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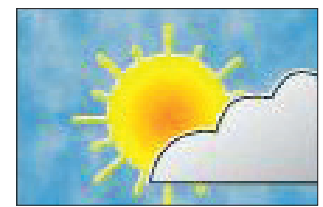


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A 'walking miracle'

Diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, Howard Hornsby has overcome the odds

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

There are all kinds of homecomings, but it would be hard to imagine one sweeter than Howard Hornsby's.

Five months after being diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, Hornsby, a chiropractor with Back In Motion Chiropractic, received a joyous welcome home from friends and family Wednesday afternoon.

For the past nine weeks, Hornsby has been in South Korea undergoing non-traditional treatment for his cancer, which had spread to almost all his major organs earlier this year. The result was evident in Hornsby's smiling face Wednesday.

"Big Spring has blessed me beyond my wildest dreams," said Hornsby, who said his cancer has gone into 90 percent remission. "It's been a crazy few months ... but I've been overwhelmed by the support and prayers I received

from this community." Almost to a person, Hornsby, friends and family members call his survival a miracle and, considering the extent of his cancer, that might not be too much an exaggeration.

"It started with blurred vision in my right eye. Not long after that, the middle lobe of my right lung collapsed," he said. "That's when we discovered the cancer."

The cancer had started in Hornsby's lungs, then spread to other major organs, including his brain, spleen, liver and colon.

"It was so advanced that the doctors gave me absolutely no chance of surviving," he said.

But one doctor, Steve Hines of San Angelo, threw a last-ditch lifeline to Hornsby.

"He told me that nothing we were doing was working, so we had to do something else," he said. "That's when he

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—Howard Hornsby

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Chiropractor Howard Hornsby, left, talks with Jerrod Beall during a reception in Hornsby's honor at Back in Motion Chiropractic Wednesday afternoon. Hornsby recently returned home from South Korea, where he received non-traditional treatments for his Stage 4 cancer, which he says is now in 90 percent remission.

Trade Days opens Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

STANTON — The city of Stanton will become the center of attention in West Texas this weekend, as the Old Sorehead Trade Days gets ready to take over the streets of the small community.

And if a festival-style atmosphere with hundreds of vendors hocking wares of every shape and size is your idea of a good time, the two-day event should be on your to-do list this weekend.

"We have more than 600 vendors scheduled for the Old Sorehead Trade Days," said Shawna Burch, coordinator for the event. "When it was all said and done last



HERALD file photo

Old Sorehead Trade Days will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton.

year we had 618 vendors, so we're about where we were

this time last year."

According to Burch, one of the largest draws for the event, which is held three times each year, is the food. This trade days will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Burch. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood

and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Burch said another vendor expected to attract quite a crowd is a fashion designer coming to the trade days from Austin.

"Her label is called Nicole Marie and she's been very popular at other trade days around the state," said Burch. "We're also expecting to have a horse and carriage giving rides, as well as a number of other vendors selling everything from butterflies to furniture."

Old Sorehead Trade Days will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday

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Coahoma's Dakota Griffith runs past Hawley defenders. The Bulldogs face 2-0 Post at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Post, hoping a second district win puts them ahead the pack in District 2-2A Division II play.

Bulldogs try to separate from pack with win at Post

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor
COAHOMA — Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner has constantly stressed the importance of getting any win the Bulldogs can in a District 2-2A Division II race shaping up to be a tight one.

"I don't think it's impossible to get in with two losses, but I don't want to test that theory," he said.

The Bulldogs will try to avoid a second loss when they visit 2-0 Post

at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Post.

Coahoma, (4-2, 1-1 in district play) was hit with a scare in its last game against Hawley at home. Quarterback Tanner Ruiz didn't play the second half after injuring his wrist. Pete Acosta, who originally started at quarterback for the Bulldogs this season, took his place and impressed. He finished completing 4-of-6 passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns in the 46-14 win, both to stand-

out receiver Hunter Williams.

But Ruiz is expected to suit up and play this week after Gardner said the quarterback looked like he's bounced back from the injury. If that can't happen, Gardner said he is confident in Acosta's ability to lead the offense.

"Tanner will be suited up Friday night and most likely will take snaps," he said. "We've kind of been treating it on a day-to-day basis. We expect him to be

suited up, taking snaps on Friday."

As for Post, Gardner recognizes the tradition behind the Antelopes. He said this team being 2-0 in district play so far is nothing new to the program.

Gardner said it's not often these two teams play each other and the new District 2-2A Division II allows them to renew the series.

"They've got tradition," he said. "They're used to being in the playoffs, they're used to

being a winning team. There's just something to be said about that. Their kids expect that's what's supposed to hap-

pen." The Antelopes have been doing it with the

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Coahoma (4-2) at Post (3-3)

Coahoma players to watch: QB Tanner Ruiz, RB Dakota Griffith
Post players to watch: RB Ernie Saldivar, OLB Ben Mason
— Coahoma quarterback Tanner Ruiz hurt his wrist last week, but should be ready to go for Friday's game.

Bearkats, Coyotes ready for showdown

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — If Garden City head coach Vance Jones is going to play one of the biggest games of the year, he's glad he gets to have it at home.

"It's a lot better for us to be playing over here with our crowd," he said, with No. 3 Borden County on tap at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Garden City. "They'll have a big crowd too from what I understand. There will be a lot of folks and a lot of theirs coming to watch the game."

Before district play begins, the No. 2 Bearkats have a chance to make a statement, if they haven't already. Two

of the top teams in six-man football go head-to-head for a high-profile matchup in the middle of the season.

The Coyotes are coming off a bye week, while the Bearkats are coming off their sixth win of the season, a 60-26 romp over Ropes.

Jones said he is expecting the Bearkats' biggest challenge so far this season and a Borden County team that doesn't make too many mistakes.

He said the Coyotes are well-coached, they have the talent and the speed, but they're also fundamentally sound, which makes them tougher to beat.

Still, the opportunity

for the defending state champion Bearkats to garner even more attention is on the line Friday.

"We're looking forward to it because of that," Jones said. "Coming out on top in this one and that pretty much legitimizes what we're doing. The kids are really pumped for it. Hopefully we'll play well and meet the challenge."

Jones said these two teams are evenly matched and the Bearkats may have a slight advantage throwing the ball with Blayne Batla at quarterback.

Both teams can put up points, as evidenced from their past games this season and in 2009.



Photo Courtesy of James Schwartz

Garden City quarterback Blayne Batla prepares to throw the ball in a game earlier this season.

But Jones said it's hard to expect Friday's game

to be a high-scoring affair. He said anything

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Over 80 2-man scramble

Gaines County Golf Course is hosting an over 80 2-man scramble on Oct. 23 and 24. The starting times are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee cost \$80 per person plus the cart. The entry fee also includes lunch on Oct. 23. For more information or to

enter call (432) 758-3808.

Washer tournament

There will be a washer tourney at 2 p.m. Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Entry fee is \$50 per team and the deadline is at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Obituaries

Frances Hay Hudson



Services for Frances Hay Hudson, 78, of Whitney will be held at 2 p.m. Sat. Oct. 9, 2010, at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Whitney. Visitation will be held Friday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Interment will be at Midway Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors.

Ed B. Villareal Jr.

Ed B. Villareal Jr., 44, of Odessa died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, at Odessa Regional Hospital. He was born in Big Spring and was a house painter.

He is survived by his wife, Melinda (Lopez) Villareal of Odessa; parents, Ed Villareal and Yolanda (Chavarria) Villareal of Odessa; daughter, Abigail Villareal of Odessa; two sons, Daniel Villareal and Nicholas Villareal, both of Odessa; two sisters, Priscilla Young and Victoria Villareal, both of Odessa; and two brothers, Raymundo Chavarria and Israel Villareal, both of Odessa.

Funeral services will be held at Acres West Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, with pastor Michael Villareal officiating. Interment will follow at Los Angeles Garden of Ector County Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Alta Mae Gage Bettie

Alta Mae Gage Bettie, 94, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in Temple. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Charles Biddison

Charles Biddison, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-31-33-34-35-37.
Number matching six of six: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-9-10-21-32.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$20,836.
Winning ticket purchased in: Mesquite.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 8-7-4-7.

The winning numbers in Wednesday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 3-8-3.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 4800 block of N. FM 820. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ann. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Police blotter

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

- CAMILO MARTIN NIETO JR., 36, of 611 Bucknell, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- PATRICIA DIANE COOK, 27, of 1606 E. 16th St., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of no driver's license when unlicensed.
- CATISHA DEANN MINTER, 27, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for animal repeatedly at large (two counts) and no dog or cat rabies vaccinations (two counts).
- TERRI LYNN YANEZ, 45, of 1709 S. Owens, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.
- BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE SR., 50, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. 37, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JESUSITA MICHELE ZAPATA, 34, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JAMES LESTER NEWTON, 35, of 701 Creighton, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for theft and a warrant from another agency.
- JUAN OLIVAS VALENCIA, 50, of 505 N. Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1700 block of S. Scurry.
- THEFT was reported in the area of Jack Cathey Construction.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of Robin.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 500 block of N. Runnels.

