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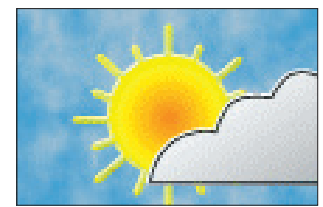


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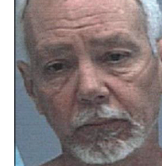


The Salvation Army had its Memorial Day cookout Tuesday, providing hamburgers, beans, hot dogs and chips for those attending. See article, Page 3.

Accused murderer dies in jail

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

An Odessa man accused of shooting and killing three Odessa police officers in 2007 — whose trial was set to be held in Big Spring's 118th District Court — has died, according to Ector County officials.



Larry Neil White, 63, died Tuesday at approximately 8 a.m. at Medical Center Hospital, according to Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland.

White, 62, was arrested at his home in Odessa in September 2007 after police officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance believed to have been issued by his wife. White allegedly opened fire on the officers, killing Arlie "Lee" Jones Jr., Scott Gardner and Abel Marquez.

According to police reports, the three

Couch, Kelso top teachers at Forsan ISD

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Kristi Couch and Jean Kelso were named the top teachers at Forsan Independent School District for the 2010-2011 school year.



Couch, a mathematics instructor at Forsan High School, was named secondary teacher of the year, while third-grade teacher Kelso was named top elementary instructor for the district, FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

In addition, the Big Spring Masonic Lodge

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No 'pet' projects for city council this year

Infrastructure, landfill needs take precedence

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

If members of the Big Spring City Council had any pet projects they hoped to present for the coming fiscal year, they quickly took a backseat to a number of issues with the city's aging infrastructure during Tuesday night's budget work session.

The future of the municipal landfill, water line replacement efforts and a sludge removal system for the city's water treatment facility dominated the discussion.

The council heard from Holly Holder, a consultant with Parkhill Smith & Cooper, regarding the future of the landfill, which, ac-



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Parkhill Smith & Cooper Engineer Butch Davis addresses the Big Spring City Council.

ording to estimations, only has a little more than six years left before it is at capacity.

The council looked at three options: Get out of the landfill busi-

ness altogether and leave sanitation up to a contractor; build a transfer station to ship garbage to a neighboring city, such as Snyder; or build a new landfill facility at a new location.

According to city officials, getting out of the landfill business and turning trash collection over to a private contractor simply isn't viable at this time.

"City sanitation rates would double," City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council. "That option simply isn't viable, which is why we concentrated our efforts on the other two options."

According to Holder, building a transfer station to have the garbage shipped to Snyder would cost the city \$2.25 million and take approximately one year to construct and two years to have all the state permits in place. Annually, it would cost the city approximately \$1.8 million to continue the shipping operation, including tipping

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Singers sought as Pops draws near

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

Are you feeling patriotic? Are you looking for something to fill a few evenings in June?

Go down to the First United Methodist Church where each Tuesday night for the next four weeks people in the Crossroads area will be gathering for choir practice. Specifically, they'll be preparing for the choral portion of

Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual fireworks and symphony extravaganza to be held July 3.

"We have another wonderful program planned this year," said Dr. Keith Graumann, Big Spring Symphony director and conductor.

There's really only one stipulation.

"We have only four rehearsals so we need everyone to come to each rehearsal in order to achieve a performance level of which we can all

be proud," Graumann said.

Rehearsals will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 7, 14, 21 and 28, leading up to the patriotic celebration. Rehearsals will be held in the FUMC chorus rehearsal room. Enter from the north door in the alleyway. The rehearsal room is upstairs.

Pops in the Park will again be held at the Comanche Trail

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Obituaries

Judy Angelo



Judy Angelo, 67, of Big Spring passed from this life Monday, May 30, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham and Eddy Pitchford officiating. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2011, at Memory Gardens in Corpus Christi.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born May 25, 1944, in San Antonio and married Ralph Angelo on July 4, 1964, in San Antonio.

Judy was a bookkeeper and accountant for most of her life. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Angelo of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and April Angelo of Elgin and Matthew and Nikki Angelo of St. Augustine, Fla.; one brother, Robert Morgan of Big Spring; and three grandchildren, Andrew, Brooke and Isaac.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Oleta Morgan; a daughter, Jennifer Angelo; and one brother, James Morgan.

The family suggests memorials be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, 2nd Floor, Bethesda, Md., 20814; American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas 75284-1125; or American Diabetes Foundation Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424.

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

Paid obituary

Roberta (Bobbie) Schenck



Roberta (Bobbie) Schenck, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at Hospice House of Odessa. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 28, 1935, in Pittsburg, Penn., to Louisa and James Schoch. She was a homemaker and also worked in day care. She moved to Big Spring in 1972 from Hawaii. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by two daughters, Melody Gay and Debbie Schenck, both of Big Spring; three sons, Allen Schenck of Greenwood, John Henry Schenck of Big Spring and Robert Schenck of Midland; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Lester.

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

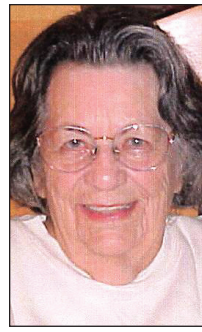
Kyle Jackson

Kyle Jackson, 81, of Lamesa died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, in an Odessa Hospice Facility. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Freddie Ray Leonard

Freddie Ray Leonard, 48, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 31, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Mary Alice Cain Christensen



Sept. 6, 1923 — May 29, 2011
Mary Alice Cain Christensen, 87, of Oak Ridge Estates left us May 29, 2011, for her eternal resting place with our Lord. Though she is no longer with us physically, she will forever be in our hearts and memories.

She was born in Fluvanna but spent most of her life in Big Spring. There, she met and later married Joseph Lesley Christensen on Sept.

28, 1946. Mary loved children and spent many years teaching in the Texas public school systems of Big Spring and Canuta. The last three years were spent living and enjoying the people in Oak Ridge Estates.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew J. Cain and Alice Haynes Cain; and her husband, Joseph Lesley Christensen.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynn McDowell and husband Jerry; grandchildren, Jerin McDowell and wife Kristin and Jalyn McDowell, all of Grand Prairie; great-granddaughter, Jordan McDowell, of Grand Prairie; brother, A.J. Cain of Midland; sisters, Billie Carr of Big Spring and Betty Lively of Odessa; and an aunt, Nadine Hodnett of Big Spring.

One of her greatest joys was the time she spent with family, especially her great-granddaughter. She also loved playing games, painting, genealogy and spending time with friends.

We wish to give a special thanks to the compassionate staff at Seton Highland Lakes Hospital of Burnet and Round Rock and the Seton Highland Lakes Hospice. We also greatly appreciate all the wonderful, helpful friends in Oak Ridge.

A memorial service will be held in Midland and her final resting place will be at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation in remembrance be given to her favorite charity, the Rescue Mission of El Paso (1949 W. Paisano, El Paso 79922) or to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be offered at www.clementswilcoxfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home of Marble Falls.

Paid obituary

Leo W. 'Doc' James

Leo W. "Doc" James, 90, of Omaha, died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at Rocky Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Branch with the Rev. Larry Neely and the Rev. Glenn Griffith officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Mt. Pleasant.

