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Joyous Americans gather at ground zero, other locations

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NEW YORK - Joyous at the release of a decade's frustration, Americans streamed to the site of the World Trade Center, the gates of the White House and smaller but no less jubilant gatherings across the nation to celebrate the death of Osama bin Laden — cheering, waving flags and belting the national anthem.

Ground zero, more familiar these past 10 years for bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" and solemn speeches and arguments over what to build to honor the Sept. 11 dead, became, for the first

"It's really a terrific day for not just America but for the world. To have this cancer pulled from us is the right thing. This is judgment day, and we're winning."

-Guy Madsen, Clifton, N.J.

time, a place of revelry.

"We've been waiting a long time for this day," Lisa Ramaci, a New Yorker whose husband was a freelance journalist killed in the Iraq war, said early Monday. "I think it's a relief for New York tonight just in the sense that we had this 10 years of frustration just building and building, wanting this guy dead, and

now he is, and you can see how happy people are."

She was holding a flag and wearing a T-shirt depicting the twin towers and, in crosshairs, bin Laden. Nearby, a man held up a cardboard sign that read, "Obama 1, Osama 0."

Dionne Layne, 44, of Stamford, Conn., spent the entire night at ground zero with her two children, ages 9 and 11. She planned to spend the rest of the day with them at the site because "they can't get this in a history class. They have to be a part of this.'

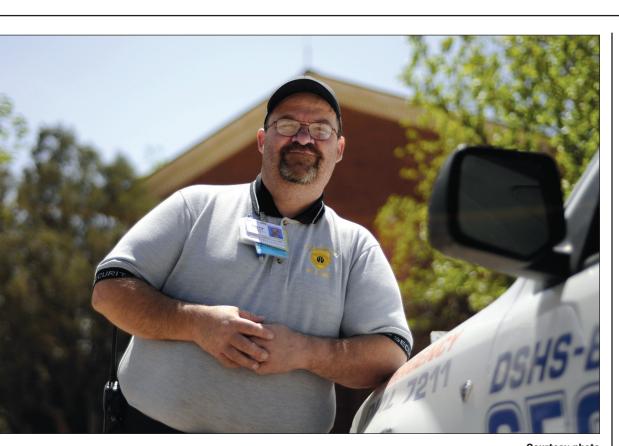
Layne said she witnessed the second tower come down on Sept. 11, 2001, from Brooklyn, where she lived at the

Uptown in Times Square, dozens stood together on a clear spring night and broke into applause when a New York Fire Department SUV drove by, flashed its lights and sounded its siren. A man held an American flag, and others sang "The Star-Span



Osama bin Laden

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Courtesy photo

Terry Watkins has turned his life around. Years ago, he didn't take care of himself. Now, he's the picture of health.

State hospital security officer gets kidney after 2-year wait

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Terry Watkins will tell you straight up that it's his fault he needed a new kidney. He didn't take care of his

That oversight forced a

kidney shutdown, requiring years of dialysis and a kidney transplant. The Big Spring State Hos-

pital security officer spent

diabetes or his hypertension. two years on the waiting list, always apprehensive, always waiting, always hopeful. "Each time the phone rang,

you were just on edge," he said. "You were a little excited." Now the poster boy for good

health, Watkins exercises at the Howard College Harold Davis Fitness Center where he works part-time. "I go just about any chance I get," he Kidney failure and the en-

suing dialysis treatments are two periods in his life he would rather have avoided.

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Astronaut to visit local students, public

Herald Staff Report

NASA's most experienced astronaut is visiting Big Spring Independent School District and the public is invited.

Dr. Story Musgrave, the only astronaut to serve on all of the shuttles, will visit with See MUSGRAVE, Page 3

students and give a public presentation about his time on missions in outer space. The public presentation will be at 7 p.m. May 17 in the Big Spring High School auditorium. A question and answer session will follow.

Musgrave was in charge of



The Big Spring Rotary Club held its putt putt fund-raiser

at the Park and Putt Family Fun Center Saturday morning. Area families came out to support Rotary members in their fight against polio. Those who participated received a T-shirt, drink and hot dogs.



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Obituaries

R.W. Buchanan

R.W. Buchanan, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 1, 2011, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- MELISSA GUADALUPE GOMEZ, 27, of 1700 N. FM 700, was arrested Saturday on a warrant from another agency and warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.
- SEAN CHASE CRAWFORD, 24, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for theft of ser-
- DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 26, of 1002 N. Main St. (apartment number not provided), was arrested Saturday on a charge of failure to display driver's • DAVID FRANCO, 32, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was
- arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct – language. • JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, transient, was
- arrested Saturday on a charge of criminal tres-• BRITTNIE LYNN CERVANTEZ, 17, of 1204 E.
- 17th St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of run-• SYLVIA YVETTE HINOJOS, 19, of 100 N.W. Third St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of con-
- sumption of alcohol by a minor. • EDWARD LOPEZ, 22, of 411 N. Scurry, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxica-
- JODY WAYNE DAWDY, 47, of 1501 Sycamore Apt. B, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public
- NINFA MORENO GARCIA, 55, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-• BRANDON LUIS BROOKS, 25, of Abilene, was
- arrested Sunday on charges of public intoxication and consumption of alcohol by a minor. • DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON II, 26, of 1708
- S. Owens, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. • CLAYTON DOW BIRMELIN, 24, of 1700 Settles,
- was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-• BRITTANY MARTINA MOLINA, 22, of 3620
- Calvin, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public • CARLOS N. APONTE, 23, of 405 W. Fifth St., was
- arrested Sunday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury against a family/household member – two or more within a 12-month period. • RONALD HASLEBY, 60, of 1402 Tucson, was
- arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxica-• JOSEPH ANDREW LEFTRIDGE JR., 22, of
- Dallas, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid and possession of alcohol by a minor. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- In the 1300 block of S. Birdwell Lane.
- In the area of Golf Course Road. • BURGLARY OF A BULDING was reported in
- the 1100 block of Scurry. • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the
- 1400 block of E. Sixth Street. • THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th
- ASSAULT was reported:
- In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. In the 1200 block of Wood Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail

reported having 74 inmates at the time of this

• ZUNDALANE MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ, 36,

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was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of debit/credit card abuse.

• MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 39, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

LOCAL

- ROBERT RUBIN SANCHEZ, 46, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • BOBBY JOE RIVERA, 27, was arrested Friday
- by DPS on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- SHAWNA GAIL ELLISON, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of displaying an expired registration and municipal warrants for failure to appear (three counts), failure to display driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying an expired registration and animal at large.
- VICTOR T. ANAYA, 27, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. VICTOR GENE SAULS, 46, was arrested
- Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension. STEPHEN CORY WATERS, 29, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while

license invalid and failure to maintain financial

- responsibility. • SEAN CHASE CRAWFORD, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for theft of service.
- CHRISTOPHER LEE BEDFORD, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MELISSA GUADALUPE GOMEZ, 27, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property and municipal warrants for displaying an expired registration and no valid inspection certificate. NANCY RANDO, 46, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle, failure to maintain financial responsibility - second offense, failure to appear (two counts), no vaccination or license for animal and a Martin County warrant for revocation of community supervision.
- WALTER MORRIS LOZANO, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence.
- EDWARD LOPEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 26, was transferred
- to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to display driver's license. DAVID FRANCO, 32, was transferred to the
- county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct - language. • SYLVIA YVETTE HINOJOS, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge
- of minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage. • DALE THOMAS MITCHELL JR., 37, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of harass-
- ANDY LEE CUELLAR, 26, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid
- with a previous conviction or suspension. • JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- DAMION JAMAL WARREN, 19, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on Martin County warrants for criminal mischief - violation of bond and escape an a Midland County warrant for theft – more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000.
- JODY DAWDY, 47, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- NINFA MORENO GARCIA, 55, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLAYTON DOW BIRMELIN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. • BRANDON BROOKS, 27, was transferred to the
- county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and a municipal warrant for minor in consumption of alcohol.
 - CARLOS NOEL APONTE, 23, was transferred to

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the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family/household member – two counts within a 12-month period. • BRITTANY MARTINA MOLINA, 22, was trans-

- ferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication. CARLOS RAMIREZ BARRIGA, 36, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on an Ector County warrant
- for motion to revoke probation for non-payment of child support – contempt of community supervi-• RONALD STANLEY HASLEBY SR., 60, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD
- on a charge of public intoxication. • JOSEPH ANDREW LEFTRIDGE JR., 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for driving while license invalid and minor in possession of alcohol.

Fire/EMS

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

- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of
- Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N.
- Highway 87. One person was transported to TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the 169 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was trans-
- ported to SMMC. TRASH FIRE was reported at the municipal
- landfill. DUMPSTER FIRE was reported near the inter-
- section of W. Third Street and San Antonio. MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of
- Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of 14th
- Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of
- Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of IN. Highway 87. One person was transported to
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Yale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.



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OSAMA

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gled Banner."

On an overcast morning in Shanksville, Pa., where a hijacked plane apparently meant for Washington crashed in a field after passengers fought back, a few visitors gathered Monday at the fence-lined overlook that serves as a temporary memorial while a permanent one is

"I thought of Sept. 11 and the people lost," said Daniel Pyle, 33, of Shanksville, who stopped at the site on his way to work at a lawn care company. "I wanted to pay homage to the people lost that day. I think this brings a little bit of closure."

In Washington, in front of the White House, a crowd gathering began President Barack Obama addressed the nation late Sunday to declare, "Justice has been done." The throng grew, and within a half-hour had filled the street in front of the White House and begun spilling into Lafayette Park.

"It's not over, but it's one battle that's been won, and it's a big one," said Marlene English, who lives in Arlington, Va., and lobbies on defense issues. She said she has baked thousands of cookies to send to friends serving in Iraq and Afghanistan over the years and that she was at the White House because they

couldn't be.

The celebrations began to come together late on Sunday night, after Americans began hearing about the death of bin Laden from bulletins on television, texts and calls from family and friends and posts on social networking sites.

Bin Laden was slain in his luxury hideout in Pakistan, early Monday local time and late Sunday night in the United States, in a firefight with American forces. said no Americans had been harmed in the operation.

As news of the president's announcement began to filter across the country, the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies were in the middle of a game in Philadelphia, and chants of "U-S-A! U-S-A!" began in the top of the ninth inning at Citizens Bank Park. Fans could be seen all over the stadium checking their phones and sharing the

The chant - "U-S-A! U-S-A!" — echoed in Dearborn, Mich., a heavily Middle Eastern suburb of Detroit, where a small crowd gathered outside City Hall and waved American flags. Across town, some honked their car horns as they drove along the main street where most of the Arab-American restaurants and shops are located.

At the Arabica Cafe, bigscreen TVs that normally show sports were all turned to news about bin Laden. The manager there, Mohamed Kobeissi, said it was finally justice for the victims.