Sheriff

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

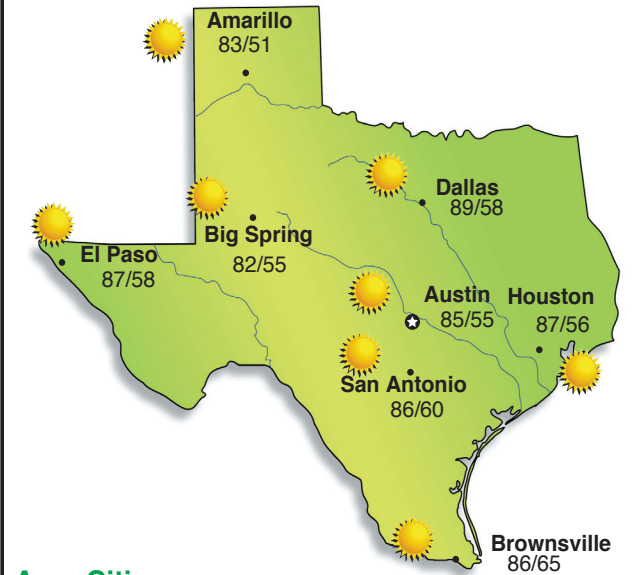
- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- PATRICIA DIANE COOK, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license.
 - CATISHA DEAN MINTER, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrant for animal at large (two counts) and no vaccination or license for animal (two counts).
 - TERRI LYNN YANEZ, 45, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
 - BENIGNO PESINA, 40, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
 - BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE SR., 50, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a parole violation for delivery of a controlled substance.
 - JESUSITA MICHELLE ZAPATA, 34, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
 - JAMES LESTER NEWTON, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for theft by check and theft by check.
 - JUAN VALENCIA, 50, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 10/8	Sat 10/9	Sun 10/10	Mon 10/11	Tue 10/12
82/55 Mainly sunny. High 82F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.	85/56 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	83/56 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	85/57 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	86/55 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM

Texas At A Glance



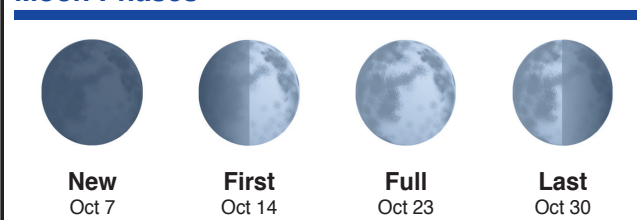
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	58	sunny	Kingsville	87	61	sunny
Amarillo	83	51	sunny	Livingston	88	50	sunny
Austin	85	55	sunny	Longview	89	54	sunny
Beaumont	89	56	sunny	Lubbock	83	51	sunny
Brownsville	86	65	sunny	Lufkin	89	53	sunny
Brownwood	87	55	sunny	Midland	85	56	sunny
Corpus Christi	85	63	sunny	Raymondville	89	63	sunny
Corsicana	88	55	sunny	Rosenberg	88	55	sunny
Dallas	89	58	sunny	San Antonio	86	60	sunny
Del Rio	86	57	sunny	San Marcos	86	55	sunny
El Paso	87	58	sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	57	sunny
Fort Stockton	87	57	sunny	Sweetwater	84	56	sunny
Gainesville	88	54	sunny	Tyler	88	52	sunny
Greenville	89	54	sunny	Weatherford	87	55	sunny
Houston	87	56	sunny	Wichita Falls	87	53	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	50	sunny	Minneapolis	81	59	mst sunny
Boston	69	52	mst sunny	New York	73	57	sunny
Chicago	78	51	sunny	Phoenix	86	62	sunny
Dallas	89	58	sunny	San Francisco	66	58	pt sunny
Denver	67	43	t-storm	Seattle	60	58	rain
Houston	87	56	sunny	St. Louis	82	59	sunny
Los Angeles	75	59	sunny	Washington, DC	76	55	sunny
Miami	85	70	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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Lee, Rangers beat Rays in Game 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Cliff Lee savored another playoff victory, saying winning is the only way to really evaluate how he performs.

“That’s the bottom line, regardless how that happens,” the Texas Rangers ace said after beating the Tampa Bay Rays 5-1 Wednesday in the opening game of the AL playoffs. “If we get a win, it was a good performance.”

Picking up where he left off during a stellar postseason run in 2009, Lee shrugged off a shaky first inning to shut down the Rays and help the AL West champions win a playoff game for the first time in 14 years.

It was exactly what the Rangers had in mind when they acquired the 2008 Cy Young Award winner, who improved to 5-0 with a 1.52 ERA in six postseason starts.

The Rangers will try to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series on Thursday, with left-hander C.J. Wilson taking the mound for Texas against right-hander James Shields.

“Obviously, I enjoy competition, period, whether it be the regular season, postseason, playing darts, shooting pool or whatever,” Lee said. “I like to compete, and I hate to lose. Any time you’re playing against the most elite baseball players in the world, it’s a challenge.”

No pitcher has done it better in the playoffs, lately.

The 32-year-old lefty worked seven impressive innings, matching a postseason best with 10 strikeouts while allowing five hits — just two after escaping a bases-loaded jam in the first inning. During one dominating stretch, he retired 16 of 17 batters before giving up Ben Zobrist’s homer in the seventh.

The Rangers got to Rays ace David Price early, building a 5-0 lead for Lee, with Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina hitting home runs and Jeff Francoeur and Vladimir Guerrero also driving in runs.

“There’s never going to be a point when I’m on the mound that I feel like it’s not going to be my day,” said Lee,

who fanned Carlos Pena and Rocco Baldelli after giving up singles to Jason Bartlett, Carl Crawford and Evan Longoria in the first. “If you lose confidence out there, you’re in a bad spot. Regardless of what the situation is, or what the circumstances are, you’ve got to stay positive.”

Lee went 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five postseason starts for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2009, including 2-0 with a 2.81 ERA against the New York Yankees in the World Series.

He lost to the Rays three times during the regular season. That meant nothing Wednesday as the Rangers, in the playoffs for the first time since 1999, stopped a nine-game postseason losing streak.

Price, a 19-game winner, allowed five runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out eight and, like Lee, walked none.

“It’s very frustrating,” Price said. “I wasn’t at my best. It’s tough to swallow.”

Lee began this season with the Seattle Mariners, who

dealt him in early July to Texas, which was looking to bolster its rotation with a No. 1 starter capable of leading the Rangers deep into the postseason. Philadelphia acquired him from Cleveland during last year’s run to the NL pennant, and the lefty is eligible for free agency after the season.

The Rays beat him twice while he was with the Mariners, and once with the Rangers during Tampa Bay’s three-game sweep of Texas at Tropicana Field in August.

“It’s just tough to square the guy up. You get a chance to score runs, you have to do it,” said Tampa Bay’s Kelly Shopach, a former teammate of Lee in Cleveland.

“It seems like we hit a lot of balls really hard,” said Zobrist, who also had a second-inning double off Lee. “We just couldn’t get anything to really fall in and get something going.”

Price played a key role in Tampa Bay’s surprising run to the World Series two years ago, coming out of the bull-

pen as a rookie with less than a month’s experience in the majors to get the final four outs against Boston in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

He had the AL’s third-lowest ERA this season at 2.73, and became the youngest pitcher to start an All-Star game since Dwight Gooden in 1988.

He has never beaten the Rangers. In addition to Wednesday’s loss, he’s 0-2 with a 7.45 ERA — his highest against an AL opponent — in four regular-season starts against Texas.

The Rays have been resilient all season and are confident they can come back in the series. Shields is 0-4 over his past six starts and hasn’t won since Aug. 29, yet his teammates expect him to shine in Game 2.

“I think he thrives off of this kind of situation, losing Game 1 at home,” Tampa Bay’s B.J. Upton said.

“We’ve kind of been up and down all year, and we don’t let one game get to us,” Upton added.

Larsen has some company after Halladay’s no-hitter

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Roy Halladay finished his warmup tosses and stood on the mound, waiting for a commercial to finish so he could resume working on his masterpiece.

Nothing could deter Halladay in his postseason debut. Not the long television breaks. Not the rain in the early innings. Not the best-hitting team in the NL.

Halladay threw the second no-hitter in postseason history, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Cincinnati Reds 4-0 in Game 1 of the NL division series on Wednesday.

“It’s surreal, it really is,” Halladay said. “I just wanted to pitch here, to pitch in the postseason. To go out and

have a game like that, it’s a dream come true.”

Don Larsen is the only other pitcher to throw a postseason no-hitter. He tossed a perfect game for the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers. The 54th anniversary of Larsen’s gem is this Friday.

Halladay took the Year of the Pitcher into October. The excitement spread beyond Citizens Bank Park — the last two outs were shown on the video board at Target Field, where the Twins were preparing to play the Yankees, and Minnesota fans cheered.

The All-Star right-hander, who threw a perfect game at Florida on

May 29, dominated the Reds with a sharp fastball and a devastating slow curve in his first playoff start.

The overmatched Reds never came close to a hit. Halladay allowed only one runner, walking Jay Bruce on a full count with two outs in the fifth, and struck out eight. He threw 104 pitches, 79 for strikes.

“It’s no fun out there,” Reds slugger Joey Votto said. “It’s like trying to hit nothing. He’s an ace among aces.”

Halladay spent 12 seasons with Toronto, far from the postseason. A trade last December brought him to the defending two-time NL champions, and gave him this chance.

“It’s been a great year, a fun year,

we obviously have a ways to go,” Halladay said.

With a sellout crowd standing in the ninth and chanting “Let’s Go, Doc!” Halladay got a loud ovation when he jogged to the mound to start the inning.

Ramon Hernandez popped out to second baseman Chase Utley for the first out. Pinch-hitter Miguel Cairo then fouled out to third baseman Wilson Valdez.