Leo was born Aug. 10, 1920, in Rucker, serving in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He was a rancher and a member of Rocky Branch Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Janet Sue Tucker of Omaha; one brother and three sisters-in-law, J.C. James Jr. and wife Edna of Big Spring, Jessie Lee Brush of Mt. Pleasant and Charlene Forester of Granbury; several grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Melba Dean James; one brother, Travis James; and two sisters, Eula Mae Goates and Mable Lewis.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Rocky Branch Missionary Baptist Church building fund.

Police blotter

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

• CARL WAYNE NICHOLSON, 23, of 2804 Williams Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• EPIFANIO HINOJOSA, 27, of 1401 Princeton, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• BENITO LORENZO TORRES, 28, of 611 N.E. 10th St., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROMERO VILLARREAL, 26, of 1614 Canary, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, expired driver's license (two counts), failure to appear (two counts), speeding (two counts), driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

• STEPHANIE ROCHELLE WILLIAMS, 22, of 1614 Canary, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and two warrants from another agency.

• VICTORIA K. PEREZ, 37, of 2900 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• AARON KEITH HILL, 24, of 1304 Stanford, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of W. Eighth Street.

• FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

• DAVID L. HUMPHREY III, 46, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• DEVON LEE BUTLER, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

• BENITO LORENZO TORRES, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROMERO VILLARREAL JR., 26, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, expired driver's license (two counts), failure to appear (two counts), speeding (two counts), driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

• STEPHANIE R. WILLIAMS, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid, violation of a promise to appear and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

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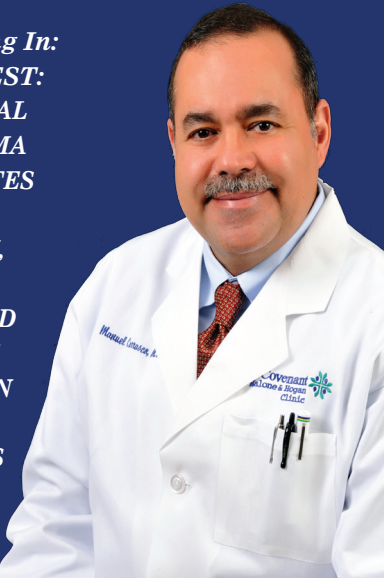


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Commissioners to vote on appraisal district budget

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Thursday morning in a special session to discuss a number of items, including approval of the annual budget for the Howard County Tax Appraisal District, an item that recently struck discord with the Big Spring City Council.

The budget, which must be approved by a majority of the taxing entities that utilize its

services, was disapproved by the Big Spring City Council during its May 24 meeting.

According to city officials, the budget was turned down because it includes a \$15,000 raise in salary for Chief Appraiser Brett McKibben.

No one on the council would make a motion the budget be approved as presented during the May meeting, with Mayor Tommy Duncan declaring the item defeated by a lack of a motion. However, city administration advised Dun-

can the council would need to take a vote to disapprove the budget, which received a 4-1 vote.

District 2 Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. was absent for the vote, District 5 Councilman Craig Olson abstained due to personal dealings with McKibben and District 6 Councilman Terry Hansen voted against the disapproval. District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez, District 2 Councilman Glen Carrigan, Duncan and District 4 Coun-

cilwoman Gloria McDonald voted to disapprove the proposed budget.

Duncan was adamant he was opposed to the increase because of tough economical times, not as a reflection on the work McKibben has done in past years.

According to city officials, a majority of the taxing entities that fund the district would have to nix the proposed budget for it to fail.

Also during Thursday's meeting, commissioners are

expected to consider an agreement with Mitchell County to house its inmates, as well as a budget workshop.

The meeting will get underway at 10:30 a.m. in the old commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse. For more information, call 264-2202.

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fees at the Snyder landfill and all other anticipated costs.

A new landfill would take approximately five years to receive state permits and cost nearly \$2.4 million, with a construction time of around two years, according to Holder. The annual cost to run the facility, which would include one initial cell, would be about \$1.8 million.

"Bear in mind, this cost includes the ground water monitoring system and the structures, so when you decided to open a new cell the cost would be considerably less," Holder said.

The city also has one additional option to give it more time to keep the existing landfill open, according to Holder, but it's far from ideal.

"If you open a new cell (referred to as the east cell), it will give you an additional five years of life for the facility if the compaction levels and

collection levels stay where they are now," he said. "However, opening that cell would cost approximately \$2.33 million, and because of its location, the space in it would be less than what you currently have left in the west cell."

While the council ponders the fate of the municipal landfill, it will also have to look at proposed efforts to replace water lines on Third and Fourth streets ahead of an ongoing TxDOT program to do a full-depth reconstruction of the thoroughfares.

According to PS&C engineer Butch Davis, the project will cost the city approximately \$1.07 million under the best circumstances, and nearly double — \$1.87 million — in the worst case scenario.

Fuqua said the city currently has approximately \$1 million it can allocate to the project, but anything more than that is going to be a major budgetary challenge.

The council also discussed a sludge removal

system for the city's water treatment facility. According to Davis, the city's existing water system removes sludge — largely dirt and other unwanted elements — through a sedimentary process utilizing large water basins.

However, the sludge that collects at the bottom of the basins over time can cause problems with the water's turbidity, causing it to rise above state standards, a problem the city was forced to deal with last year when a large influx of golden algae caused turbidity levels to rise sharply.

The council will have to decide between two different methods of sludge removal, including a belt press which basically wrings the water out of the sediment like an old wringer washing machine, or a centrifuge method that separates the water from the sediment through centrifugal force.

According to Davis, a belt press would cost the city approximately \$1.35 million, while the cen-

trifuge system would cost approximately \$1.48 million.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the centrifuge method offers a wider range of variability in how and when it is used, while the belt press requires a lot more maintenance and oversight by operators.

Normally a time when council members present their "wish list" for the coming fiscal year, the elected officials opted to forgo any personal projects during this year's budget in favor of addressing the items presented during Tuesday night's meeting.

"I don't know of anything we need more than to take care of our water and our infrastructure," District 4 Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said, with the other members of the council agreeing with her.

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Cookoff community service event for local Sally Ann

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

The Memorial Day Cookout at the Salvation Army was back this year.

Staff members cooked up hamburgers, hot dogs, beans and chips for this year's event.

"It was time to get back to it," said Salvation Army Cpt. Ed Cheshire. "We had gotten away from it the past couple of years for a couple different reasons, but this is something we enjoy doing."

According to Cheshire, the Salvation Army likes to be able to celebrate the holidays, such as Fourth of July, Labor Day and Memorial Day, with others.

"This is just something special we can do for those who are staying in the shelter with us and for the community," Cheshire said.

This year, 95 people attended the cookout. According to Tad Davis, shelter operator, this year's attendance was a little higher than usual.

The Memorial Day Cookout is a community service the Salvation Army provides in addition to its Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners. The agency also provides the Boys and Girls Club out of its 811 W. Fifth St. for students after school and during the summer. A

new facility is being constructed to house the Boys and Girls Club, along with classrooms in order to provide more services.

To find out more information on how to donate to the Salvation Army, contact Cheshire at 267-8239.

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Bob Wash, 81, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. today at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Billie Prophet, 61, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at High Point Cemetery in Buffalo, Oklahoma.