There were smaller, spontaneous gatherings around the nation — a handful of Idahoans who made their way to the state Capitol in downtown Boise, a small group who waved flags and cheered on an Interstate 5 overpass south of Seattle known as Freedom Bridge. People said they were sur-

prised that bin Laden had finally been found and killed. John Gocio, a doctor from Arkansas who was gathering what details he could from TV screens at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, marveled: "After such a long time, you kind of give up and say, 'Well, that's never going to happen." The celebration in New

York came precisely one year after a militant from Connecticut spread panic by driving a bomb-laden SUV into the heart of Times Square. As the most intense manhunt in history wore on, year after year after 9/11, the city dealt with smaller scares — the Times Square plot, subway and bridge threats, orange alerts.

"It's really a terrific day for not just America but for the world. To have this cancer pulled from us is the right thing," said Guy Madsen, 49, who drove to the city from Clifton, N.J., when he heard of bin Laden's death. "This is judgment day, and we're winning."

Several hours later, the first copies of Monday's Daily News hit the streets, with a big picture of bin Laden on

donor's other kidney.

The days following the

"I felt fine, and every-

thing was good but I was

down a little bit because

they put you on a heavy

dose of Prednisone and

the Prednisone plays a

big part of that — it re-

ally messes with your

mind," Watkins said.

"In my mind I kept

thinking that someone

had to die for me to get

the kidney. But I am

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surgery were emotional-

ly tiring, Watkins said.

the cover and the headline: "ROT IN HELL," with the last word in 4-inch-high type.

Over that same decade, the city has lived on with the pain from the day itself, more distant but never erased. Stephanie Zessos, who lives in the neighborhood and works for the fire department, said sadness also was mixed in with the late-night celebration.

"I texted a friend of mine who's a firefighter who lost a brother on 9/11, and he said the pain will never go away," Similarly, Gordon Felt,

president of an organization for families of people who were on United Flight 93, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, called the announcement of bin Laden's death "important news for us, and for the world." He said in a statement that "it cannot ease our pain, or bring back our loved ones" but does bring "a measure of comfort."

Along with the outburst of joy over bin Laden's death, there was an increase in security — at least in New York, where authorities said there would be extra police at all three area airports "out of an abundance of caution." The Port Authority also said there would be more police along the George Washington Bridge and at ground zero. But for the most part, as

day, the nation stopped to reflect, and to rejoice. With final exams looming,

Sunday stretched into Mon-

thousands of Penn State University students gathered in State College, Pa., the student newspaper reported. One was dressed as Captain America, fireworks were set off and colorful chants rose up from the crowd. At Ohio State University, some students, including the student body president, jumped into a lake on campus to celebrate, according to The Lantern newspaper.

At the White House, Will Ditto, a 25-year-old legislative aide, said he was getting ready to go to bed when his mother called him with the news. He decided to leave his home on Capitol Hill and join the crowd. As he rode the subway to the White House, he told fellow passengers the

"It's huge," he said. "It's a great day to be an Ameri-

American flags of all sizes were held aloft, worn draped over the shoulders or gripped by many hands for a group wave. Some people climbed trees and lampposts to better display the flags they carried. Others without flags simply pumped their fists in the air.

The impromptu street party took on aspects of a pep rally at times. Some people offered up the "hey, hey, goodbye" singsong chant more typically used to send defeated teams off to their locker rooms. Parth Chauhan, a sophomore at George Washington University, trumpeted a World Cup-style vuvuzela.

WATKINS

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"Anyone who has ever been on dialysis knows that it's just no fun," Watkins said. "Three days a week, four hours a day. It's just not fun." Watkins, who worked

at the hospital for a nineyear stretch in the 1980s and 1990s and left to take a job at the prison in Colorado City, began his schooling as a medical assistant in 2008. Shortly thereafter, his worsening diabetes triggered his kidney shutaown ana ne was unable to finish his schooling.

He was put on the kidney donor waiting list with LifeGift in Lubbock and given a long list of instructions regarding what to do in the meantime. "You just anticipate

MUSGRAVE

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designing the Hubble

Space Telescope's main-

tainability while in

orbit. Subsequently, he

was the person who

repaired it. Some of the

interesting twists that

happened on the repair

mission will be covered in his presentation.

Musgrave is also an

amateur photographer

and used the platform

of his shuttle missions

to capture breathtaking

photos, a small percentage of which can be seen

at www.spacestory.com.

More of the photography

can be seen in the pre-

sentation at Big Spring

so much," he said of the

on January 19 of 2010, Watkins and his wife, packed bags.

the phone ring, I started getting nervous because they tell you that as soon as you get the call you have to leave," Watkins said. "Not so much nervous but excited with anticipation."

couple left for the two-

wait. When the phone rang

Maria of 22 years, a Shift Team Leader at Big Spring State Hospital, left with already "Every time I heard

Right after the call, the

hour drive to Lubbock where upon arrival, Watkins began another battery of tests and his wait for surgery. The next afternoon he received a kidney from a young woman — another recipient in the next room received the

in space are invited to attend the May 17 presentation. For more information,

contact Allen Morris at amorris@bsisd.esc18.

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time in the hospital penning a heartfelt letter to his donor's family. Each donor has the option of leaving word for the donor's family. It is the donor's choice whether to respond or even to accept the letter. Watkins has not heard from the family but understands all too well the heartbreak of their situation.

He continues his medication regimen and follow-up appointments in Lubbock. And he has become an outspoken advocate for organ donation.

"I think everyone should donate their organs," Watkins said. "I mean, you save lives."

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coming a living donor has been distributed throughout the hospital and response has been favorable, said Quality Management Director Cindy Sturdivant, BSN, RN, BC. "We've had a good response," Sturdivant said. "I am still visiting departments and getting the word out." "We need to get peo-

ple signed up for that to save lives," Watkins said. "I am standing donated."