Halladay retired Brandon Phillips on a tapper in front of the plate to end it. Catcher Carlos Ruiz pounced on the ball, getting down on his knee as

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Teixeira’s homer pushes Yanks past Twins in Game 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The New York Yankees became Major League Baseball’s flagship franchise almost as much for the glamorous image they project as for the 27 titles in their trophy case.

From Babe Ruth to Derek Jeter, Joltin’ Joe to A-Rod, the Yankees have almost always been the bluebloods of baseball.

Until this year. The

2010 Yanks are defined by resilience, grit and a never-give-up attitude that belies their \$200 million payroll and Broadway billing.

Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning and the Yankees rallied to a 6-4 victory over Minnesota on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the AL division series, the Twins’ 10th straight postseason

loss.

During the regular season, the Yankees overcame deficits of three runs or more to win seven times, according to STATS LLC, and led the majors with 48 come-from-behind victories. Seven of their 11 victories in the postseason last year came after they fell behind, including all three against the Twins.

“Our lineup is so deep,

there’s never a reason to give up,” Teixeira said. “There’s some teams where maybe two or three guys carry the team and if you’re in a big hole it’s tough to get out of. But with our lineup, we can be down four, five, six runs and still have a chance to score seven or eight. We just haven’t given up all year.”

The Twins have seen this show before.

They fell to 2-10 against the Yankees in the ALDS, including 3-1 series losses in 2003 and 2004 and a sweep last year.

“My hat goes off to ‘em. That’s a great ballclub they’ve got over there, man,” Twins second baseman Orlando Hudson said. “Those boys never give up. They believe, one through nine. They believe in each other, one through nine, and any given time someone can pop one. And you saw a prime example tonight.”

Game 2 is on Thurs

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Wing-T, which means the Bulldogs will be in another game against a team that runs the same offense.

They saw a Wing-T against Hawley, but Gardner said it wasn’t exactly a mirror image of what Coahoma ran. The same should happen in Friday’s game against Post. Gardner said there is not as much misdirection in Post’s Wing-T and getting a chance to face Hawley’s offense should help in this game.

The Bulldogs’ defense should be better in this game, too. Gardner said he was somewhat surprised at the slow start against Hawley, allowing 14 in the first half. But he expects his defense to be key from the beginning of the game against Post.

BEARKATS

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can happen at this level of football.

After Friday’s show-down, Jones and the Bearkats have next week off before beginning district play. He said he hopes his team can gain even more momentum heading into that stretch, but for now, his players are excited for Friday’s game.

“I think we’ve had a really good practice,” he said. “Kids have been very attentive, listening to what we’re telling them and watching film. I think they’re pretty excited about it.”

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ENTRY FORM IN WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY EDITION OF THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Take Note

• Papa Chon's Mexican Restaurant, 310 Owens, is the United Way Dine Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the proceeds received through Sunday at Papa Chon's will be donated to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Local resident Gale Pittman is planning to decorate a Christmas tree for the Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest in honor and memory of service men and women now on active duty and those who gave their lives for their country. The loved one does not need to be from Big Spring and it does not matter what war they fought in. Families should send information on their service man or woman to Gale Pittman, 3401 Sherrod Rd., Big Spring 79720.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

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FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

• Candlelight Meeting Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at 10 p.m. at 1609 S. Main in Big Spring. For more information call (432) 935-5805 or (432) 517-2272.

Odd News

Carted off: NY police hunt for stolen wiener stand

ORANGEBURG, N.Y. (AP) — Police in a suburb northwest of New York City are searching for a stolen hot dog stand.

Owner Fred Martucci tells the Journal News that he's devastated over the loss of "Fred's Franks." He used the 10-foot-long, 7-foot-wide stainless steel trailer to support his family in Orangeburg for more than a year.

Orangetown Police Detective Sgt. George Garrecht says the hot dog heist happened on the evening of Sept. 30.

Three men pulled into a parking lot, cut the trailer's locks and cables, hitched it to their pickup truck and drove north on Route 303.

Police have viewed surveillance footage. But they have a limited description of the suspects and vehicle, because it happened on a rainy night.

Texas woman, 81, arrested on voter fraud charge

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An 81-year-old San Antonio woman has been arrested on charges that she used her dead sister's identity to vote a second time in the 2008 general election.

An affidavit says Mary Ann Comparin's older sister committed suicide in 1963, but the woman who goes by several aliases allegedly used her photo with the name and driver's license information of her late sister, Norma Gerrish Collins.

Officials tell the San Antonio Express-News Comparin was arrested Monday and faces one count of illegal voting.

Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange says the agency matched images on the two licenses last year. The Texas Attorney General's Office issued a warrant last week.

Comparin's attorney didn't immediately return phone messages from The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

Silicon Valley smartphone snatcher prompts manhunt

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — California's Silicon Valley takes its technology seriously.

Palo Alto police enlisted officers from two neighboring cities and a sheriff's helicopter to hunt down a smartphone snatcher Tuesday evening.

And the suspect still managed to get away on his bike.

Palo Alto Police Agent Max Nielepko maintains the response was standard and appropriate because the thief was a threat to public safety.

Police say a young man asked to borrow a pedestrian's phone, then took off on his bike with the Droid.

STANTON

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and continue until 7 p.m., and resume Sunday from noon

until 5 p.m.

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the hand-

icapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

For more information on Old Sorehead Trade Days, call the event hotline at (432) 756-2006

or visit www.stantontex.com on the Web.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Charles Biddison, 81, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

CANCER

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suggested I go to Korea."

Doctors in South Korea, Hornsby was told, were developing gene therapy and stem cell regimens to go hand in hand with traditional chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Figuring he had nothing more to lose, he traveled to Seoul, South Korea, where he spent nine weeks undergoing the non-traditional treatments, along with regular chemotherapy and radiation sessions.

"They extracted stem cells from me, re-engineered them so that they were working correctly ... and put them back in my body," Hornsby said. "My cancer was so advanced even the doctors over there weren't sure it could help me ... but I saw a lot of Stage Four cancer patients walk out of that clinic." Hornsby's cancer has

been beaten back significantly, but still remains, and he must still undergo regular chemotherapy treatments now that he is home. But his odds of beating the disease have significantly improved.

"I've been given a second chance," he said. "Now, I just want to show people how God has helped me through these doctors."

Jody Reid, Hornsby's partner at Back in Motion, said his recovery is a testament to the power

of prayer.

"He's a walking miracle," Reid said. "I've never seen anyone prayed over like he was ... We just felt maybe God wasn't through


with him."

Hornsby said he encourages people with questions about his treatment to contact him at 267-2225.

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By Eddy Pitchford

How powerful are words? They can angrily start a war. They can gently stop a fight. They can lovingly propose marriage. They can carelessly lead to divorce. They can thoughtfully bring a promotion. They can poetically stir the imagination. They can politically unite a nation. They can harmfully scar emotions. They can joyfully praise God. They can kindly encourage the grieving. They can gracefully confess Jesus Christ. They can skillfully build teamwork. They can faithfully strengthen relationships. They can wisely direct the confused. They can patiently bless the child. They can gratefully thank the parent. They can politely refresh the tired. They can apologetically reconcile the divided. They can helpfully heal the brokenhearted. They can prayerfully bring forgiveness. They can thankfully express gratitude.

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Week 6: Grady, Sands start district

**Klondike (1-5)
at Sands (6-0)
-7:30 p.m. today,
Ackerly**

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs begin district play against Klondike tonight, with the game tentatively set

for 7:30 p.m. The Mustangs bring a 6-0 record into district and head coach Wayne Henderson is excited to get to the crucial part of the schedule. Klondike enters tonight's game banged up a little bit. Henderson said they've suffered a few injuries to key players, leading to the 1-5 re-

cord. But the Mustangs hope to stay on the right track in a district with Grady and Borden County. Henderson said the Mustangs are glad to be 6-0, but what happens in district play determines the season.

**Grady (5-1)
at O'Donnell (1-4)
- 7:30 p.m., Friday,
O'Donnell**

LENORAH — The Grady Wildcats hope to keep riding the arm of quarterback Shane Teague as district play begins

this week. Teague had a solid game last week against Sterling City, where he completed 5 of 8 passes for 104 yards. Possibly one of the more high-profile games is in two weeks against Sands.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331 ext. 237.

Vikings get Moss from Patriots in trade

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Randy Moss is returning to Minnesota, finally united with Brett Favre in the place where his exceptional ability to catch the football first flourished.

Reviving memories of Moss's electrifying performances, colorful comments and contrarian behavior, the Super-Bowl-or-bust Vikings made another eye-opening acquisition — just in time to try to rejuvenate a stagnant offense for a challenging stretch of games.

The New England Patriots traded the seven-time Pro Bowl wide receiver to Minnesota on Wednesday, giving Moss the exit he expected and sending him back to the team that turned him into a superstar after drafting him in the first round in 1998.

"He can still go downtown and get the football, which is a stand-alone factor," Vikings coach Brad Childress said. "He could sprain his toe here sometime coming up, and you could say that he's 33, it's old age. But there's always risk-reward. I don't necessarily see this as boom or bust. I think he's got some more football in him."

The Vikings play at New York on Monday night, and Childress said without hesitation Moss would be in uniform against the Jets — in his old purple No. 84.

"Man, we wish this would have hap-

pened a week later," Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson said.

Oh, and check out Minnesota's last two games in October: at rival Green Bay, and then at New England.

"We've just been missing something, and I think he can give us another threat down the field," running back Adrian Peterson said on the team's website.

The Vikings didn't practice on Wednesday. Moss is expected to join the team on Thursday and talk with reporters afterward.