Bobbie Schenck, 76, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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presented Couch its Mirabeau B. Lamar Award, which is given annually to outstanding Howard County public school teachers.

Couch, who transferred to Forsan from Big Spring Independent School District seven years ago, teaches advanced math courses — algebra II, pre-calculus and geometry. In addition, she serves as a coach for the school's University Interscholastic League academic team.

"Not only is she an excellent teacher and role model, but she's also highly competitive," Johnson said. "She loves to take the kids to those competitions ... and puts in a huge amount

of time preparing them for those contests.

"She's the kind of teacher students like working with," he added. "She pushes them hard, and she gets a lot out of them."

Kelso has spent the past five years teaching at Forsan following stints at Jacksboro, Glasscock County and Crosbyton.

"She's just very professional about what she's doing," Johnson said. "She loves to see her kids succeed, and she's willing to put in a lot of time and effort to see them succeed. Ms. Kelso makes learning fun for the children."

Couch and Kelso were selected for the honor from among a group of monthly award win-

ners this past school year. Johnson said their names will be submitted to the Region 18 Educational Service Center, which will name a regional teacher of the year later this summer.

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Amphitheater and will feature various activities and acts during the day and evening, leading to the finale, which includes a choreographed fireworks and music show.

Anyone needing more information on the rehearsals can contact Graumann at 432-267-1626 or 432-213-0645 or via e-mail at keithgraumann@yahoo.com

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OUR VIEWS

Adding a twist to Pops in the Park

Even with the lack of moisture, Pops in the Park is still expected to go off with a bang. Final details are starting to be put in place and last minute decisions are being made.

With an original goal of raising \$50,000 for this year's event the committee is sitting at a little more than \$16,000 with a month to go.

The Big Spring Symphony, which will be providing music as they have in years past, will have four rehearsals in June. The first rehearsal is set for June 7. This year's performance will include a new medley. Conductor Keith Graumann said it's all about having a little something new each time.

In keeping with something new, the possibility of having a fly over is in the air. Approval has been received, but a plane and pilot are still needing to be set up.

Intermission will still include the video montage, but this year it will also be taking a different route. Cindy Smith, Pops in the Park slideshow producer, is asking for community members to send in their photos of not only their soldiers, but photos of soldiers and their families.

According to Smith, it's about not only seeing the soldiers, but seeing the bigger picture. Our soldiers are out there on the front lines sacrificing for their country, but too often their families and the sacrifices they make are forgotten. Photos for the presentation can be emailed to csmith@howardcollege.edu.

Also, if anyone has a short video of a soldier's homecoming those are welcomed as well; as long as they are less than a minute.

Donation cans will be located by Kid Zone, Pavilion One and at the entrance to the amphitheater the night of the event.

The Boy Scouts will be helping with the flag ceremony. The Girl Scouts are also expected to be helping in this year's presentation.

As for traffic and parking, more details will be determined at the next meeting, which will take place June 16. At this time, with the construction of the new aquatic center, the flow of traffic is unable to be determined.

The Republican death grip

Quick, who said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"?

If you who said it was the Spanish philosopher George Santayana writing in 1905, you are wrong.

It is actually the motto of the Republican Party in 2011.

It was a blazingly hot day in West Palm Beach, Fla., six weeks before the presidential election of 1996, and Bob Dole was boiling mad. Florida had gone Republican in presidential elections for 20 years, 40 percent of the vote was controlled by seniors, and Bob Dole was definitely a Republican senior. But the polls showed him losing the state to Bill Clinton.

Why? Medicare. The Democrats had spent \$4 million in ads telling people that Bob Dole would end Medicare as they knew it. Dole had gone to an elderly center, and after his talk, a lady in a wheelchair had asked him, "Why are you cutting my Medicare?"

The lady pushing the wheelchair said, "That's all she hears all day long, the Clinton ads, that you're going to cut Medicare, cut Medicare, cut Medicare."

Under his deep tan (there is something about Republican leaders and deep tans), Dole grew bright red.

"Listen," Dole said. "I helped rescue Social Security. All my mother had was Social Security income and Medicare. I know how important it is to seniors, older women. So let's set the record straight."

At his next rally, Dole said of the Democratic ads: "We call it Mediscare! Mediscare! Mediscare! All the ads you see in Florida, all the ads you see in Florida, are negative Mediscare ads!"

Dole lost Florida by 6 percentage points and America by 8.5.

Today, the Republicans have a bright, new rebuttal to Democratic attempts to portray their party as wanting "to end Medicare as we know it."

Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis.,

speaking on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" Wednesday, said his party had just lost a special House election in New York because Democrats had run a "Mediscare" campaign against them.

I don't know if Ryan is going to pay Bob Dole royalties, but he should.

Ryan seemingly has just awakened to the fact that when virtually every Republican member of the House voted in April for his plan to replace Medicare with vouchers, they hung an anchor around their necks.

Democrats are now piling anvils, barbells and the kitchen sink on top of that anchor to pull the Republicans down in the next election. And Ryan is shocked — shocked! — that it seems to be working. The Democratic victor in the New York special election on Tuesday ran ad after ad against her Republican opponent bashing her for endorsing the Ryan plan.

"It can be a powerful political weapon," Ryan said, as if he had just learned the Democrats had invented fire. "People in the Republican Party are nervous because of these kinds of ads."

But this is not the way Ryan spoke after that fateful vote in the House a little over a month ago. "This is our defining moment!" Ryan crowed.

And, unfortunately for the Republicans, he might be right. Medicare, Medicaid and what the Republicans want to do with those programs might indeed define the Republican Party in 2012 if the Democrats have their way. President Obama has already said flatly the Republican plan "would end Medicare as we know it."

Why is that so bad, considering Medicare expenses are threatening to break the U.S. budget?

It turns out Americans don't want cuts in Medicare. In a Washington Post-ABC poll last month, a staggering 78 percent of Americans opposed any cuts to Medicare and 69 percent opposed any cuts to Medicaid. Gallup found that even among Republicans, only 14 percent favored an overhaul of Medicare.

A New York Times-CBS poll showed "61 percent of Ameri-

cans think Medicare is currently worth the costs. As many as 78 percent of Democrats and 57 percent of independents say it is worth it, but just 45 percent of Republicans agree. Among tea party supporters, 41 percent say the cost is worth it, while 46 percent say it's not."

Kaiser Public Opinion found "seniors prefer to keep the current Medicare system by a two-to-one margin."

And all this is before the Democrats have even begun their heavy ad campaigns around the country. Take the 33 Grannies. Have you heard of the 33 Grannies? You will.

Democrats estimate that each Medicare enrollee would have to pay an additional \$6,400 in out-of-pocket expenses under the Ryan plan, and "33 grannies" is the number of Medicare recipients whose premiums would have to be raised to pay for tax cuts for a single wealthy taxpayer.

President Obama, on the other hand, claims his health care plan, which is currently the law of the land, has grown the economy, added jobs and protected seniors.

"I can report that granny is safe," Obama said.

Leaders in the Republican Party have long seen the inherent risks in Paul Ryan's plan.

House Speaker John Boehner said after the plan passed: "It's Paul's idea. Other people have other ideas. I'm not wedded to one single idea."