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Bush hails Bin Laden death as victory for United States

President Former George W. Bush has congratulated President Barack Obama and heralded the servicemen and women involved in the mission that killed Osama bin Laden.

Bush was in power nearly 10 years ago when agents from bin Laden's al-Qaida network hijacked planes and crashed them into the World Trade Center

Pentagon Washington, killing nearly 3,000 people in the worst terrorist attack on American soil.

Bin Laden was shot in the head by elite U.S. counter-terrorism troops early Monday in northern Pakistan.

Four other people were killed in the raid, including one of bin Laden's sons.

"This momentous in New York City and achievement marks a

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in victory for America, for people who seek peace around the world, and for all those who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001," he said in a brief statement released Sunday night.

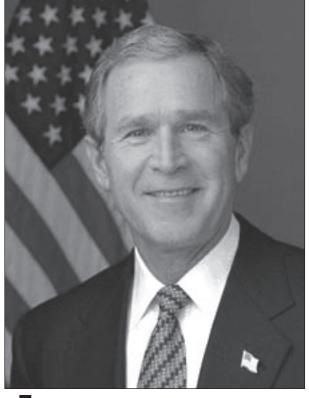
"The fight against terror goes on, but tonight America has sent an unmistakable message: No matter how long it takes, justice will be done.'

About a dozen supporters of Bush gathered home Sunday night.

briefly before dawn Monday outside his Dallas home despite a thunderstorm pelted the city with hail.

They left flowers, planted flags and tied red, white and blue balloons. One sign read, "Thank you President Bush."

Bush's spokesman, David Sherzer, confirmed Monday that the former president was at



Hints from Heloise: Library List

Dear Heloise: My husband and I are both avid readers and get a lot of BOOKS FROM THE

I keep a list of these books on the computer, as it is hard to remember all the titles of the books we have read.

Since it's also hard to remember the due dates when we have several to read, I take a small piece of paper, put the due date on it and tape it to the front of the book. Then we will

know at a glance which book to read first to avoid a late fee at the library. Doris Shepard,

North Fort Myers, Fla. Doris, a wonderful hint and a

good reminder to my readers that your public library is a fantastic source for all sorts of free entertainment — books, movies, etc. — Heloise



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Dear Readers: Here are some uses for old spice bottles:

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- when taking a lunch. • Keep toothpicks in larger
- Mix sugar and cinnamon in one for easy sprinkling on toast or muffins. — Heloise

SHEET PROTECTORS Dear Heloise: Here are a cou-

ple of handy uses I have found for 8-1/2-by-11-inch sheet protectors: Store recipes in them rather

than stuffing them in a recipe book (ones cut out of magazines, etc., or handwritten and given by friends). I put the pages in a three-ring binder and include a picture of the dish. You also can remove the page, and the recipe won't get dirty in the protector.

Put pamphlets in protectors for reference, like the ones from fairs, etc., that tell about the vendors, what they offer, how to get there, etc. They're all in one place and not scattered here and there. — Patty, Waterbury, Conn.

RECYCLE

Dear Heloise: I use the blank back sheets from junk mail to print out selections from email

and websites. Sometimes I think I get unwanted mail specifically to supply such paper! — Marcia Lynn Neil, Bradford, Pa.

NO STAIN

Dear Heloise: Don't forget to put lots of hot pads and trivets on your table when you are serving a family dinner. This way, all the hot dishes have a place to sit on the table, and your table isn't hurt. — Tanya O., via email

SOUND OFF

Dear Heloise: You did the same thing that many others do-told someone asking why stores do not have a tall section to go to catalogs. Yeah, we tall women can go and pay inflated prices for 36-inch-length pants that we don't know what they look like or how they fit, then return them, at our cost, if they are horrible. You have the voice to get it out to the public that these lines need to be carried in department stores and not just in catalogs. — Sandi R. in Holland, Texas

taken, Sandi! Note Manufacturers and stores? I'll print as many responses as possible. -Heloise

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By Steve Becker Famous Hand

NORTH ♠ K 7 5 **♦** 10 8 6 5 ♣AQ10542 WEST **EAST** ♠ 10 9 8 3 **↑**6 **♥**AK65432 ♥O 10 9 7 ♦ K Q 7 4 2 **♦** A J 9 SOUTH **♠** A Q J 4 2 The bidding: West North East Pass **4** ♦

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

South Opening lead

world team championship. When New Zealand held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Against six spades, the American

This deal was played in the New Zealand-U.S. match in the 1974

West (Bobby Goldman) made the highly unusual lead of the deuce of diamonds. East (Mark Blumenthal)

four-diamond bid. He therefore concluded that Goldman's purpose in leading his lowest card from the K-O-x-x-x was to direct a club return. So Blumenthal led a club, Goldman ruffed, and the seemingly certain slam went down one. At the second table, with Bob Hamman and Bobby Wolff holding

won with the ace and realized that

Goldman could not possibly have

only four diamonds, considering his

the North-South hands for the U.S., the bidding went: South West North East

Pass 6 ♥ Dble The New Zealand East-West pair were exceptionally active in the bidding and quickly arrived at six hearts, doubled by North. South led a diamond, and the New Zealand declarer made six hearts doubled

with an overtrick for a score of 1,310

In the match between Italy and Indonesia, the Italians did even better. At the first table, sitting North-South, they made six spades doubled with an overtrick for 1,860 points, while at the second table, they made six hearts doubled with an overtrick for 1,310 points and a total gain of 3,170 points on the deal!

Tomorrow: Forewarned is forearmed. ©2011 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Annie's Mailbox ®

time stepmother to his three young children, all under age 5.

Their mother would pop up when it was convenient for her. She rarely called on their birthdays and often left them waiting for scheduled visits. I raised those children, and they called me "Mommy."