"I know I like waking up 2 good news!" left tackle Bryant McKinnie said on Twitter. He's one of eight players remaining from Moss's last team in 2004.

Added Kevin Williams, via the team's website: "He's one of the most competitive guys I've ever played with and I'm happy to have him back with us."

The Vikings in exchange will give the Patriots their third-round draft pick in 2011 and get a seventh-round pick from New England in 2012, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity because the teams did not disclose terms of the deal.

The entertaining style Moss brought with him started a string of sellouts at the Metrodome that is still going 13 years later. His jersey can still be

seen regularly on the backs of fans, six years after his departure.

On Wednesday at Target Field, as the Twins were facing the Yankees in Game 1 of their playoff series, multiple Moss jerseys were spotted in the crowd. One man across the street from the ballpark before the game even wore a fake Afro along with his, an ode to the time when Moss puffed up his hair before a late-season game.

Moss's first stint in Minnesota was anything but smooth, with several occasions where he was fined or admonished for his antics or behavior. He found trouble with the law, too, for infamously bumping a traffic cop with his car.

Tired of his attitude and wary of a hamstring injury that hampered him in the 2004 season, the Vikings traded Moss to Oakland in 2005. He wore out his welcome there and the Raiders sent him to New England in 2007. Favre was frustrated at the time the Packers didn't land Moss; they discussed a trade with Oakland.

Childress, though, denied on Wednesday that Favre lobbied for this move.

"I don't think any of us thought this guy was going to be available," Childress said.

Childress said he has a clean slate in Minnesota.

"I'm just satisfied to judge him, not

backward, but judge him going forward and what he does with us here," he said.

Moss will move from catching passes from Tom Brady to Favre, who desperately needed a downfield threat after Pro Bowl receiver Sidney Rice had hip surgery in August. Struggling Bernard Berrian has been a nonfactor, and Percy Harvin — when healthy — is better suited for the slot position.

"This is an exciting move; I think everybody feels that in the locker room," Favre said on the team's website. "It's rare you get to play with a future Hall of Famer and get to appreciate their talents up close. Randy Moss is a great player and his career speaks for itself. I've admired him from a distance for a long time, and you can't help but be impressed by the guy."

Moss spent his first seven seasons in Minnesota, where he set all kinds of records and became one of the most exciting playmakers in the league. He burned Favre's Packers often, racking up 9,142 yards and 90 touchdowns during his first stint with Minnesota and fueling a run to the NFC title game following the 1998 and 2000 seasons.

One of his old teammates, Nate Burleson, now with the Detroit Lions, chimed in with his approval.

ROY

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the ball rolled near Phillips' bat, and made a strong throw for the final out.

"If I was catching, I probably would've picked up the ball and bat and threw them both," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Halladay pumped his fist into his glove as Ruiz rushed to the mound. Just like catcher Yogi Berra did with Larsen, Ruiz started to jump into Halladay's arms. Unlike Berra, the 5-foot-8 Ruiz didn't wrap up his pitcher in a bear hug.

Shortstop Jimmy Rollins made the toughest play to preserve the no-hitter, going deep in the hole and making a strong throw to retire Votto in the fourth.

Pitcher Travis Wood hit a sinking liner to right that

Jayson Werth caught in the third. Pinch-hitter Juan Francisco hit a hard grounder up the middle in the sixth, but Rollins scooted over and made it look easy.

There were five no-hitters in the majors this year as pitchers dominated. Five no-hit bids were broken up in the ninth inning, too.

Halladay became the fifth pitcher to throw two no-hitters in the same year. He joined Nolan Ryan (1973), Virgil Trucks (1952), Allie Reynolds (1951) and Johnny Vander Meer (1938).

The last time a pitcher came close to a no-hitter in the post-season was quite a while ago. Boston's Jim Lonborg went 7 2-3 innings against St. Louis in the 1967 World Series before Julian Javier broke up it with a double, according to STATS LLC.

Game 2 is Friday at Philadelphia.

The Reds led the NL in average (.272), homers (188) and runs (790). But they couldn't do anything against Halladay, who won 21 games and is a strong candidate to win his second Cy Young Award.

The 33-year-old topped the NL in victories and led the majors in innings, shutouts and complete games. He was at the top of his game from the get-go in Game 1.

A determined, intense Halladay got ahead of hitters and worked quickly. He threw first-pitch strikes to 17 of the first 18 batters.

"It's tough to beat probably the best pitcher in baseball in a game at his home park," Bruce said.

Halladay even did it at the plate. He ignited a three-run, two-out rally in the second with an RBI single.

On the opposite side, 27-year-old Edinson Volquez looked like a postseason rookie. He

never seemed to get comfortable on the mound, taking his time between pitches, tugging at his cap and long dreadlocks and breathing deeply. At one point, Hernandez, from his crouched position behind the plate, motioned for him to calm down.

Volquez allowed four runs and four hits in 1 2-3 innings. The hard-throwing right-hander was 4-3 in 12 starts this season after returning from elbow surgery.

Halladay was so eager to join the Phillies that he passed up a chance to test free agency after this season and signed a \$60 million, three-year extension to complete a trade. Halladay probably would've received the richest contract ever for a pitcher if he held off, but he wanted to play in Philadelphia.

The Phillies gave Halladay all the runs he would need in the first.

Shane Victorino sliced a one-out double down the left-field line. He stole third and scored on Utley's sacrifice fly to right. A fired-up Victorino slid headfirst barely ahead of Bruce's strong one-hop throw, got up and patted plate umpire John Hirschbeck on the behind on his way to the dugout.

Ruiz drew a two-out walk in the second and Valdez bounced an infield single that shortstop Orlando Cabrera fielded on the second-base side of the infield. Halladay then hit a hard liner to left that fell in ahead of Jonny Gomes' sliding attempt. Ruiz scored to make it 2-0. After Rollins walked to load the bases, Victorino chased Volquez with a two-run single.

With the crowd waving their white-and-red "Fightin' Phils" rally towels, Victorino fouled off consecutive 3-2 pitches.

YANKS

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day night, with Andy Pettitte starting for New York against Carl Pavano.

In the first outdoor postseason game in Minnesota since 1970, the Twins had brand new Target Field rocking early. Michael Cuddyer hit a two-run homer off CC Sabathia in the second inning and Hudson scored on a passed ball in the third for a 3-0 lead.

Francisco Liriano was cruising, allowing just four hits and retiring 10 in a row before running into trouble

in the sixth inning.

Teixeira doubled, Alex Rodriguez walked and Jorge Posada and Robinson Cano followed with RBI-singles to cut the deficit to 3-2. Then Curtis Granderson followed with a two-run triple to give New York its first lead and suck the life out of more than 42,000 fans.

"It doesn't matter what the score is after 3, 4, 5, there's still a lot of game left," Jeter said. "You've got to play nine innings."

Sabathia walked rookie Danny Valencia with the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 4, but rebounded to strike out J.J.

Hardy.

Teixeira came through with the big shot in the seventh, sending a hanging slider from Jesse Crain into the seats in right field, and Mariano Rivera got four outs for his 40th postseason save.

"When you come over here and you're part of the Yankee organization, winning is an attitude," right fielder Nick Swisher said. "To come over here and be a part of it and get to learn from all these guys that played before us, we have that never-die attitude and it definitely showed tonight."

Once again, the Twins couldn't find

a way to come up with a big hit when they needed it most. They went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position and had their big bopper — DH Jim Thome — up twice in the final three innings with a chance to put the Twins back in it.

But David Robertson struck out Thome with two on and two out in the seventh and Rivera got the 40-year-old slugger to pop out to Rodriguez with one man on in the ninth to end the game.

"Obviously you know they've got the potential to score, but you don't have that 'Oh, gosh, here-we-go-again feeling,'" said Cuddyer.

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OUR VIEW

Old Sorehead Trade Days is again on tap

This weekend is going to be a busy one in Stanton as the citizens of that community will be entertaining thousands of visitors during Old Sorehead Trade Days.

More than 600 booths are expected to line the streets of Stanton during Saturday's and Sunday's shop-a-rama which will be staged from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and resume on Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

The array of items available during the event seems to grow with each successive trade days weekend.

As Shawna Burch, the event's coordinator, puts it, "There's not much you won't find at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

According to Burch, one of the largest draws for the event is the food. The event will feature two "food court" areas for visitors to check out. The first will be located by the single traffic light near First National Bank and Stanton Drug, with a second area near the Stanton Community Center.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Burch. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

Another vendor expected to attract quite a crowd is a fashion designer coming to the trade days from Austin.

"Her label is called Nicole Marie and she's been very popular at other trade days around the state," said Burch. "We're also expecting to have a horse and carriage giving rides, as well as a number of other vendors selling everything from butterflies to furniture."

In addition, there will be plenty of entertainment, with various groups providing music throughout the day on the Martin County Courthouse lawn.

With a special area set aside for rides and games for children and all sorts of food dishes provided by numerous vendors, Old Sorehead Trade Days is certainly an opportunity for the entire family.

Burch suggests those wanting to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, need to plan to come early and stay late.

That's not a bad idea.

And don't worry if you're not familiar with the layout of Stanton's streets, because volunteers will be on hand to help direct visitors to different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking.

In fact, organizers have thought of just about everything, providing golf carts to help those needing a ride to get to and from their vehicles.

Best of all, admission to Old Sorehead Trade Days is free.

Chances are that will only be the first of many bargains you'll find this weekend.

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we have a heavenly edge.

Amen

Hall of Hypocrites has new member

For the past few months, she has been telling California voters that employers who hire undocumented immigrants should be held accountable and sanctioned.