But judging by how Newt Gingrich was savaged by Republican pooh-bahs when he opposed the Ryan plan — and how quickly Gingrich was forced to grovel and apologize — no opposition to the Ryan plan is going to be allowed.

The Republicans have wrapped their arms around the Ryan plan, and public opinion be damned, they are hugging it.

The Democrats are delighted. They are planning to turn that hug into a death grip.

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John Walker Lindh is guilty

American Taliban John Walker Lindh's father wrote a piece in the Sunday New York Times. Frank Lindh writes that his son was apprehended "unarmed and wounded." He also writes that his son "had no involvement with terrorism."

Item: In a statement of fact signed by Lindh and his attorneys, John Walker Lindh stipulates:

"6. In or about late May or June 2001, the defendant agreed to attend a training camp for additional and extensive military training. In or about June 2001, the defendant traveled to the al-Farooq training camp, a facility associated with Usama Bin Laden, located several hours west of Kandahar, in Afghanistan. In or about June and July 2001, the defendant remained at the al-Farooq camp and participated fully in its training activities, including courses in weapons, orienteering, navigation, explosives and battlefield combat.

"7. Having sworn allegiance

to jihad, in or about July or August 2001, after completing his training, the defendant traveled to Kabul, Afghanistan to assist the Taliban. In or about July or August 2001, the defendant carried an AKM rifle issued by the Taliban while he traveled, together with approximately 150 non-Afghani fighters, from Kabul to the front line in Takhar, in northeastern Afghanistan. Between about September and November, 2001, the defendant ... fighting group was divided into smaller groups, and rotated in one to two week shifts in the Takhar trenches, opposing Northern Alliance troops.

In short, Lindh admits to having trained in a camp run by Osama bin Laden and having fought with the wonderful Taliban — apparently the Taliban, with its mistreatment of women and slaughter of Muslims not even worth mentioning, is not a problem for Frank Lindh.

The son also admitted that he carried an AKM rifle and grenades.

In 2002, Frank Lindh compared his son to Nelson Mandela — which shows how little the lawyer's words can be trusted. While Frank Lindh writes that his son is "intelligent, spiritual and good-natured," he also expects

readers to believe his son was so clueless that did not understand that he was training under and fighting for the man who ordered the 9/11 terrorist attacks. And Lindh apparently thinks his son had no responsibility in warning U.S. forces about the prison attack that led to the death of CIA operative Johnny Mike Spann.

Spann's father disagrees, as he wrote in this piece in 2006 on his website www.honormikespann.org.

The site also quotes one-time CNN journalist Robert Young Pelton's letter, "The Truth about John Walker Lindh." (Pelton recommends a book on Lindh written by Mark Kukis.) Wrote Pelton, Lindh the Younger was "exactly the kind of person that fly aircraft into buildings, blow up American troops in Iraq and kill innocent Muslims in their 'spiritual journey' to paradise."

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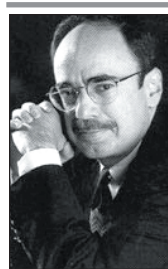
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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ROGER SIMON



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News in brief

GOP lawmakers demand spending cuts before raising borrowing limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scores of House Republicans are heading to the White House for a meeting with President Barack Obama to demand trillions of dollars in spending cuts as the price for providing any increase in the government's power to borrow.

Wednesday's meeting comes on the heels of a symbolic and lopsided vote the day before against a GOP proposal to lift the cap on the so-called debt limit by \$2.4 trillion. The proposal, intended to prove that a bill to increase the borrowing cap with no spending cuts is dead on arrival, failed badly Tuesday on a 318-97 vote.

Democrats said the lopsided tally was aimed more at giving tea party-backed Republicans an opportunity to broadcast a "nay" vote against the administration's position that any increase in U.S. borrowing authority should be done as a stand-alone measure uncomplicated by difficult spending cuts to programs like Medicare. A more painful vote to raise the debt ceiling looms for Republicans this summer.

In fact, Vice President Joe Biden is leading talks on attaching spending cuts to the debt measure in advance of an Aug. 2 deadline set by the Treasury Department.

Wednesday's meeting seems more of a listening session than earnest negotiations between Obama and the staunch conservatives who have taken back the House.

Endeavour completes NASA's 2nd-to-last shuttle flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its six astronauts returned to Earth on Wednesday, closing out the next-to-last mission in NASA's 30-year program with a safe middle-of-the-night landing.

Endeavour touched down on the runway a final time under the cover of darkness, just as Atlantis, the last shuttle bound for space, arrived at the launch pad for the grand finale in five weeks.

Commander Mark Kelly — whose wife, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, remained behind at her rehab center in Houston — brought Endeavour to a stop before hundreds of onlookers that included the four Atlantis astronauts who will take flight in July.

The museum-bound Endeavour, the youngest of the shuttles, logged nearly 123 million miles over 25 space-flights.

"Your landing ends a vibrant legacy

for this amazing vehicle that will long be remembered. Welcome home, Endeavour," Mission Control told Kelly and his crewmates, who wrapped up U.S. construction at the International Space Station.

Bosnian Serb wartime commander Mladic spends night in isolation

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Ratko Mladic was waking up in an isolation cell in The Hague Wednesday, less than a week after he was captured after 16 years on the run. The Bosnian Serb military commander now awaits trial on genocide charges over the killing of 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the worst massacre of civilians in Europe since World War II.

After Mladic's arrival from Belgrade Tuesday evening, war crimes tribunal spokeswoman Nerma Jelacic said staff were handing Mladic his indictment and explaining the rules and procedures to him. She said isolation is standard for new arrivals at the prison.

Mladic also was being given a list of defense lawyers who could help him through the initial proceedings of the war crimes court. He was to be examined by a doctor and receive any treatment he may need, Jelacic said.

It is unclear when Mladic will appear in court for an initial appearance, but it must be within a few days. The chief prosecutor and top tribunal official scheduled a news conference for noon (1000GMT; 6 a.m. EDT) Wednesday.

When he appears in court, Mladic will be asked to formally confirm his identity and enter a plea to each of the charges against him. He also will be asked whether he has any complaints about the arrangements in the prison.

At least 41 killed in street battles between Yemeni government forces and tribal fighters

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni medical officials say at least 41 people have been killed in overnight shelling and street battles between government forces and rival tribal fighters in the capital.

Witnesses say that in addition to street fighting, Presidential Guard units shelled the headquarters of a brigade responsible for guarding sensitive government institutions. Army officers who have defected to the opposition say the government suspected the brigade commander was about to join the movement to oust President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

The medical officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, say the 41 killed Wednesday included fighters from both sides.

IAEA: Tsunami threat underestimated

TOKYO (AP) — U.N. inspectors faulted Japan on Wednesday for underestimating the threat of a devastating tsunami on its crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant but praised its overall response to the crisis as exemplary.

The preliminary report by a team from the International Atomic Energy Agency also said the tsunami hazard was underestimated at several other nuclear facilities in Japan, and called for experts worldwide to learn from the disaster to avert future accidents.

The IAEA team of international experts from 12 countries, which spent a week in Japan conferring with officials and inspecting the plant, will submit its full report at a high-level IAEA conference in Vienna from June 20-24.

"Japan's response to the nuclear accident has been exem-

plary, particularly (as) illustrated by the dedicated, determined and expert staff working under exceptional conditions," the report said. It also praised the evacuation of those living near the plant as "impressive and well-organized."