Now, after 10 years, the mother has returned and plans to stick around. This woman is irresponsible, immature and impossible to reason with.

There have been many including problems, drug use around the kids. They are afraid to upset her for fear she will abandon them again. I understand their worries.

She has threatened on more than one occasion to walk out on them if they tell their father

around people the kids do not feel comfortable with.

She tells the kids that my husband kept her from seeing them all those years, which is patently untrue.

He has gone out of his way to make sure they have some sort of relationship. I truly try my best to stay out of the middle even though I don't feel she behaves in the best interests of the children. She savs I'm "just the stepmom" and should keep my mouth

Are my opinions irrelevant? She has violated every court order as if she is above the law. She also has no problem involving the kids in this mess and seems to have won them over by playing the victim. How should I deal with this problem that won't go Irrelevant Mommy

Dear Mommy: Those children desperately want their mother's love and will eventually real-

Dear Annie: When I about her drug use. She ize that it comes with believe I "spy" for him. married my husband, I leaves them alone for strings attached. Until I do not, although somesuddenly became a full- hours or brings them then, let your husband times he tells me inforhandle all problems so you don't become the target of her manipulations.

> Keep a record of any damaging behavior, missed visits, drug use, etc., which your husband should report to his attorney.

If the children have not had counseling, please consider it. And give them extra doses of affection, attention and stability. They need you to be their rock.

Dear Annie: I have three sisters. I'm the "odd man out" because I neither smoke nor drink to excess as they do. Several times, they have made plans to do something as a family and not invited me. Recently, when my sister from out of state visited, I wasn't told. I feel left out and unwanted. Since my parents

divorced 10 years ago, we've drifted apart. I am the only one who maintains contact with my father (a difficult man), I suspect they

mation about them that

I didn't know. Weallare on Facebook, but I seldom get to check because of work, family and household obligations. I'm in a quandary as to whether to confront them, and if so, how? -Texas

Dear Texas: A confrontation implies belligerence. It's OK to tell your siblings, nicely, that you feel hurt when you are excluded from family events and would like to be notified when someone is in town. But you should also do your part by making a greater effort to stay in touch, either via Facebook, e-mail or phone.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA © 2011 CREATORS.COM

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Regional track meets begin

Menefield, Steers aim high at Lubbock

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Steers are looking to punch a lot of tickets to the state high school track meet.

The Steers will take a field long on both quality and quantity to the Region I-3A track meet, which begins today in Lubbock. The top two finishers in each event advance to the Texas state high school track meet later this month in Austin.

The BSHS boys' team has 13 athletes competing in the regional meet, led by senior Mike Menefield, who is entered in the triple jump, long jump, 100-meter dash and the 400-meter and 800-meter re-

Other team members and their events are: Seth Pearson (110-meter and 300-meter hurdles, triple jump and 1,600-meter relay), Gustavo Lugo (1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs), Chris Nunez (discus), Sergio Torres (800-meter run), Anthony Lewis (triple jump and relay alternate), Thomas King-Randall (1,600-meter run), Abraham Ellison (400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays), Davante Lloyd (400-meter and 800-meter relays), Davonte Anderson (400-meter relay), Brad Dunn (800-meter relay), and Elias Bihl and Robert Barraza (1,600-meter relay).

BSHS has won several track meets this year, including its most recent, the District 5-3A event in April.

Coach Mitch Woodard said there's no big secret behind the Steers' success.

"Over the years, we've just been fortunate to have some good kids who ... have

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Forsan High School sprint relay members Kolten Smith (left) and Elgin Suazo practice their baton exchange during practice Thursday.

Buffaloes looking for redemption

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Mistakes can either be crippling, or they can be a powerful motivator.

Consider the Forsan High School boys' track team moti-

All season, the FHS boys have been fueled by a desire to make amends for their disastrous performance at last year's Texas state high school track meet, where false starts and dropped relay batons kept the Buffs off the medal stand.

To get another chance at state redemption, however, the Buffs must first take care of business at the Region I-2A track meet, which begins today in Odessa.

And there's no way they are getting ahead of themselves, their coach promises.

"We moved from Class 1A to Class 2A this year and that makes it a lot more difficult to get to state," Gary Huckabee said. "This year, there are going to be about six or seven more quality teams to deal with, and you never know what's going to happen, especially in the re-

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Howard College second baseman Faith Koria tags out an Odessa College baserunner during their softball doubheader Saturday at Foundation Field.

Hawks finish off FPC with sweep

Herald Staff Report

Howard College baseball fans can be excused if their expectations are running a bit high these days — watching their team outscore their opponents by 44 runs in a four-game series will do that.

The Hawks concluded their regular season-ending obliteration of the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen with a 10-0, 11-1 doubleheader sweep Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

With those results, Howard ended its season with a 47-11 record (24-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action) and will head into next week's Region V tournament as a No. 1 seed.

Pick a statistic, and the Hawks dominated Saturday. Simply put, they out-hit, out-pitched and outran the Plainsmen.

In Saturday's opener, starting pitcher Connor Sadzeck was sterling for the Hawks, hurling a complete-game shutout while allowing only two hits, striking out one and walking two.

He received plenty of offensive support from his teammates, most notably Nathan Burns, who went 2-for-4 at the plate with a double, home run and five RBI, and Landon Steinhagen, who was

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Lakers' size advantage minimized by big D

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers will have to pick on somebody their own size to make it to another Western Conference finals.

For all of Kobe Bryant's brilliance, the Lakers' back-toback title runs were built on the defensive dominance and offensive mismatches created by their two 7-footers, Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum. Few teams can match Los Angeles' sheer size when 6-10 Lamar Odom is in the mix, and even fewer can overcome it in the paint.