But now that Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman admits she had an undocumented housekeeper, shouldn't the voters sanction her? If not for breaking federal immigration laws, at least for her hypocrisy.

Whitman, the dot-com billionaire and self-proclaimed "tough as nails" anti-illegal immigration candidate, now wants us to believe she had no clue that the housekeeper she employed for nine years was using phony papers.

The scandal threatens to derail Whitman's head-to-head race against Democrat Jerry Brown, who now rightfully questions whether the former eBay boss is even fit to be governor.

The housekeeper, Nicky Diaz Santillan, 39, from Mexico, admits she gave Whitman a phony Social Security number, but Diaz's lawyer says Whitman had a "don't ask, don't tell" relationship with her housekeeper. There is other evidence — including a letter from the Social Security Administration — that shows Whitman should have been aware of her housekeeper's illegal status.

So it turns out that the candidate who wants everyone to believe that she would be tough on undocumented immigrants wasn't so tough in her own home!

Mind you, this is a woman who claims to speak for those who believe there is no need for immigrant workers because there are allegedly many American citizens willing to work as nannies, farmhands and dishwashers. Yet for the past nine years, she depended on immigrant labor in her own home.

And so the Hall of Great Political Hypocrites has a new inductee!

We've seen the gay-bashing and seemingly homophobic politicians who turn out to be homosexuals and the law-and-order zealots who turn out to be crooks and the saints who turn out to be sinners. We've seen immigrant-bashers who have hired undocu-

mented immigrants.

It's simple. Right after Mitt Romney's name, add Meg Whitman to the list of immigration hypocrites.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, became an anti-immigrant zealot when, as a GOP candidate for president, he decided to pander to conservative extremists. Less than a month before he was scheduled to leave the governor's office, he cut a deal with federal authorities to allow state troopers to arrest and seek deportation of illegal immigrants. But just as Romney was coming off as a proud immigrant-basher, The Boston Globe reported that illegal immigrants had been mowing his lawn for many years.

Romney's undocumented workers were hired indirectly (he hired a landscaping company that relied heavily on undocumented workers), but Whitman's undocumented housekeeper had a much closer and personal relationship with her boss.

We all have seen hypocritical politicians who are willing to say anything, depending on the audience, to get elected.

But Whitman's two-faced campaign has been more barefaced than average. While she spends millions on Spanish-language commercials telling Latinos she loves absolutely everything about them, she also tells Latino haters that she stands with them when they oppose comprehensive immigration reform and a path to legalization for undocumented immigrants. And she has aligned herself with former Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, who is widely regarded as "the enemy of our community" in the barrios throughout California. Whitman has vowed to end "sanctuary cities" and to block undocumented students' admission to state universities. And to please the conservative extremists in her state, she asked Wilson to narrate the radio spots outlining her anti-immigrant agenda.

Of course, Latino voters remember Wilson as the architect of Proposition 187, that insidious and mostly unsuccessful effort to deny basic services, including public education, to undocumented children.

Just knowing that they would be voting against Wilson's heir apparent should be enough motivation for Latinos to reject Whitman.

But if that wasn't enough, the

housekeeper put the icing on the cake!

Diaz acknowledges that after Whitman announced she was running for governor, she sought help from her employer to acquire legal status and ended up getting fired.

Though Whitman denies knowing that Diaz was using her sister's green card to pass as a legal resident, Gloria Allred, the housekeeper's attorney, has produced "smoking-gun" evidence: a letter from the Social Security Administration in which Whitman and her husband are asked to verify Diaz's status.

At first, Whitman denied accusations that she and her husband had received the Social Security letter explaining that Diaz's documentation did not match government records. But later, she had to acknowledge that her husband's handwriting could be on the letter produced by Allred.

This gun was really smoking!

Images of the weeping housekeeper at a news conference last week will no doubt have a profound effect on many California voters Nov. 2.

Had Whitman been forthright with the public from the beginning and acknowledged that she was another politician with a nanny problem, perhaps many Californians would have understood. After all, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, some 27 percent of U.S. housekeepers are undocumented workers. But she tried to sweep it under the rug.

And now, how much she actually knew about Diaz's illegal status is no longer the main issue. It is now a question of credibility.

If she knew her maid was undocumented while hypocritically charging that illegal immigrants should be prosecuted, should she be entrusted with the governorship? And if she had an undocumented immigrant under her nose for nine years and the so-called "tough as nails" candidate didn't notice it, should she be entrusted with the governorship?

This is a candidate who has said she wants to not only "prosecute illegal aliens" but also punish the people who hire them.

Perhaps now the voters will punish her — not necessarily for hiring an undocumented worker, but for her repulsive hypocrisy.

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A radical agenda in troubled times

It hasn't been an easy two years. In 2008, Americans flatly rejected a party that had created a devastating recession, sent our troops off to two seemingly unending wars and refused to find solutions to crises in our immigration and health care systems.

Two years later, we've seen some progress. Our troops are out of Iraq, Wall Street has been forced to end some of its most dangerous practices and millions more Americans have health insurance.

Other important reforms have been stalled by obstructionists in the U.S. Senate. The economic hard times and the frustration, still linger.

In this atmosphere of frustration and anger, a new breed of congressional candidate has emerged. Far-right candidates from Alaska to New Hampshire are promising change — but don't mistake the change they have in mind for real solutions. These far-right candidates aren't interested in solving problems.

They're interested in taking advantage of troubled times to push a radical agenda that takes rights away from ordinary Americans and puts even more power in the hands of wealthy CEOs.

First on the chopping block for most of these far-right candidates are government programs

that many Americans rely on. Candidates like Joe Miller in Alaska, Ken Buck in Colorado, Rand Paul in Kentucky, Sharron Angle in Nevada and Mike Lee in Utah say they want to eliminate the Department of Education, which ensures the quality of public schools but leaves most major curriculum decisions up to state and local school boards. Others want to get rid of the Department of Energy, which, among other important tasks, ensures the safe handling of nuclear material in the United States.

Even our safety net for the elderly isn't safe from these candidates' radical agenda. Miller, Buck, Angle and Lee want to eliminate Social Security, a program that many elderly Americans rely on for their basic needs. Some of these candidates even want to eliminate Medicare, leaving millions of ailing seniors to fend for themselves.

And forget finding workable solutions to unemployment, the broken immigration system, or the climate crisis. Right-wing candidates across the country, like Carly Fiorina in California and Marco Rubio in Florida, have come out in favor of the anti-immigrant law in Arizona that even local law enforcement officials said did more harm good.

And nearly all of these candidates refuse to consider job-creation bills that would loosen our dependence on foreign oil and ease our impact on the environment — all because they deny the science of climate change. Most of these far-right candi-

dates take an extreme view on reproductive choice, even opposing abortion rights for victims of rape or incest. Sharron Angle in Nevada infamously told a teenage rape victim to make "lemonade" out of her "lemon situation" — her callous attitude toward victims of rape is shared by fellow candidates including Miller, Buck, Paul and Delaware's Christine O'Donnell, all of whom want to deny these victims the right to make the most fundamental decisions concerning their own bodies.

So, who would be the winners in a Congress controlled by the emerging far-right wing of the Republican Party?

Well, they would be the people who are already winning. The far right wants to spend the money they save by eliminating jobs-creation programs and medical coverage for seniors by cutting taxes for the wealthiest Americans.

And they want to make sure that Wall Street and the oil industry can keep lining their pockets with risky practices that hurt everyday Americans, without having to face up to any government regulation.

The populist rhetoric of the new far right sounds good, but it hides their real agenda. These candidates don't have plans for creating jobs or solving the nation's problems — they have plans for helping the rich get richer while leaving average Americans out to dry.

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Jones not meeting expectations

IRVING (AP) — Felix Jones was supposed to be unleashed this season. The Dallas Cowboys were going to find all sorts of ways to showcase his swerving moves and swift feet.

Maybe it still will happen. But his paltry production is especially glaring this week because the Cowboys are facing the big-play running back they could have drafted instead of him: Tennessee's Chris Johnson.

Last season, while Jones was backing up Marion Barber, Johnson ran for 2,009 yards and was named NFL Offensive Player of the Year by The Associated Press.

Johnson again is among the most productive players this season, a threat to go the distance every time he touches the ball. His two longest gains are 76 and 42 yards; that total of

128 is the same Jones has, for all his runs and receptions, through three entire games.

Then again, Jones hasn't had as many chances. Still backing up Barber, he's had the ball a total of 26 times, never more than 10 in one game. He hasn't scored a touchdown.

"Everyone is in unanimous agreement with the staff, scout and everyone involved that Felix needs to touch the ball more," team owner Jerry Jones said on his radio show this week. "He's just too much of a threat and that was our intention in preseason coming out, no matter whether he's getting a chance to be in the running game, but certainly in the passing game as well. I really look for you to see a lot more of Felix Jones."

Jerry Jones is a huge fan of Felix Jones, an admiration that stems from the running back's college career at Arkansas, the owner's alma mater.

Jerry Jones saw Felix Jones break so many big plays in the SEC that he expected more of the same in the NFL. So when Felix Jones was available at No. 22 in the 2008 draft, the Cowboys grabbed him. Two picks later, the Titans snagged Johnson.

Dallas coach Wade Phillips really liked Johnson, and his speed "was the best that we had ever seen for a running back, ever," Jerry Jones said. However, the Cowboys considered Felix Jones more of a complete package.

"We liked his vision and we liked his speed and just the type of individual that he was," Jerry Jones said.