Prescriptions lead to doctor who recalls treating kids from bin Laden's house

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan (AP) — For pediatrician Mehar Dil Wazir they were a normal bunch of kids, like the dozens of others he treats daily for tummy upsets, coughs and colds. He thought the same about the two men who brought them to his simple clinic, a well-dressed pair who said they were cousins.

But a few days after the May 2 raid that killed Osama bin Laden in this northwestern Pakistani town, intelligence agents told him his child patients lived in the same house with the terror leader. The men who brought them in were bin Laden's most trusted couriers.

To submit a news item, call 263-7331, ext. 230

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ANSWERS

9	8	1	7	5	3	6	2	4
4	6	5	2	8	1	3	9	7
7	3	2	4	6	9	5	8	1
5	2	4	8	3	7	1	6	9
6	9	8	1	4	5	7	3	2
1	7	3	9	2	6	8	4	5
8	5	9	3	7	4	2	1	6
2	1	6	5	9	8	4	7	3
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Hints from Heloise: Kitcheneering

Cutting an Onion

Dear Heloise: I use a lot of chopped onions and have found a good way to dice, chop or slice. Cut the top off about 1/4 inch, but do not cut the root end. Turn the onion, cut side down, and make a vertical cut through the root, making two halves. Again, do not cut off the root end. Remove the onion skin back to the root end and break off. You now have half an onion that you



HELOISE

can hold by the root end, and it will not fall apart while slicing or dicing. — *Wick in Baton Rouge, La.*

GUACAMOLE STORAGE

Dear Heloise: When storing guacamole, instead of placing a lid on the container, place plastic wrap onto the guacamole, removing all air. This will keep the guacamole from turning dark. — *Jim in Texas*

Great hint! Another helpful hint is to sprinkle a little lemon or lime juice or vinegar over the guacamole. If the top of the guacamole does turn brown, just scrape off the top layer

— the other stuff is still good. — *Heloise*

PUDDING HINTS

Dear Heloise: Love your column each day in the *Texarkana (Texas) Gazette*. Here are a couple of hints that some might find helpful:

- Substitute graham crackers for vanilla wafers in puddings.
- Substitute crushed pineapple for bananas in puddings.

— *Mary T., Texarkana, Texas*

FRIDGE STORAGE

Dear Heloise: Like most people, our refrigerator hydrators have an assortment of leftover peppers, onions,

tomatoes, etc. If they are not wrapped, they get soft and start to spoil.

I now use the plastic carrier from the store-bought rotisserie chicken to house the leftover items. It's sturdy and has air holes already punched through the top. Leftovers now stay fresher longer, and I even added one for fruit. — *Gary, via email*

NOTE: Please be sure to wash well with soap and water first. — *Heloise*

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CORN SILK

Dear Heloise: I was recently having corn on the cob for dinner. It was exceptionally covered with silk, and I was having trouble getting it off. I grabbed a coffee filter, folded it in fourths and ran it over the cob. The silk came right off. — *Phylis in Ohio*

BUTTER

Dear Heloise: I see unsalted butter and salt called for in the same recipe. Can I just use salted butter? — *Lois K., via email*

Yes, you probably can, especially if the amount of butter is not much

compared with the whole recipe. The amount of salt in butter is minimal, so you should be OK. I say go for it, taste-test and see. — *Heloise*

FRESHEN UP CRACKERS

Dear Heloise: I've found that crackers and pretzels can be refreshed in the oven on low temperature. They taste great — sometimes better than "new." And cookies can be refreshed with a few seconds in the microwave. In both cases, the food should be closely monitored. — *Rita Loucks, Houston*
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WHITE

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officers were gunned down while attempting to enter White's home from an area in the prop-

erty's backyard. Both Gardner and Jones were pronounced dead at the scene, while Marquez later died at a hospital in Lubbock several days later.

Following a stand-off that lasted several

hours, White was taken into custody after he was shot in the abdomen. He was treated at an Odessa hospital and later booked into the Ector County Jail, where he was held without bond.

White was diagnosed with stage IV esophageal cancer, according to Ector County officials, and had been undergoing treatment for the illness since April

"It is important at a time like this to reflect and remember the sacrifices of Officers Arlie Jones, Able Marquez and Scott Gardner. Their bravery, as well as that of their fellow officers, shall never be forgotten," Bland said in a press release issued following White's death.

District Judge Denn Whalen, who presides over the 70th District Court, agreed to the change of venue from the Odessa-based court to Big Spring following nearly a year of requests to do so from White's attorneys, Woody Leverett and Raymond Fivecoat of Midland. The attorneys claimed White could not receive a fair trial in Ector County due to the publicity generated by the case.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center is making some infrastructure repairs inside the Yellow Rose Café and has decided to close the eatery until the work has been completed.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay For Life team will offer antique-style portrait photographs of children in order to raise money for the American Cancer Society fundraiser. The portraits will be offered from 3:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. Saturday in the first floor classroom at the hospital. Coupons for the photographs cost \$10 and all proceeds go to Relay For Life. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union to help Belinda Gonzales and Roberto Perez, whose home in the 1600 block of Harding St. burned recently. The family of six is in need of everything — accommodations, clothing, help with clean-up. For more information or to ask how to help call Belinda at 432-599-2729. Monetary donations can be made to Angels Fire Fund at Cosden FCU.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Picture Bidding

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 3
♥ Q 7 6
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K 9 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 6
♥ J 5 3
♦ Q 10 6 4
♣ Q 7 5

EAST
♠ 7 5 2
♥ 8
♦ K 9 3 2
♣ J 10 8 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 4
♥ A K 10 9 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ 4

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

Opening lead — four of diamonds.
Cuebidding as a means of exploring slam possibilities is an art that has not been sufficiently cultivated by the general bridge-playing public. As a case in point, take this deal from a team contest.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. After South's jump-shift and North's heart raise, South immediately invoked the Blackwood Convention. After learning that North had an ace and two kings, South had to guess which two kings his partner held. If one of them was the king of

spades, 13 tricks — six hearts, four spades, the ace of clubs, the ace of diamonds and North's second king — could be counted.

Reluctant to jeopardize the small slam, South settled for six hearts. When he saw the dummy, he chided himself for being such a pessimist.

At the other table, the auction began the same way, but on the second round, South chose not to use Blackwood immediately and instead initiated a campaign to elicit precise information from his partner:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	7 NT	

South's three-spade bid was a cuebid announcing first-round control of that suit (usually the ace) and asked North to reply in kind. North's four-club bid and South's four-diamond bid showed additional first-round controls. Then came the bid South was waiting to hear — four spades, indicating second-round control (usually the king) of that suit.

From then on, it was easy. South learned via Blackwood that North had an ace and two kings — just as his counterpart had — but South knew one of the kings was the king of spades, so it was easy to bid the grand slam.

Tomorrow: Imaginative defense.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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- ## SHERIFF
- DONETTA C. SCOTT, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest, search or transportation.
 - VICTORIA PEREZ, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
 - AARON KEITH HILL, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for violation of a promise to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - SHAWN MICHAEL JONES, 28, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
 - RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald

Let's Get Grilling

Lucy Buffett, author, owner of Lulu's restaurant in Orange Beach, Ala., and sister to Jimmy Buffett, offers up a summer grilling menu and talks about her life in food.