But their second-round opponent is the Dallas Mavericks, whose roster is stacked with three talented 7-footers: Tyson Chandler, Brendan Haywood and superstar Dirk Nowitzki.

Although the Mavs do different things with their size, Gasol knows the Lakers probably won't push anyhody around in the next two

Gasol is facing a long series keeping up with Nowitzki and hopefully forcing Dirk to keep up with him.

"We always have an advantage inside, as far as our size and our skills, (but) we just have to work to make it work," Gasol said Saturday after the Lakers' extra-long practice at their training complex. "I expect a physical series, because that's what it's going to take. I don't know about the chippiness, but I'm sure there's going to be physical plays."

Lakers coach Phil Jackson emphasized what his club should expect from the series by tucking a photograph of a huge longhorn steer inside his players' game plans.

Indeed, beef will be a key when the Lakers attempt to play from the inside out in this meeting of two perennial playoff teams that somehow haven't run into each other

in the postseason since 1988. Nowitzki and Gasol have a

"You've got to be able to move that front line, I think. That's not a secret."

> Dirk Nowitzki, **Dallas Mavericks**

healthy mutual respect after several years of regular meetings, including two games won by the Lakers in the last six weeks of the regular season. Gasol praises Nowitzki as a unique player with his famed mix of size and delicate shooting touch, while Nowitzki is impressed by Gasol's offensive versatility and passing skills.

"They've got a bunch of guys that can score," Nowitzki said. "That's why they're one of the deepest teams, especially the front line. Gasol is long. He's been working

on his mid-range shot. He

can (shoot with) both hands.

and he's a great scorer on the block. So yeah, I've got to play both ends of the floor in this series. I've got to be ready."

Game 1 at Staples Center is Monday night, giving both teams an extra day to recover from draining six-game victories in the first round. The Lakers bounced back from a series-opening loss to New Orleans, while Dallas won two straight after blowing a 23-point lead in Game 4 against Portland.

"We improved," Bryant said. "We had a couple of setbacks, but that was more due to Chris Paul."

Bryant also sprained his left ankle in Game 4, but came back with two strong efforts on his remarkably tenacious joints. Bryant shrugged off any worries about his ankle Saturday, but Jackson said the injury "still affects him a lot."

"This is not going to go away any time soon," Jackson added. "He'll have a lim-

ited amount of practice so we

have to put him in the best positions to help."

The Mavericks paid close attention to Paul's success on pick-and-roll plays for the Hornets. The play is a standard approach for most Los Angeles opponents, although the Lakers' defense on the play improved during the first-round series.

"You've got to be able to move that front line, I think," Nowitzki said. "That's not a secret. If you just pound it on the strong side, they're very good, they're very long. (Ron) Artest is very long, Kobe, for (a shooting guard), is very long, and, obviously, that front line. So we've got to be able to move them some, and then penetrate them. That's not a secret." Carlisle wants his inside

defenders to keep the ball away from Gasol and Bynum in the low post. Bynum was particularly effective down low against the Hornets, helping to get Emeka Okafor into near-constant foul trouble.

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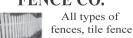
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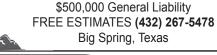
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Taurus is a sensory reset that helps us see the beauty and integrity in everything around us. Financial benefits hand in hand with the Taurus new moon. Old debts will be wiped clean. Deals that are signed today will be free of old baggage and will have the best chance

blossoming into mutually satisfying results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will be dealing with those who have trouble = following

the rules. You won't have to go overboard with enforcing the though. You'll get results with your sly cunning.

HOLIDAY

MATHIS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whether you are in territory foreign around your own family, warning same applies: Watch what you say. The wrong words can put you on the outside and fast. The right words can bring you into someone's heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June

The new moon in like to take this day as it Today comes, you have already agreed to show up in certain places at particular times to produce specific results. Honoring those agreements will bring tremendous good fortune.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Balance can be especially overrated, when you so naturally gravitate toward one extreme. For now, don't worry about being well rounded. Do what you do, and do it better than anyone else.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Go "old school." Doing things the way your grandparents would have done them will be lucky for you. It may be the oldest trick in the book, but it's still effective. Otherwise, it wouldn't have lasted this long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll improve your reality through imaginative, innovative thinking. You'll have to temporarily turn off your self-censorship to let this creativity emerge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know there's something you can do that is likely to make you a lot of money in the future, but you've yet to find the exact way to 21). However much you'd make this skill viable.

brings breakthrough.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being vague and noncommittal may save you down the road when you change your mind. Avoid saying "definitely," because it could soon turn into a "maybe" or an "indefinitely."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Reconcile the past. If you could go back in a time machine, maybe you would do a few things differently, but then you wouldn't be the awesome person you are right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Science and religion used to go hand in hand. Now the two subjects seem to be in a perpetual rift. Your best bet is to avoid both topics today. Innocuous pleasantries will build rapport.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Friends who have been scammed or wronged in other ways will tell you of their woes. Listen to the warnings, take precautions and then resume thinking in your usual positive way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What is considered "good" now was not always so. You and your parents

a completely agree on a moral stance. Maybe it is your job to disagree, as every generation has a right to define its own era.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 2). Good fortune surrounds you because you are open to new ideas, methods and information. You stay busy through May. June leisurely brings a adventure. There's intrigue and spice in your social circle in July. August broadens your professional vision. In the fall, you'll attract people who can help you make money. Pisces Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 21, 5, 12 and 26.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is a tough Taurus who can appear manly even while swapping recipes with Martha Stewart playing a role as the tooth fairy. Born under the first earth sign of the zodiac, Johnson's nickname, "The Rock," is astrologically fitting. Venus, Mars and Saturn in Gemini reveals a witty, spontaneous, flirtatious

communicative nature.