"His college coaches at Arkansas told us that you'd have to shoot him to get him off of the practice field. That work attitude really convinced us that Felix was who we wanted."

Jones is no bust. His average of 5.9 yards per carry tied for the best in the NFL last season. For his career, he's averaged 6.5 yards per run and 7.2 yards per reception.

But Jones has only started one game. He's missed 12 more because of injury. As a result, 10 guys from his draft class have rushed for more yards than him — and eight were drafted after him.

"Felix has been an important part of our team in a lot of wins," Phillips said. "I thought last year at the end of the year he was as good as any of (his draft class).

Lincecum takes on Lowe in Game 1 of Braves-Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Atlanta's Derek Lowe is the tested postseason veteran. Tim Lincecum is 11 years his junior making his playoff debut for San Francisco.

While Lowe's spectacular September put him among the National League's best over the final month, Lincecum emerged as the most dominant pitcher in the NL in his first two

full major league seasons. The two power right-handers face off Thursday night when the Braves and Giants play Game 1 of their division series opener at AT&T Park.

Lowe is on a roll. He won his last five regular-season starts with a 1.17 ERA. Lincecum rebounded in September after a career-worst five-start losing streak in August.

"The way September went was the way you envisioned pitching every month," Lowe said.

Lincecum is the two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner and three-time All-Star.

Lowe, a 16-game winner like Lincecum, is a big reason the Braves reached the playoffs.

"He's a lot different pitcher right

now than he was in the first half of the season," said manager Bobby Cox, whose Braves clinched the NL wild card in his farewell season. "He was good in the first half. He's even better now."

It took big performances by Lincecum's supporting cast to get the Giants back to the playoffs after a six-year absence.

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Midnight grocery runs capture nation's economic desperation

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The Associated Press
FREDERICKSBURG, Va. — Once a month, just after midnight, the beeping checkout scanners at a Wal-Mart just off Interstate 95 come alive in a chorus of financial desperation.

Here and at grocery stores across the country, the chimes come just after food stamps and other monthly government benefits drop into the accounts of shoppers who have been rationing things like milk, ground beef and toilet paper and can finally stock up again.

Shoppers mill around the store after 11 p.m., killing time until their accounts are replenished. When midnight strikes, they rush for the checkout counter.

"The kids are sleeping, so we go do what we've gotta do. Money is tight," Martin Young said as he and his wife pushed two carts piled high with ground beef, toilet paper and other items.

The couple said they needed food-stamp benefits, which are electronically deposited onto debit cards, because his job as a restaurant server doesn't quite cover expenses for their five children.

"We try to get here between 10:30 and 11 because we know we've got a lot of stuff to get. That way by 12 o'clock we're at the line cashing out and done," he said.

More than a year after the technical end of the Great Recession,

millions of Americans still have a hard time stretching their dollars until the first of the month, or even the next payday.

One in seven Americans lives in poverty, and more than 41 mil-

lions are on food stamps, a record. Last year the figure was about 35 million.

As a result, there are more scenes like the one last week at a 24-hour Kroger in Cincinnati. As the final hours of September ticked down, about five dozen cars were in the parking lot. It's much slower on normal weeknights.

"This here is emergency bread," said Malinda Patterson, 36, who has been without a full-time job since the recession began and had started shopping 20 minutes before midnight. That's when \$435 in food stamps kicked in to help feed her six children.

The same night, Shavon Smith and her four young children were loading up on meat, fruit, bread, water, tissues and cereal at Kroger's Food 4 Less store on Chicago's West Side. Those staples had begun running out more than a week earlier.

"Tonight, they were tired and hungry, so I said, 'Let's go ahead and do it now,'" said Smith, who had \$600 in

food stamps electronically deposited to her electronic debit card at midnight.

"They can go to the fridge and get whatever they want in the beginning of the month, and we have bigger meals," a reprieve from the rationing that is the rule for the rest of the month, she added.

Stores have always noted swings in spending around paydays — a drop-off in buying in the days before shoppers receive paychecks or government subsidies, followed by a spurt of spending once the money is available.

The recession and its aftermath have taken the trend to an extreme. Tight credit is a factor, too. When cash runs out, many can no longer fall back on credit cards to buy what they need.

There is no broad data on the impact of this shopping pattern, known as the paycheck cycle. The timing of government assistance is different from state to state, and when payday falls varies by employer.

But stores have learned how to adapt to the surges, which typically occur on the first and the 15th of the month, when many people get their paychecks. They monitor the pay schedules from big employers in the towns where they operate.

Wal-Mart, Kroger, Kmart and others have worked with their suppliers to stock more gallons of milk and super-sized packages of toilet paper and detergent at the beginning of the month. Smaller packages and store brands are given prominence leading up to payday.

Wal-Mart is collaborating with vendors to offer even smaller sizes for under a dollar to win back customers who are heading to dollar stores to buy mini-size laundry soap and other items because they only have a few dollars left until the next payment. Earlier this year, Kmart

began pushing \$1 items on snack packs and other food items, timed a week before the 15th of each month to help customers stretch their budgets.

"This is the new normal," said Richard Hastings, macro and consumer strategist with Global Hunter Securities. "This is going to be like this for many years to come."

Not counting Social Security, one in six Americans now receives some form of government assistance, including food stamps, Medicaid and extended unemployment benefits.

These government payouts now account for about 20 percent of Americans' total after-tax income, said David Rosenberg, an economist at investment firm Gluskin Sheff. The average over the past half-century is 13 percent.

The high number of people on government assistance is atypical for this stage of an economic recovery. Usually at this point, growth in assistance rolls should be flattening, Rosenberg said.

Americans relying on government benefits are doing their homework to stretch the payments. The vast majority interviewed by *The Associated Press* as October dawned last week were carefully scrutinizing prices and had a game plan of what to buy where.

In Harlem, shoppers were running back and forth from Target to Costco to compare prices just after 10 a.m., the time most of the stores open, on the first day of the month.

Sandra Bennerson, 66, who is retired and gets Social Security on the first, was in the detergent aisle at Target, explaining to a reporter why Costco had a better deal on Tide. Costco was offering 20 more ounces for the same price.

"Every penny counts," she said.

In Cincinnati, Patterson said she had learned how to budget. She said she hopes the midnight shopping ends soon.

"It's going to be getting colder," Patterson said. "Hopefully, it won't be like this much longer."

One in seven Americans lives in poverty, and more than 41 million are on food stamps, a record. Last year the figure was about 35 million.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Some will receive a "get out of jail free" card today. The new Libra moon likes to hand out clean slates, especially regarding legal matters. Libra is also the sign of partnerships and art. This is an auspicious time to establish a new direction for a relationship, or to point your creativity toward an exciting goal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll likely have to include a handful of people in your project. Though the coordinating seems complicated at first, working with others helps you get clear about your plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In your book, honesty is not a plus; it's a prerequisite. Certain people are getting away with being less than truthful. Someone has to keep the standards high, and it's probably going to be you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Today's activity will be a lot of trouble — totally unnecessary and ridiculously expensive. Also, it will be a great deal of fun, maybe the most fun you'll have all week!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll learn today what good television producers already know well: The heartstrings are connected to the purse strings. Beware of emotional ploys to get to your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take out your camera again. Your friends and neighbors will be quite jealous of what you snap now. The reason you get the best pictures around is because you put yourself where the extreme beauty is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be dealing with someone who wants to give you many options but cannot. Only one is available. Luckily, it's the best choice and the only one that makes sense for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You might think that what you need is a comfortable ride and some easy-going companionship. But what you really need is an obstacle to conquer, which is just what you'll get.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A sacrifice will be necessary in order to meet your goal. Everything has a price. Don't be afraid to haggle before you shell out your resources. You

might be able to get that price down a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You bring out the best in your loved ones, although you should not get too comfortable with this status. You also have the potential to bring out the worst in them. Tread lightly and speak thoughtfully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It now seems effortless for you to adopt a winning attitude. This day will bring both knowledge and material good fortune. What you learn is even more valuable than any tangible prize you acquire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You stay in touch with the feelings of others, even though you do not feel the same way. You recognize that agreement isn't necessary in order for you to empathize.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be careful not to idolize anyone. If you are doing this, it's only because you do not know the person well. Remind yourself that you are absolutely equal to everyone you meet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 7). This week is a boost to your energy and charisma. Your work and home environments become increasingly pleasant through the next five weeks. A personal breakthrough this month has everyone clapping for you. December brings family additions. There will be wonderful dates and friendly connections in 2011. Sagittarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 33, 19 and 29.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to producer and television personality Simon Cowell, who will embark on many new adventures in 2011 while much intrigue and speculation occurs over who will take his place as a judge on "American Idol." Cowell's criticisms were often wisecracking and painfully direct, but not unjust. Cowell's sun, Mercury and Mars are in fair-minded Libra, and his natal Venus is in appraising Virgo.

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By Steve Becker
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South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 8 4
♥ A Q
♦ K Q 10 6 2
♣ K 7

EAST
♠ —
♥ J 10 8 6 3 2
♦ A J 5 4
♣ 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 7 5 3 2
♥ K 7 4
♦ 7
♣ A Q J

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

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

even a minor mistake. That's exactly what happened in this deal when South failed to make a slam he should have made.

He won the club lead and played a low spade to the jack, winning the finesse. But he eventually went down one since he now had to lose a trump trick as well as a diamond.

South would have made the slam had he led the queen of spade: instead of the deuce when he took the finesse at trick two. In the actual case, if West covers with the king declarer wins with the ace and, after East shows out, later finesses against West's ten. The only trick declarer loses is a diamond.

