	PER
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START	DUEL	WARN

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Brewer's ingredient
 - 5 Remain
 - 10 Out of control
 - 14 Brainchild
 - 15 Torquemada's first name
 - 16 Indonesian island
 - 17 Marmalade ingredient
 - 18 Brief treatise
 - 19 Broken in
 - 20 Gets to #1
 - 23 Marked down
 - 24 Commotion
 - 25 Seeing red
 - 28 Industry magnate
 - 31 Lake Ontario port
 - 33 European capital
 - 37 Tram loads
 - 39 Allied (with)
 - 40 "Don't be such a grouch!"
 - 43 Cone-bearing tree
 - 44 Academic period
 - 45 Concert receipts
 - 46 Sense and Sensibility director
 - 48 Instrument for a Muse
 - 50 Lobster coral, e.g.
 - 51 Knucklehead
 - 53 Receiving callers
 - 58 Mail destination
 - 62 "Follow me!"
- DOWN
- 1 Familiar with
 - 2 "___ a Grecian Urn"
 - 3 Slightest sounds
 - 4 Chip topping
 - 5 Where to see exotic animals
 - 6 Yawn inducer
 - 7 Apple product
 - 8 Russian retreat
 - 9 Mexican state
 - 10 Touch on
 - 11 Television, radio, etc.
 - 12 Flamenco shout
 - 13 Tease
 - 21 Dr. Mom's remedy
 - 22 Martini's partner
 - 26 Deal maker
 - 27 Sidestep
 - 29 West Point team
 - 30 Turn away
 - 32 Annex
 - 33 Testy Muppet
 - 34 Court rocker
 - 35 Pine used for teepees
 - 36 Australian gem
 - 38 Amuse immensely
 - 41 Pungent green
 - 42 Charges in court
 - 47 Devours
 - 49 List ender
 - 52 Dad
 - 54 Get a ___ welcome
 - 55 Sotomayor selector
 - 56 Virtuous
 - 57 Wield, as force
 - 59 Cameo stone
 - 60 Stew (about)
 - 61 Dandy
 - 62 Motel extra
 - 63 Bygone space station

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AP Exclusive: Firm knew Cowboys facility may fall

DALLAS (AP) — The company that designed and built the ill-fated Dallas Cowboys' practice facility knew long before the giant, tent-like structure collapsed three years ago that it was in danger of falling and concealed the problem, company documents obtained by The Associated Press reveal.

The emails, handwritten notes and other documents, which have not been released publicly, indicate that Summit Structures LLC knew far more about the perilous condition of the facility than has been reported and raise fresh questions about similar steel and fabric structures erected by the now-defunct Allentown, Pa., company.

"The deeper we dig into it, the worse it appears to get," an engineering consultant hired by Summit wrote in an email to company executives in April 2008, 13 months before the collapse.

The facility topped spectacularly in a sudden wind storm as the Cowboys conducted a rookie mini-camp in May 2009. Falling debris severed the spinal

cord of team scout Rich Behm, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down, and broke special teams coach Joe DeCamillis' neck.

Ten other people were less seriously injured.

The documents reveal that Summit knew the facility was prone to buckling and planned to provide the Cowboys, who had complained about the building's structural integrity, with engineering calculations that would hide the defect.

Summit replaced the facility's fabric cover and made some structural repairs in May 2008. But the federal agency that investigated the disaster found that the repairs were minor and inadequate for reinforcing the frame.

The documents also indicate that the Cowboys accepted Summit's repairs without making the company's calculations available to an expert the team had hired to review the work.

Frank Branson, the attorney for Behm and DeCamillis, said the fact that Summit appears to have known the building could collapse a year

before the accident makes his clients' injuries even more inexcusable.

"This tragedy was totally preventable, and both Rich and Coach DeCamillis will suffer the consequences every day for the rest of their lives," Branson said.

Behm and DeCamillis received \$24 million from Summit's Canadian parent, Cover-All Building Systems, and another \$10 million in cash and other considerations from companies controlled by Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to settle lawsuits.

Nathan Stobbe, who was the president and chief executive officer of Summit and Cover-All, said the documents do not provide an accurate portrayal of the company but declined to elaborate.

"I'm not in position to provide you with the whole story, so I might as well not say anything," he said.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said the team would not comment on the documents.

The documents show the Cowboys began questioning the facility's structural integrity in 2007, four years after it was built.

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work deep into counts and is swinging at a lot of bad pitches.

"He just doesn't seem to be locked in at all," Ryan said. "So what you're hoping is that his approach will change and he'll start giving quality at-bats because there's a lot of those at-bats that he just gives away."

Manager Ron Washington later said he agreed with Ryan's assessment.

Going into Wednesday night's game against Boston, Hamilton was hitting .199 in 156 at-bats over 42 games since the start of June. The five-time All-Star was hitting a season-low .290 overall, though his 28 homers were second in the AL and his 81 RBIs tied for the major league lead.

"When I'm swinging at pitches out of the zone and I'm hitting them, it's no big deal," Hamilton said.

"But when I'm swinging at them and missing them, it's a big deal."

Hamilton, who was hitting .404 in mid-May, drove in the Rangers' only run Tuesday night.

It was a weak infield ground-out, and after he got back to the dugout he uncharacteristically slammed his batting helmet back into the rack.