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Quick Snaps

CGA Scholarship Tournament June 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club's 21st annual Scholarship Drive Tournament will be held June 4-5 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Registration for the two-person scramble is \$75 per person and proceeds will go toward providing college scholarships to area students.

On the first day of the tournament, a prize of \$500 will be awarded for a hole-in-one, while a 2011 vehicle will be awarded for an ace on the second day.

For more information, contact Ben Garcia at 213-1074, Tommy Billalba at 816-1091 or Bobby Cordava at 935-0410.

Country Club Parent-Child Scramble June 4-5

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting a Parent-Child two-man golf scramble June 4-5. The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 4 and at 1 p.m. Sunday. Entry fee for the Open Division is \$80 and \$40 for the Trophy Division, plus cart fees (private carts are welcomed).

Parents may play with more than one child and the fees will be half off for the second team. BBQ will be served on the golf course Saturday only. Prizes in the Open Division will be Golf Shop gift certificates.

To sign up or for more information, call 432-267-5354.

Summer Bash Ragball Tournament June 10-11

A Summer Bash Ragball Tournament will be held June 10-11 at Cotton Mize Softball Park. Teams must be comprised of 5 girls and 5 guys. The fee is \$10.00 per person. Registration will be at 6 p.m. June 10 and games will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Hilaro at 213-6791 or Tommy at 517-9512.

BSHS Cheerleader Ragball Tournament July 8-9

Big Spring High School Cheerleaders will be having their ragball tournament at Roy D. Anderson Complex July 8 from 6 p.m. to midnight and July 9 from 8 a.m. until the last game is played.

To register contact Kelli Wash at 213-3206, Brandi Borchardt at 816-2334 or Val Robertson at 213-8315.

Registration deadline will be July 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the complex. Fees are \$10 per person. Remember to get your receipt. A full concession will be open.

Summer League Track Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Summer League Track has begun sessions for area 8-18 year-old athletes. Practices are to be held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Blankenship Field.

Coach Kevin Boyce says they are looking for volunteers to help with the youngsters.

If you would like to help out or if you need more information about the league, call Coach Boyce at 432-816-3855.

Gaines County Golf Summer Junior Clinics June 8-10

The Gaines County Golf Course has announced its schedule of summer golf clinics.

Session 1 will be held June 8-10

Session 2 will be held June 29-30 and July 1.

Session 3 will be held July 20-22.

Each session will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day. The cost of these sessions is \$15 per day or \$45 for each three-day session.

An advanced session will be held August 10-12. The fee for that clinic is \$25 per day or \$75 for the entire session. For more information, call 432-758-3808.

Jack and Jill Golf Tournament June 11-12

The Gaines County Golf Course is holding a Jack and Jill golf tournament June 11-12. Couples will begin to a shotgun start at either 8:30 a.m. or 2 p.m.

All prizes will be awarded as golf shop credit.

Entries being taken now.

Call 432-758-3808

Stanley Cup finals begin tonight

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Daniel and Henrik Sedin have become hockey's most formidable force over the past decade, passing and shooting their way to more than 1,300 career points with teamwork that borders on telepathy.

Yet the Vancouver Canucks' identical Swedish twins realize the enormity of the obstacle facing them in their first trip to the Stanley Cup finals.

It's a 6-foot-9 defenseman with a pterodactyl's wingspan and a well-earned reputation for shutting down superstars — and one of the NHL's best goalies is right behind him.

The Sedin twins' attempt to solve Boston captain Zdeno Chara and star goalie Tim Thomas is at the heart of everything when the Canucks host the Bruins on Wednesday night in Game 1 of a series teeming with compelling matchups and subplots.

"There's a few big defensemen in the league, but he's obviously the biggest and the best," said Daniel Sedin, the NHL scoring champion and a strong MVP candidate after his brother won both honors last season. "We'll see how it goes, but we see shutdown players in every game, so that part isn't any different."

The only sure bet is that one championship drought will end for one long-suffering, hockey-loving city in a series matching Vancouver, the NHL's best team for most of the season, against a surprising title contender that just might be peaking at the perfect time.

"It's going to be exciting to see what happens, because we haven't played each other enough to know those guys very well," said Henrik Sedin, the playoffs' leading scorer with 21 points. "It's unpredictable."

The Canucks have never won it all, falling in their only two previous finals appearances in four decades of existence. Vancouver has pulled together with impressive depth and solid defense backing their star-studded top lines, winning the Presidents' Trophy with 54 victories and 117 points before winning nine of its past 12 playoff games heading into the finals.

The Canucks might be the best team ever assembled on Canada's West Coast, yet they realize they haven't done anything until they raise the Cup.

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Helms honored



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Dick Helms is presented with a football and a certificate of appreciation from the Big Spring Steer football program. Dick has been part of the "team" and has filmed varsity football games for BSBS for 32 years.

Rays top Texas in late-innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Evan Longoria has broken out of his slump in a big way.

Longoria hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Texas Rangers 5-4 on Tuesday night.

"He hit it well enough," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "I just didn't know if it was far enough."

With the Rays trailing by a run, Longoria gave Tampa Bay the lead with his two-out drive off Arthur Rhodes (3-3) after Johnny Damon reached on an opposite-field bloop single to left that deflected off the glove of shortstop Elvis Andrus.

Texas manager Ron Washington said he made a mistake by not having closer Neftali Feliz ready to face the Rays' slugger.

"I should have had him up after I brought Arthur in," Washington said. "Just in case he didn't get Damon, I should have had him going."

I thought about it, but didn't act on it. I'll take the blame for it all."

Longoria was back hitting fourth after three games as the leadoff man, a move designed to help him work out of an offensive funk that saw him get just six hits in 45 at-bats. The Rays' All-Star third baseman went 2 for 3 with a walk on Tuesday after getting five hits in 11 at-bats during the previous three games.

"I got some results in that role," Longoria said. "Any time you get results and have some success, you build confidence. When you start building back that confidence you haven't had, it makes it easier. To get those results, and get back into the four-spot and have an opportunity to help the team win a game and come through, it just adds to your confidence."

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Mavericks fall as Nowitzki gets hurt

MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade's night ended with an embrace from LeBron James.

Nearby, Chris Bosh held up three fingers.

No explanation necessary. The Miami Heat are three wins from the reason why the Big Three came together in the first place.

James scored 24 points for his first win in five NBA finals games, Wade scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half and the Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks 92-84 in Game 1 of the title series on Tuesday night — holding the Western Conference champions to their lowest point total of the playoffs after a dominant defensive showing down the stretch.

"Feels good because it's the first game and we played well as a team," James said. "We've got a lot of work to do. ... That's one in the books. We're excited about this game. Tomorrow we prepare for Game 2, and I see ways we can get better."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 points — tearing a tendon in the middle finger on his left, non-shooting, hand during

the game and revealing afterward that he'll likely wear a splint throughout the remainder of the series — and grabbed eight rebounds for Dallas, which got 16 points and 10 rebounds from Shawn Marion and 12 points from Jason Terry, most of those coming in an early flurry. It was Dallas' fifth straight loss to Miami in finals games, dating to the Heat rally for the 2006 crown.