The queen is technically the right play, as it wins not only when West has the singleton or doubleton king but also when he has the tripleton king.

Ordinarily, leading the deuce to the jack would not be a fatal error because it costs a trick only in those hands where West has all three trumps — only an 11 percent probability. Nevertheless, assuming the South plans to finesse in spades which is the proper play, the queen lead never costs a trick. But because the deuce lead will sometimes lose a trick, it is better to start out by leading the queen.

Bridge is hard to play flawlessly, as almost all of us would readily concede. However, the nature of the game is such that the great majority of mistakes go unpunished — and this is as it should be because most mistakes are minor and the good Lord is generally forgiving in such cases.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that a player must occasionally pay for

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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News in brief

AP sources: US, Palestinian and Israeli officials say impasse over housing might be broken

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S., Israeli and Palestinian officials are hopeful they can break an impasse that has threatened to kill new U.S.-brokered Mideast peace talks before they really begin.

A U.S. official close to the negotiations said Wednesday that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu seems likely to cut a deal to keep the talks going. Palestinian officials said much the same, and Israeli officials said Netanyahu does not want talks to founder.

All spoke on condition of anonymity because the deliberations are closed and no decisions have been made. All the parties have previously said they want to continue negotiations, but the talks remain in limbo.

Without a compromise over the issue of Israeli settlement-building on disputed ground, the peace negotiations so strenuously sought by the Obama administration seem headed for collapse.

The White House is working furiously, applying pressure, floating proposals and making promises to both sides, before a Friday gathering of Arab leaders whose backing the Palestinians need in order to go forward.

Hungary says toxic red sludge has reached the Danube but no immediate damage seen yet

KOLONAR, Hungary (AP) — The toxic red sludge that inundated three Hungarian villages reached Europe's mighty Danube River on Thursday but no immediate damage was evident, Hungary's rescue operations agency said.

The European Union and environmental officials had feared an environmental catastrophe affecting half a dozen nations if the red sludge, a waste product of making aluminum, contaminated Europe's second-longest river after bursting out of a factory's reservoir.

The spill Monday released a toxic

torrent into local creeks that flow into a network of waterways connected to the Danube. Creeks in Kolontar, the closest town to the spill site, were swollen red and villagers said they were devoid of fish. Kolontar is 42 miles (70 kilometers) south of the Danube.

The red sludge reached the western branch of the Danube early Thursday, Hungarian rescue agency spokesman Tibor Dobson told the state MTI news agency. He did not address concerns that the caustic slurry might contain toxic metals but said its pH content had been reduced to the point where it was unlikely to cause further damage to the environment.

Flood death toll nearly doubles in Vietnam as more rain continues to punish region

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Asia's death toll from vicious rains spiked Thursday to nearly 140 as disaster officials reached previously isolated areas in Vietnam, while the worst flooding in parts of southern China in nearly a half-century killed one person and forced 213,000 villagers to evacuate.

Security forces tried to speed recovery efforts in Indonesia, home to most of the fatalities with 91 dead, by removing debris from blocked roads and fixing bridges.

In Vietnam, the death toll nearly doubled to 48 after disaster officials were finally able to access areas that had been cut off by high waters. Another 23 people remained missing as villagers started returning to areas where the water was receding.

"People are cleaning their houses and trying to put life back to normal," said disaster official Nguyen Ngoc Giai in hardest-hit Quang Binh province, where 20,000 people were driven from their homes. "Many schools are also doing cleanup to soon welcome back students."

Parts of the country's north-south rail service have been disrupted since Tuesday due to damaged tracks, and Giai said bad weather Wednesday grounded helicopters making supply and food drops to areas still under water. Forecasters were predicting more

rain, but it was not expected to cause severe flooding.

NATO: Taliban commander killed in northern Afghanistan as war enters its 10th year

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An airstrike and a raid by ground troops killed eight insurgents, including a senior Taliban leader who spearheaded attacks against Afghan security forces, NATO said Thursday as the war in Afghanistan entered its 10th year.

Maulawi Jawadullah — accused of organizing deadly ambushes, roadside bomb attacks, and abductions of Afghan police and soldiers in northern Afghanistan — was killed in the airstrike Wednesday in Takhar province, an alliance statement said.

Jawadullah was linked to the recent deaths of 10 Afghan National Police officers during an attack on a police station in neighboring Kunduz province, the statement said.

Seven other Taliban also died in the assault, including three who opened fire from a forest when coalition forces moved in following the airstrike, NATO said.

Thursday was the nine-year anniversary of the American invasion of Afghanistan, a frustrating benchmark for those who expected a quick exit after small targeted special forces toppled the Taliban from power in 2001.

This week also marked another milestone, as the death toll for NATO forces surpassed the 2,000 mark. At least 2,003 NATO service members have died fighting in Afghanistan since Oct. 7, 2001, according to an Associated Press count.

Texas gov. tangles with Mexican government over handling of reported shooting at border lake

AUSTIN (AP) — The search for an American tourist reportedly shot dead on a border lake has led Texas Gov. Rick Perry to tangle with the Mexican government over the investigation and efforts to recover the body.

Perry said Wednesday that Mexico needs to use every resource available to find the body and have it returned to U.S. soil. He has asked Mexican President Felipe Calderon to call him, but no phone call had been scheduled Wednesday evening.

Tiffany Hartley says her husband, David, was shot by Mexican pirates on Falcon Lake last week as they were returning to the United States on Jet Skis.

Falcon Lake is a dammed section of the Rio Grande that has been plagued by pirates who rob boaters and fisherman who wander into Mexican waters.

Hartley's death would be the first killing on the lake.

The Mexican Foreign Relations Ministry responded Wednesday with a statement that noted Mexico's "condemnation of any act that endangers the lives of innocent citizens," saying that the country "is committed to the investigation of those acts."

The statement said Mexico has "from the first moment" been in contact with the U.S. to coordinate the search and recovery of Hartley's body, and noted that Mexican authorities have "stepped up their actions with the support of specialized personnel, boats and helicopters."

The Hartley family says Mexican

authorities are not doing enough to find their relative's body. U.S. authorities are unable to investigate Hartley's disappearance because it happened in Mexico.

Stumping for Democrats, Obama warns party base to avoid 'sulking'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Campaigning for Democrats in a string of blue states, President Barack Obama is warning his party's rank-and-file of the dangers of "sulking and sitting back."

The day after raising cash for Democrats in New Jersey, Obama is headed Thursday to a rally for Gov. Martin O'Malley in Maryland and a pair of fundraisers in Chicago for Senate candidate Alexi Giannoulias, who's trying to keep the president's old seat out of GOP hands.

It's a seat Democrats need as they try to avoid losing their grip on Congress — and with it, control of Obama's agenda.

In Maryland, the afternoon rally on the campus of Bowie State University aimed to boost O'Malley in his rematch with Bob Ehrlich, the Republican he ousted in 2006. A series of recent polls have shown O'Malley in the lead.

But in Illinois, the Senate contest is considered neck-and-neck.

Giannoulias, the state treasurer and a longtime Obama friend, is battling Republican Rep. Mark Kirk.

Bill Clinton says U.S. aid coming to Haiti, criticizes donor delays in meeting pledges

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Former President Bill Clinton said desperately needed U.S. aid is coming to Haiti despite delays after listening on Wednesday to refugees in a sprawling homeless camp complain of a lack of food, jobs and housing nine months after a devastating earthquake.

Clinton, the co-chair of the commission overseeing Haiti's reconstruction, expressed frustration with the slow delivery of promised funds by donors who have delivered about \$732 million of a promised \$5.3 billion in funds for 2010-11, along with debt relief. Most notably absent is the United States, which has yet to deliver any of its promised \$1.15 billion.

"First of all, in the next day or so it will become obvious that the United States is making a huge down payment on that," the former U.S. president and husband of the current secretary of state told reporters without providing details. "Secondly I'm not too concerned — although I'm frustrated — because the Congress have approved the money that the Secretary of State and the White House asked for."

The stakes were made clear in a morning visit to a storm-battered hillside former golf-course in Port-au-Prince now home to 55,000 increasingly desperate Haitians, who told Clinton amid mosquito swarms and fraying tarps that they need money, jobs, houses and education to get out of the dangerous and inhospitable camp where they are stuck.

Hours later Clinton and Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive stood in the sweltering heat before the former U.S. Embassy that is now Bellerive's office to announce \$777 million in projects for education, business, rubble removal and other areas freshly approved by the commission they jointly lead.

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FAMILY FEATURES

As the weather turns cooler, soup is a delicious and healthful way to warm up. From homemade to prepared varieties, nourishing soups also can satisfy your hunger by making you feel full longer.

Wendy Bazilian, DrPH, MA, RD, author of "The SuperFoodsRx Diet," recommends choosing soups packed with flavorful "SuperFoods" like beans, lean chicken or turkey, broccoli, spinach, tomatoes — and especially spices and herbs.

"Using spices and herbs does more than just add flavor to your favorite soups without added calories or sodium. They are also concentrated sources of natural antioxidants, with levels comparable to fruits and vegetables, including many of the SuperFoods," says Dr. Bazilian. "With just a dash, pinch or sprinkle of spices and herbs, you can turn your favorite soup into a flavorful 'super soup.'"

Whether you're cooking up a batch of a hearty, homemade soup on the weekend or just looking to add healthful twists to prepared soups, spices and herbs are a better-for-you swap for traditional soup toppings such as croutons, cheese or sour cream — adding flavor without extra salt, sugar or fat.