While Hamilton never said Wednesday if he felt he was giving away at-bats, he expressed confidence that he would break out of his slump. He said his problem has been more mental than physical and that he's not planning any big changes in his mechanics.

Even though Hamilton rarely looks at video, he said he has been watching a three-minute tape put together for him of some of his at-bats from earlier in the season.

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Kyle Carter; defensive linemen DaQuan Jones and Pete Massaro; and cornerback Adrian Amos.

That group includes six seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and two redshirt freshmen.

On Wednesday night, incoming freshman quarterback Steven Bench from Georgia joined the committed, tweeting: "I have decided to stay at Penn State. I promise this team is special and will SHOCK THE WORLD over the next 4 years."

Penn State spokesman Jeff Nelson said other players had committed to return but were unable to attend Wednesday because of classes or internships.

But some players will weigh whether to transfer, with other schools wooing them.

The biggest name is running back Silas Redd, who rushed for 1,241 yards as a sophomore last season. Redd has yet to reveal his plans.

Illinois spokesman Kent Brown confirmed that a group of assistant coaches traveled to State College on Wednesday to talk to some Nittany Lions players. Brown said Illini athletic director Mike Thomas informed Penn State of the trip and that it came after Nittany Lions players contacted the Illini.

Cornerback Stephon Morris, who attended Wednesday's news conference, tweeted: "We have chosen to stay at PSU & other opposing

coaches are outside our apartment. Was that the intentions of the NCAA." He added the hashtags "LeaveUsAlone" and "WeAre."

There probably won't be a parade of opposing coaches showing up on the Penn State campus over the next week or so. Most will take a slightly more subtle approach and players can take five official recruiting visits to other schools, just as they did when they were being recruited out of high school.

But it won't be surprising to see some enemy colors around Happy Valley.

O'Brien told ESPN on Wednesday that while opposing coaches needed only to email or fax the compliance department to receive clearance to speak to players, he believed there was a protocol they should follow. O'Brien cited Central Florida's George O'Leary, Syracuse's Doug Marrone and Iowa's Kirk Ferentz as having reached out to him first.

Marrone and O'Brien are close friends from the time they spent working on O'Leary's staff at Georgia Tech.

It's been less than two weeks since an investigation by former FBI director Louis Freeh concluded former coach Joe Paterno and other high-ranking university officials covered up abuse allegations involving Sandusky, who awaits sentencing on charges he abused 10 boys, some of them in team facilities.

In that time, Paterno's bronze likeness has been removed from outside Beaver Stadium.

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"Give us some time moving forward, and we'll go from there," he said. "I thought he seemed crisper tonight than last night, and that's a good sign."

The Astros trailed 2-0 entering the eighth before Jose Altuve doubled off Logan Ondrusek. Scott Moore and Martinez hit RBI doubles and two errors put Houston ahead.

"It was great to see J.D. read that ball

real well," Mills said. "Those are the types of things we want them to do. They're staying up and busting their tails and getting after it. It's those types of things that are going to get us out of this funk."

Reds starter Homer Bailey scattered four hits with seven strikeouts over seven scoreless innings.

The Astros had plenty of opportunities to put more runs on the board, but went 2 for 15 with runners in scoring position.

"That was our Achilles' heel today," Mills

said.

Astros starter Bud Norris yielded five hits and a run with seven strikeouts in seven innings.

He hasn't won since May 21.

"I made a lot of mechanical adjustments, and I'm happy that I pitched well," said Norris, who allowed nine runs in his last start. "These guys battle hard and once again, it's another tough one to swallow."

Scott Rolen's RBI single pushed Cincinnati's lead to 2-0 in the eighth. Devin Mesoraco sin-

gled to start the third, advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Bailey and scored on Stubbs' two-out double.

The Reds turned a double play to end the third inning before Bailey retired six of the next seven batters.

Brian Bogusevic singled with one out in the Houston seventh and Carlos Corporan drew a walk.

Then with a group of his friends and relatives chanting, "Homer, Homer," Bailey retired the next two Astros to preserve the lead and end his night.

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the month off," said Holland, who struck out seven.

Andrus was hit on the left forearm by a pitch with one out in the seventh. He got to third on a single by Adrian Beltre and scored to break a 3-all tie on Beckett's wild pitch.

Beltre was back in the lineup a day after being hit by a pitch thrown by Vicente Padilla that knocked off his helmet and sent him to the ground. Beltre, who insisted again before Wednesday's game that he didn't think that 0-2 pitch was purposely thrown at him, had a bruise but no concussion.

In what may have been a bit of retaliation with two outs in the first, Red Sox cleanup hitter Adrian Gonzalez was hit in the buttocks by a pitch.

Home plate umpire Tim Tschida, the crew chief, pointed Gonzalez to first base and didn't issue any warnings.

There were no further issues, and it was clear by Beckett's reaction when he hit Andrus that it was just a pitch that got away.


Nathan worked a perfect ninth for his 20th save in 21 chances.

Jacoby Ellsbury drew a walk to start the game and eventually scored when Pedroia grounded into a double play. Middlebrooks hit his 12th homer in the fourth, and Pedroia went deep in the sixth.

The Rangers scored three times in the fourth. David Murphy had an RBI single and scored on Craig Gentry's perfectly executed suicide squeeze bunt to tie the game at 2. Ian Kinsler followed with an RBI bloop single that dropped after glancing off the heel of sliding right fielder Cody Ross' glove.

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