Dallas held the Heat to 39 percent shooting, Miami's second-worst showing of the playoffs.

Problem was, the Mavericks shot 37 percent — by far, their worst night of the postseason offensively.

"You hold a team to 38 percent shooting and 92 points, for us, that's usually a victory," Marion said.

Sure enough, Dallas had been 7-2 when holding teams to those kind of numbers this season. Game 2 is Thursday in Miami.

"We're a veteran team," said Nowitzki, who had a postgame X-ray on the finger that was injured when he was stripping the ball from

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once upon a time, you may have fantasized about finding the prince or princess of your dreams. But now you have some very practical and realistic goals for your love life, and you are rapidly approaching them.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

people, you'll find you immediately click with some — with others, not at all. So stick where you feel the magic. That's where you'll feel free to express the diverse facets of your talent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A distracting influence may actually do you a favor. Some will find it difficult to get back to work after the disruption, but you'll find the break in order to be creatively invigorating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When your emotional needs are met, you feel physically strong and able. The affection and attention of a loved one will have a positive effect on your health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You used to think there was no such thing as "too nice." Now you understand that a certain person will keep pushing and asking until you have nothing more to give. It's only healthy to hold some back for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to be the best in order to win the vote that counts. You will be chosen because you're a terrific fit, not because you're the most experienced and qualified. You know how to be a good partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Find creative inspiration. It is not an indulgence so much as a way for you to save the world. Indeed, the evolution of man depends on the dreams of healthy minds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll rehearse certain things that others wouldn't take the time to practice. That's because you see the value in presenting yourself in a smooth, cool manner. One advantage is that people will immediately trust you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can relax in the knowledge that no one will rate your

performance unless you specifically ask for such an evaluation. Feel free to do things the way you want to do them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In the past, you've said "yes" when you wanted to say "no." You've since learned your lesson. You will get the chance to prove it today, as you make the choice that's right for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a special gift for dealing with eccentric people. You have ways of maneuvering their tricky personality traits, understanding what they really mean and accepting them for who they are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your body has an intelligence you can trust. Pay attention to physical signals. If you're not sure what they mean, pose the question to your body and see if an answer pops to mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 1). It is a year of increased personal power.

An important accomplishment you make by the end of September will illustrate the point. Between now and then, you will focus your efforts and keep from procrastinating. A key purchase in October will make your work easier. Love and laughter fill your house in the new year. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 15, 33 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: Where is the planet Uranus now, and what does that mean?

If you ever find that you have 42 or so Earth years to burn, here's an interesting way to spend them. Go to the North Pole of Uranus and watch the sun rise and dance around in the sky for 42 years. When the sun finally sets, unless you brought a long-lasting flashlight, you may as well leave the planet

because you're in for 42 Earth years of darkness before the next Uranian sunrise.

Uranus spends about seven years transiting each sign of the zodiac, so its effect is considered more generational than personal. In astrology, Uranus is the planet of revolution. It is a freedom cry and a rock 'n' roll rebellion. It's the planet of surprise and uproar and innovation. It's also the planet that rules science and technology.

Uranus entered Aries on March 11 of this year and will transit this part of the sky until May 15, 2018. It's a highly energetic, if not radical, placement for the already rowdy planetary influence, indicating rapid changes and breakthroughs for mankind. Advances from medicine to social media to weaponry will continue to shape the new decade in surprising ways.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Model, actress, designer and producer Heidi Klum is also the host of the Lifetime television series "Seriously Funny Kids." This mother of four famously enjoys her family life and publicly praises her husband, Seal, for his parental excellence. Klum's natal chart is dominated by the fun and intelligent energy of the twins. Her natal sun, moon, Mercury, Venus and Saturn are all in Gemini.

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6:PM	Jeopardy!	Quando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	King	House	Business	70s	Cash Cab	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	The Mentalist	Game	Phineas	Football	MLB Base-ball: Teams TBA.
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8:PM	Family	Triunfo del Amor (SS)	Simpsons	C.M.: Sus-pect	La Casa de al Lado	Love in the Wild	Payne	Payne	Great Performances at the Met	Payne	Keith Barry	UFC Unleashed	The Ultimate Fighter	Certain Age		Deck	30 for 30	
9:PM	Cougar	Happy	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	Bill Cloud		Roseanne	MythBusters	Movie: Conan the Destroyer, Witt Chamberlain	Repo	(.02) Franklin & Bash	The Mo'Nique	Wizards	Basketball	Baseball Tonight
10:PM	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	Bill Cloud		Roseanne	MythBusters	Movie: Conan the Destroyer, Witt Chamberlain	Repo	(.02) Franklin & Bash	The Mo'Nique	Wizards	Basketball	SportsCenter
11:PM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	La Casa de al Lado (SS)	Late Night	Lopez Tonight	Cortes	World	South Pk	MythBusters	Movie: Conan the Destroyer, Witt Chamberlain	Ways Die	Certain Age	Wendy Williams	Hannah	NFL Live	Baseball
12:AM	Extra	Destilando Amor	Paid	Insider	Pagado	News	Conan	Upd	(Off Air)	Cops	Keith Barry	Movie: Conan the Destroyer, Witt Chamberlain	Ways Die	Certain Age	Wendy Williams	Hannah	NFL Live	Baseball
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"No, you'll have to whisper on my OTHER side - I'm left-eared."

HAGAR

"AFTER MANY YEARS OF STRUGGLE..."

"...I'M PROUD TO SAY 'I GOT MINE'!"

"I USED TO SAY 'I GOT MINE' TOO..."

"THEN I GOT A DIVORCE"

BLONDIE

"WOW! THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF QUESTIONS HERE JUST TO SEE IF I CAN REFINEANCE MY HOME"

"AS YOU KNOW, MONEY IS SCARCE THESE DAYS"

"I'M SURPRISED YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW MY BLOOD TYPE!"

"THAT WOULD BE QUESTION NUMBER 37"

"IT'S A-POSITIVE"

BC

"I ASSUME JOHNNY SHOWED YOU HIS REPORT CARD."

"HOW DO YOU KNOW?"

"YOUR HEAD IS COVERED WITH CEILING PLASTER."

WIZARD OF ID

"SIRE! THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING!"

"SIGH: INITIATE THE PROTOCOL"

"WHAT'S THE PROTOCOL?"

"ROP, EXPLAIN IT TO THE NEW GUY"

"WE LOCK OURSELVES IN THE BASEMENT AND PLAY PARCHEESI UNTIL IT BLOWS OVER"

AGNES

"TODAY, I START MY NEW LIFE!"

"...AND I WILL DO IT ALL DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME! IF I WANT TO WALK, I'LL SIT. IF I WANT TO CRY, I'LL LAUGH! IF I WANT TO HATE, I WILL LOVE!"

"ARE YOU HUNGRY?"

"YES!"

"GOOD. WE ARE OUT OF FOOD."

"OK... NEW LIFE IS HEADING TO THE DUMPER FAST"

HI AND LOIS

"MOM LEFT HER SUNGLASSES OUT."

"WOW! I SEE SUNBEAM IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT!"

THE OTHER COAST

"...ONCE AGAIN, THE CRAB POT IS HAULED UP EMPTY."

"YAY!"