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Classic" Ann Landers

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: This is about your response to "Tom in Ft. Atkinson, Wis.," whose friend still

had his late wife's voice on the answering machine. You advised him to tell his friend to stop avoiding

reality and remove the message.

hear his voice.

My father died almost two years ago. My sister and I have asked my mother not to erase my father's voice message on her machine. It brings us comfort,

smiles and sometimes a

tear — every time we

all dealing with Dad's death in a normal and healthy way. We just like to hear his voice now and My mother is about to remarry, and her new husband has asked her to

I don't need a grief

counselor, Ann. We are

change the answering machine message, which perfectly understandable. Instead of having Mom erase my father's voice, I bought her a new tape

and took the old one home so my sister and I can listen to it whenever we want. I am sorry "Tom" finds

it depressing to hear a dead person's voice, but there are some of us who cannot hear it often enough. — No Name in Minnesota

Dear Minnesota: I was surprised that a great readers shared many your view.

I assumed most readers would feel as I did. I was mistaken. Here's one more:

Dear Ann Landers: I had to smile when I read the letter from "Tom," whose friend still has his deceased wife's voice on the answering machine.

My wife programmed all the machines in our house.

If she were to die before me, you can bet all those machines would stay exactly as they are now.

Tom's friend does not need grief counseling. What he needs someone to come over and show him how to the work darned machine.

Technologically Challenged in Maryland

Dear Technologically Challenged: I pleased to hear from you because I am also a member of your "club."

Turning the on microwave is the limit of my "technical" expertise, and it took me a while to get that right.

The letter from "Tom" created an avalanche of mail from readers who disagreed with me.

They found the voices deceased family members comforting. I say, to each his own.

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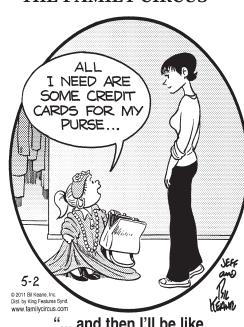
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, May 2, the 122nd day of 2011. There are 243 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: May 2, 1611, is the popularly accepted publication date of the Authorized King James Version

of the Bible. On this date:

In 1519, artist Leonardo da Vinci died at Cloux, France, at age 67.

In 1670, the Hudson's Bay Co. was chartered by England's King Charles II. In 1863, Confederate General

Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by hisownmenatChancellorsville. Va.; he died eight days later. In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized. In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf,"

a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1941, General Mills began shipping its new cereal, Cheerioats," to six test markets. (The cereal was later renamed "Cheerios.") In 1957, Sen. Joseph R.

McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. In 1960, Caryl Chessman,

who'd become a best-selling author and cause celebre while on death row for kidnapping, rape and robbery, was executed at San Quentin Prison in California. In 1970, jockey Diane Crump

became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby; she finished in 15th place aboard Fathom. (The winning horse was Dust Commander.) Today's Birthdays: Actor

Theodore Bikel is 87. Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 75. Actress and political activist Bianca Jagger is 66. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 66. Singer Lesley Gore is 65. Actor David Suchet (SOO'-shay) is 65. Singer-songwriter Larry Gatlin is 63. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 61. Actress Christine Baranski is 59. Singer Angela Bofill is 57. Movie director Stephen Daldry ("The Reader") is 51. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 49. Country singer Ty Herndon is 49. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson is 39. Soccer player David Beckham is 36. Actress Jenna Von Oy is 34 Actress Ellie Kemper (TV: "The Office") is 31. Actor Gaius (GY'ehs) Charles is 28. Pop singer Lily Allen is 26. Olympic gold medal figure skater Sarah Hughes is 26. Rock musician Jim Almgren (Carolina Liar) is 25. Actress Kay Panabaker is

Thought for Today: "Have you ever observed that we pay much more attention to a wise passage when it is quoted than when we read it in the original author?" — Philip G. Hamerton, English artist and essayist (1834-1894)

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Answer to previous puzzle SAGINAWBOOMERS BAITERS ELNORTE PLUMING EVERAGE

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Not at all spicy **5** Air pollution
- 9 At a distance
- 13 Outdo,
- informally
- 15 Pull apart
- 16 Detective's lead
- 17 Japanese city
- 18 "I could
- horse!"
- **19** Cry of accomplishment
- **20** "Be honest . . ."
- 23 Waiter's reward
- 24 Had a meal
- of time
- dances
- 28 GI show sponsor
- 29 Sci-fi weapon
- 33 Slipshod
- 36 Races, as an
- engine 37 Uncooked
- 38 Honolulu's
- 39 Adolescent
- **45** " __ questions?"
- 48 Huff and puff
- 50 Lanka

- **61** Computer
- operator

- **63** Alma _ 64 Stir-fry sauces
- 65 Oboe insert
 - **66** Whispered "Hey you!"