Find more flavorful and healthful soup recipes, as well as tips for pairing spices and herbs with canned or prepared soups, at www.spicesforhealth.com.



Roasted Cauliflower and Mushroom Soup

SUPER SOUP Flavor-Ups

- Give canned chicken soup an Asian flair. Stir 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger and 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder into 2 cups soup. Sprinkle with sliced green onions, if desired.
- Turn tomato or potato soup from dull to delicious. Stir 1/2 teaspoon curry powder into 2 cups soup.
- Top off your broccoli or tomato soup with a spicy crunch. Heat 1/2 teaspoon olive oil in small non-stick skillet on medium heat. Add 1/4 cup walnuts or pecans, and 1/8 teaspoon each ground cumin, oregano leaves and chili powder; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until nuts are fragrant and lightly browned.
- Add a dollop of color and flavor with spiced yogurt. Stir favorite spices and herbs into low-fat plain yogurt, about 1 tablespoon for each serving of soup. Try turmeric for lentil or split pea soup, oregano for black bean soup and ground cinnamon or ginger for butternut squash or pumpkin soup.
- Popcorn makes a fun garnish for soup. Try sprinkling hot popcorn with spices such as curry powder, paprika or ground red pepper.



Savory Turkey Sausage and Lentil Soup

Roasted Cauliflower and Mushroom Soup

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings

- 6 cups cauliflower florets (2-inch pieces)
- 2 Portobello mushrooms, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cumin
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 4 cups reduced sodium vegetable broth
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper

Toss cauliflower, mushrooms and bell pepper with 2 tablespoons oil. Sprinkle with thyme and cumin. Toss until evenly coated. Spread in single layer on baking sheet. Roast in preheated 450°F oven 15 to 20 minutes or until cauliflower is golden brown, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil in large saucepan on medium-high heat. Add onions; cook and stir 5 minutes or until softened. Add vegetable mixture, broth and pepper. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until cauliflower is tender, stirring occasionally.

Ladle into soup bowls to serve.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 105 Calories, Fat 5g, Protein 3g, Carbohydrates 12g, Sodium 304mg, Fiber 3g

Savory Turkey Sausage and Lentil Soup

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1 cup diced celery
- 4 ounces turkey kielbasa, chopped (about 3/4 cup)
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Crushed Red Pepper
- 4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) no salt added diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 cup red or brown lentils, picked over and rinsed
- 1 package (5 ounces) baby spinach leaves

Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onions and celery; cook and stir 3 minutes. Add kielbasa; cook and stir 3 minutes longer or until kielbasa is lightly browned and vegetables are softened. Stir in thyme, garlic powder, paprika and red pepper; cook and stir 2 minutes or until fragrant.

Stir in broth, tomatoes and lentils. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 15 minutes or until lentils are tender.

Stir in spinach. Simmer until wilted. Ladle into soup bowls to serve.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 172 Calories, Fat 4g, Protein 11g, Carbohydrates 23g, Cholesterol 9mg, Sodium 468mg, Fiber 6g

Chicken Pot Pie Soup

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes
Makes 8 (1-cup) servings

- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Rosemary Leaves, crushed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 4 teaspoons butter, divided
- 1 package (8 ounces) mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup flour
- 4 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups frozen pearl onions
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 8 thin bread slices
- 1 teaspoon oil

Mix rosemary, thyme and garlic powder in small bowl. Reserve 1/2 teaspoon. Heat 1 teaspoon butter in large saucepan on medium heat. Add mushrooms, carrots and remaining seasoning mixture; cook and stir 3 minutes. Remove from saucepan. Set aside.

Melt remaining 3 teaspoons butter in saucepan on medium heat, stirring to release browned bits from bottom of skillet. Sprinkle with flour; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until flour is lightly browned.

Gradually stir in broth until well blended. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add vegetable mixture, chicken, pearl onions and peas; simmer 8 minutes or until chicken is cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, cut bread into rounds with 3-inch cookie cutter. Oil on baking sheet. Brush bread with oil and sprinkle with reserved seasoning mixture. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 10 minutes or until toasted. To serve soup, ladle into soup bowls and top each with 1 crouton.

Nutrition Information per Serving: 211 Calories, Fat 7g, Protein 16g, Carbohydrates 21g, Cholesterol 42mg, Sodium 469mg, Fiber 2g



Chicken Pot Pie Soup

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NO, WE'RE ALL PRETTY MUCH THINKING ABOUT OUR JOBS

BOY THAT SURE SOUNDS LIKE A CRUMMY WAY TO START A DAY, MR. B.

KNOCK-KNOCK

WIZARD OF ID

I THINK WE NEED TO FIND A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

AGNES

I AM HAVING A LOT OF DISJOINTED THOUGHTS TODAY.

GOOD!

GOOD? YEP! IF THEY'RE OUT OF JOINT, THEY ARE MORE FLEXIBLE, AND A FLEXIBLE MIND IS AN ADAPTIVE MIND!

WHEW... I WAS WORRIED I WAS GOING NUTS.

ADAPTING IS ADAPTING.

HI AND LOIS

YOU'VE BEEN STEALING COOKIES AGAIN, HAVEN'T YOU?

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

MY FINGERPRINTS AREN'T ON THE COOKIE JAR.

NO, BUT YOUR GLOVES ARE STILL ON YOUR FINGERS.

THE OTHER COAST

OMG! WHERE DID YOU GET THIS STUNNING PIECE?

IT'S POWERFUL, YET AT THE SAME TIME IT EVOKES QUIET REFLECTION.

I HAVE TO HAVE IT. I'LL GIVE YOU 25 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR IT.

25 GRAND SEEMS A GOOD PRICE.

ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S JUST A STAIN FROM A BURST WATER PIPE.

SNUFFY SMITH

SUPPER'S GONNA BE LATE, PAW !!

WHY ???

I DIDN'T WANNA INTERRUPT TATER'S JAM SESSION !!

BAMITY-BAM-BAM !!

BAM!! BAM!!

BEEBLE BAILEY

THAT'S NOT ME!

YOU LIE!!

WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?!

THAT'S SARGE

AND STOP WATCHING ME ALL THE TIME!!

YOU'RE THE ONE GAINING WEIGHT, NOT ME!

THAT'S HIM TALKING TO HIS MIRROR

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2010. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1910, a major wild-fire devastated the northern Minnesota towns of Spooner and Baudette, charring at least 300,000 acres. Some 40 people are believed to have died.

On this date:

In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered ten days later.)

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" for RCA Victor.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1959, singer-actor Mario

Lanza died in Rome at age 38.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard M. Nixon held their second televised debate, in Washington D.C. The TV series "Route 66" premiered on CBS.

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed an elderly Jewish American tourist, Leon Klinghoffer, surrendered two days after taking over the ship.)

In 1989, Hungary's Communist Party renounced Marxism in favor of democratic socialism during a party congress in Budapest.

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fencepost outside of

Laramie; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.)

Today's Birthdays: Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 79. Comedian Joy Behar (TV: "The View") is 68. Former National Security Council aide Oliver North is 67. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 65. Country singer Kieran Kane is 61. Singer John Mellencamp is 59. Rock musician Ricky Phillips is 59. Actress Mary Badham (Film: "To Kill a Mockingbird") is 58. Actress Christopher Norris is 57. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 57. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 55.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiny pencil
 - 5 Ancient South Americans
 - 10 SportsCenter channel
 - 14 Cry of dread
 - 15 Like the Vikings
 - 16 Baby kangaroo
 - 17 Luau handouts
 - 18 Lieu
 - 19 Of grand proportions
 - 20 Hurler's play
 - 23 Porcine abode
 - 24 Little guys
 - 25 Range of the Rockies
 - 28 Highlands headgear
 - 29 Asian automaker
 - 30 Music school deg.
 - 31 Analyze
 - 34 Mark of academic distinction
 - 37 "Pedestrian" place
 - 38 Cry, the Beloved Country author
 - 39 Mine finds
 - 40 Salesperson's handout
 - 42 Wagner genre
 - 43 Backtalk
 - 44 Popular
 - 50 Across
 - 45 Latin salutation
 - 46 Chaperon
 - 48 Kick in
 - 50 Enabler of WWW access
 - 53 Flaky dessert
 - 56 Arrangement holder
- DOWN**
- 1 Some 42 Across performances
 - 2 Property crime
 - 3 Amalgamate
 - 4 One in charge
 - 5 Tailor's measurement
 - 6 Esteemed
 - 7 Street reps
 - 8 Memo directive
 - 9 Incitement of rebellion
 - 10 DVD-player button
 - 11 Last year's plebe
 - 12 Kennedy Library architect
 - 13 Home of the UN
 - 21 Stage production
 - 22 Eye drop
 - 26 Any Super Bowl player
 - 27 Jazz style
 - 28 Soft mineral
 - 29 Shoelace snafu
 - 31 More than sufficient
 - 32 Hindu garments
 - 33 Like some fine books
 - 34 Greet with pomp
 - 35 26 Down's 5th qtrs.
 - 36 Boxing-ring enclosure
 - 38 Unfocused, as a novel
 - 41 Legendary Western lawyer
 - 42 Brickmaker's need
 - 45 Not moving
 - 47 Initiates
 - 48 Do penance
 - 49 Gentle reminder
 - 50 Off-white
 - 51 Old photo tint
 - 52 Dress up
 - 54 Composer Satie
 - 55 Ecuador joined it in 2007
 - 56 Solemn oath
 - 57 Firefighting tool

Answer to previous puzzle

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REGULAR	UNLEADED	
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