SNUFFY SMITH

"HEY, BARLOW--ENNYONE EVER TOLD JA YO'RE A NO-GOOD, LOW-DOWN, LYIN' MONKEY WEASEL?!"

"NOPE !! CAN'T SAY AS THEY HAVE, SMIF !!"

"BODACIOUS !! I'LL USE THAT-UN NEXT TIME WE TUSSLE !!"

BEEBLE BAILY

"ARE YOU TICKLISH?"

"NO"

"LET ME TEST YOU"

"I HAVEN'T STARTED YET"

"HEE HEE HA HA HO HA HEE HU HA HAW HA HA HEE HEE HA"

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 1, the 152nd day of 2011. There are 213 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 1, 1861, Capt. John Quincy Marr, CSA, was killed during a skirmish with Union cavalrymen near Fairfax Court House in Virginia; he is widely regarded as the first Confederate officer killed in the Civil War.

On this date:

- In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.
- In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.
- In 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with the British frigate HMS Shannon in the War of 1812.
- In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pa., at age 77.
- In 1909, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opened in Seattle. (The fair closed in October the same year.)
- In 1943, a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by the Germans during World War II, killing all 17 people aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.
- In 1958, Charles de Gaulle became premier of France, marking the beginning of the end of the Fourth Republic.
- In 1961, an earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale shook northeastern Ethiopia, killing 160 people. Regular FM stereo broadcasting began in the United States.
- In 1971, American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, 78, died in Stockbridge, Mass.
- In 1980, Cable News Network made its debut.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Erdman is 86. Actor Andy Griffith is 85. Singer Pat Boone is 77. Actor-writer-director Peter Masterson is 77. Actor Morgan Freeman is 74. Actor Rene Auberjonois is 71. Opera singer Frederica von Stade is 66. Rock musician Ronnie Wood is 64. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 63. Actress Gemma Craven is 61. Blues

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Norm: Abbr.
- Commit a
- Down crime
- Go by
- Teeny
- Round Table king
- Diva's delivery
- snail's pace
- The press, in Britain
- Maryland athlete, for short
- Dispenser candy
- Zig and zag
- Panini cheese
- Got the suds out
- Not yielding
- Of the pre-Easter period
- "__ We Got Fun?"
- Bro or sis
- Director Preminger
- Wine container
- Central part
- Stew tidbit
- Sought damages
- Popeye or Sinbad
- Commmeal concoction
- Cause affront to
- Causes affront to
- Back way
- 24-hr. convenience
- Parade spoiler
- Country-music superstar
- Altar words
- War of 1812 battle site
- One of the B vitamins

DOWN

- Smack hard
- Private chat
- December letter starter
- WWII fliers
- WWW address
- Trample
- Friends' pronoun
- Rink jump
- Workplaces for MD's
- Class-trip chaperone, usually
- Carpet calculations
- Kitchen strainer
- Full at the table
- Cap-removal motion
- Spotted horse
- Citrus drink
- Bar bottle
- Did a 5K
- Ladle out clumsily
- Garish
- Mediterranean fruit
- Game for one
- Armor-plated warship
- Arctic mass
- Lear product
- Autumn drink
- Sony competitor
- Amer. currency unit
- Have an evening meal
- Modern-day pop-ups
- Followed, as a dog
- Pedicurist's stone
- Shoot-'em-up
- Road hazard warning
- Arrive by air
- Sale condition
- "Jabberwocky" opener
- Indicates
- 64 Across
- Genetic letters
- Swimming stabilizer
- Blast producer

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CUP

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"With the parity that is in the league, you've got to do a lot of things right for a long time," Canucks coach Alain Vigneault said. "I do believe you've got to get some bounces. You get the bounces because you've been doing things right for a long time. I believe that Vancouver is due for 40 years of good bounces."

The Bruins traveled across the continent knowing they're decided underdogs after squeaking into the finals with a Game 7 victory over Tampa Bay — their second Game 7 win of the postseason.

Boston has lost its past five trips to the finals since Bobby Orr led the Bruins to their last title in 1972, failing even to make it this far since 1990.

Yet with only moderate expectations and a largely star-free roster featuring no scorers in the NHL's top 25, Boston survived a rough Eastern Conference run, forging a tenacity that might be enough to get past the Canucks, who didn't exactly look unbeatable while losing three straight to Chicago in the first round.

"You might never get a chance to do this again, so have fun with it," said Mark Recchi, the 43-year-old forward from British Columbia who plans to retire if Boston wins it all.

"Everybody is important now. You need basically five lines and eight defensemen to get to this point. If you don't have that, you're not going to get to this point."

LOST

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Nelson Cruz scored from third on a wild pitch by Joel Peralta (2-3) with two outs in the eighth as the Rangers took a 4-3 lead. Peralta had replaced J.P. Howell after the left-hander gave up consecutive singles to begin the inning.

Sean Rodriguez and Matt Joyce also homered for the Rays. Alex Cobb allowed three runs and four hits over 6 1-3 innings in his second career major league start.

Joyce, who entered with a major league-best .368 batting average, pulled Tampa Bay even at 3 on a two-out, two-run shot off Texas starter C.J. Wilson in the seventh.

"I missed my spot. If I hit my spot I don't think he's going to do much with it," Wilson said. "I'm really disappointed

with myself. I feel like I cost us the game for us. It's frustrating."

Longoria started the seventh with an infield single.

"He's a big part of the offense," Joyce said. "When he's going well we're going to put up some runs."

Kyle Farnsworth pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Wilson gave up three runs, three hits, four walks and struck out 10 in 6 2-3 innings. He took a one-hitter into the seventh.

The Rangers, who had won in three in a row, went ahead 2-1 during the top of seventh on Ian Kinsler's run-scoring single off Cobb, who was recalled from Triple-A Durham on Monday.

Michael Young extended the lead later in the inning to 3-1 with an RBI single against Howell.

MAVS

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Bosh. "You can't get down with a loss. You've got to come back strong on Thursday. I've said it a couple times in this playoff run, if you're the road team, you're happy with a split. So we've got another opportunity on Thursday to get one. Obviously, we don't want to go home down 0-2."

Wade's 3-pointer with 3:06 left put the Heat up 82-73, then the largest lead of the game for either team.

The Mavs shaved two points off it on the next possession when Nowitzki hit two free throws, but James gave the Heat their first double-digit lead of the finals a few seconds later.

He dribbled upcourt against Marion, crossed his dribble over and got

clear for a dunk while being fouled.

The free throw made it 85-75, and most in the sellout, white-clad crowd began standing in anticipation.

Even then, it wasn't over.

Nowitzki made two more free throws — he was 12 for 12 from the line for the game — with 1:36 left, cutting the Miami lead to six.

A momentary blip. "They have two very good closers," Nowitzki said, "two of the best in the game."

Wade grabbed a key defensive rebound, dribbled away from three Dallas pursuers and found Bosh for a dunk with 1:08 left that restored the 10-point lead.

Another dunk by James came with 38.6 seconds left, sealing the outcome.

"For me, going into the fourth quarter, it's winning time," James said.

Sure was, and the Heat fans knew it, breaking into their now-traditional tossing of their white seat covers.

"By and large, we've got to play better, just overall," said Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle, especially noting Miami's 16-6 edge in offensive rebounds. Miami outrebounded Dallas 46-36.



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