DOWN

- 1 Money, slangily
- 2 Close-up area
- on a map
- 3 Walk out the

8 Set of language

- door
- 4 British noble **5** Beer mug
- 6 Veal and

rules

stage

9 Perform on

- venison 7 Solemn vow 25 Long periods
- 26 Latin ballroom
- 30 Go-betweens

- island
- 42 Make unhappy
- 44 Identified
- 46 Make moist
- 53 Tennis instructo
- 54 Tailor's fastener 57 What libraries do
- 59 Noisy 60 Wear away
- **62** Otherwise

SMOOTH TALK by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

- 10 Baker's
- unleavened loaf **11** Sound from a
- broadcast **12** Harvests
- 14 Lightest in color
- 21 Tries to win over 43 National song
- 22 Make simpler **27** Song
- 28 Open up, as
- some jackets 29 Attorney's
- expertise 30 Mural or
- sculpture
- 31 "Golly!"
- 32 Bet with 1-1 odds
- 33 Part of a train
- 34 That lady
- 35 Solar-system

- www.stanxwords.com center 37 Color of Santa's
 - suit 40 lowa city
 - 41 Less severe 42 Joined the
 - chorus
 - 46 Not-so-good
 - grade 47 "Am not!" retort
 - 48 Brief halt
 - 49 Assisted 50 Catches sight of
 - **51** Takes the bus **52** Motionless
 - 55 Actor's part 56 Mouse-catching device
 - 58 Physicians, for short

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committed themselves to this team," Woodard said. "I guess that's our secret.'

Most of the attention has fallen on Menefield, who won the Class 4A state title in the triple jump last year and is a heavy favorite to return to the state meet this

"We think he's going to be the fastest one at the meet," Woodard said. "We hope he wins the long jump, triple jump and 100 (dash)

 he's got the best times and distances in all three events."

Todays events include mostly preliminaries, with only two finals — the triple jump and 3,200-meter run — being decided. The meet concludes Tuesday.

Woodard said he likes the team's chances to add one more hardware to its trophy case.

"There may be teams with more kids there, but our ability to have kids place in the events may be better," Woodard said. "I think it's going to take 65 to 70 points to win the meet, but I think we have that capability."

Texans' pick 'Mr. Irrelevant'

HOUSTON (AP) — A few of the Houston Texans worked out at nearby Rice Stadium as they awaited developments in the NFL's labor impasse.

Whenever training camp begins, one of the Owls will join them on their regular practice field.

Rice defensive end Cheta Ozougwu is this year's Mr. Irrelevant after the Texans took him with the

254th and final pick of the NFL draft Saturday. The moniker is traditionally given to the last pick.

"It's a big relief," Ozougwu said. "I'm blessed to have this opportunity. No matter what was going to be the outcome, whether it's free agency or being the last pick or being a fifth-round pick, I just wanted the opportunity to play the game."

Last year's Mr. Irrelevant was Weber State receiver Tim Toone,.

Now, it's Ozougwu's turn to enjoy a week's worth of festivities that accompany the honor. Since 1976, the player and his family have been invited to southern California in the offseason to take in "Irrelevant Week," which includes a golf tournament and a re-

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Competing for Forsan at this year's regional meet are: Ty Johnson (100-meter and 200-meter runs and the 400-meter relay), Elgin Suazo (1,600-meter run and 400-meter relay), Brendan Roman (400-meter Koten Smith relay),

(400-meter relay) and P.J. Horton (relay alternate).

Johnson said his experience in last year's state 100-meter final, in which a false start ended his day, has been a great motivating factor this year.

"We really want to make it up to each other for last year," he said. "For me, it's just been pushing me hard all year. Last year, I knew that race was mine ... So, I'm hoping to break through this year."

Huckabee said last year's failures have only served to make his team more determined this season.

"They are really focused," he said. "They have more a work ethic, they talk to each other

and support each other ... and you can see them becoming really focused and determined to do their best.

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2-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Third baseman Tony Calhoun added a solo homer for good measure. In the second game, the pitching

trio of Damien Magnifico, Nick Sawyer and Josh Walker combined to limit the Plainsmen to a single run on two hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Not only were the Hawks effective at the plate — Tyler Collins led the 13hit attack with two doubles and three RBI — but they torched Frank Phillips on the basepaths, as well, stealing a total of 10 bases. Kevin Sah and Bruns led the team in that category with five steals between them.

HC softball ends season in third

The Howard College Hawks softball team earned a split with Odessa College in their 2011 regular season finale Saturday at Foundation Field.

Odessa, which ended the season as champion of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, won the first game, 8-6, before Howard rebounded to win the nightcap, 9-8.

The Hawks ended the regular season in third place in the WJCAC with a 19-6 league mark.

"They were both really close games," HC Coach Kelly Raines said. 'In fact, we played them close all four games in this series (three of which were Odessa victories), so we do feel good about that."

In the series finale, Big Spring high School graduate Linzee Yaarbar provided the winning hit with a RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning. Yarbar's heroics made a winner out of Howard starting pitcher San-

The Hawks return to action at noon Thursday when they face Frank Phillips College in the first round of the Region V softtball tournament at Lubbock Christian University.

Coahoma ousted from Class 2 playoffs

GREENWOOD - A nine-run third inning was too much for the Coahoma Bulldogettes to overcome, as they dropped a 12-1 decision to Kermit in the third and final game of the teams' best-of-three Class 2A softball playoff series Saturday.

After dropping the series opener by a 2-0 score Friday, the Bulldogettes stormed back to tie the series with a 9-4 win Saturday, forcing the third and decisive game. But Kermit gained control early in the finale, scoring nine runs — eight of which were unearned — and cruised the rest of the way.

"Our defense let us down in that final game," Coahoma Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "It was difficult to overcome that."

The Bulldogettes ended their season with a 16-22 record.

Despite the loss, which marked the earliest the Bulldogettes have ever been eliminated from the playoffs, Tadlock refused to call the season a disappointment.

"We were really young to begin with, and then we got hit with some pretty big injuries," Tadlock said. "But with all the youth and inexperience and injuries, we really had a pretty good team ... Obviously, it was a rebuilding year for us, but I don't think it was a bad year at all."

Other Saturday scores:

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan 16, Crane 0 (Forsan wins series, 2-0).



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