

Robber 'Give me the money'

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dragging the attached credit card machine and monitor from the counter top.

He used his knife to cut the electrical wires connecting the other devices and hustled out.

There was about \$100 in the register, Trivedi said.

'Thirty seconds'

Trivedi reached under the counter and activated a silent alarm. He followed the man to the door, pulled his store keys from his pocket and locked it behind the robber, he said.

Shaken and worried the man might return, he watched through the glass to see where he was going. It was still too dark to tell for sure, Trivedi said.

Around 7 a.m. is usually when parents start arriving with kids at a school bus stop across Route 11. But no one saw anything yesterday morning, he said.

The robber came in at 6:54 a.m. He was out the door by 6:55, Trivedi said.

"Thirty seconds," he estimated.

Path unknown

Police had not tracked down the thief by evening.

State Police at Milton were looking for a white man, about 5-foot-7, and about 160 or 175 pounds. He was wearing a black mask, a camouflage hunting jacket, tan pants and light shoes.

The surveillance footage showed the robber walked toward the back of the building. But it was not clear where he went from there. Trivedi saw no vehicle outside waiting.

But the suspect could have walked to another nearby business lot, or through the yards behind to Old Bloom Road, just a few hundred feet away, the shopkeeper said.

'It was scary'

There was \$105.11 in the register, Trivedi said.

He knows for sure. He opened the store with \$100 for change. His first customer bought a pack of cigarettes and a 50-cent pie for breakfast, ringing up a \$5.11 tab.

He said his insurance should cover the cost of replacing the equipment.

Trivedi, who has run the food market and gas station with wife Kusum for two years, said it took him about a half hour or more to relax from the startling experience.

"It was scary," he said.



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DILIP TRIVEDI, owner of the Mid Mart along Route 11 in Cooper Township, stands behind the counter of his store Monday afternoon. Trivedi was robbed around 7 Monday morning.

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Drinks

Nine Wash. students hospitalized

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sity passed out and so intoxicated that investigators thought they had overdosed on drugs.

Nine students who drank a caffeinated malt liquor called Four Loko were hospitalized with blood-alcohol levels ranging from 0.12 percent to

0.35 percent, and a female student nearly died, CWU President James L. Gaudino said. A blood-alcohol concentration of 0.30 percent is considered potentially lethal.

All the hospitalized students were inexperienced drinkers, freshmen ranging in age from 17 to 19. Toxicology results showed no drugs in

their bloodstreams, though a small amount of marijuana was reported at the party, university police Chief Steve Ritterer said.

Some students admitted drinking vodka, rum and beer with Four Loko, which is made by Phusion Projects Inc., of Chicago.

Phusion said in a state-

ment people have consumed caffeine and alcohol together safely for years. The company said it markets its products responsibly to those of legal drinking age and shares with college administrators the goal of making campuses safe and healthy environments.

"The unacceptable incident at Central Washington University, which appears to have involved hard liquor, such as vodka and rum, beer, our products, and possibly illicit substances, is precisely why we go to great lengths to ensure our products are not sold to underage consumers and are not abused," the statement said.

Promoting excess?

Four Loko comes in several varieties, including fruit punch and blue raspberry. A 23.5-ounce can sells for about \$2.50 and has an alcohol content of 12 percent, comparable to four beers, according to the company's website.

Health advocates say the caffeine in the drink can also

suspend the effects of alcohol consumption, allowing a person to consume more than usual.

"It gets you really drunk really fast and it gives you a lot of energy so you're not going to be laying down and sleeping," said 18-year-old CWU freshman Hyatt Van Cotthem of Everett, Wash., who said he's tried the beverage but doesn't drink it because the taste is "nasty." He didn't attend the party.

Regulating such drinks would be a good idea, Cotthem said, because he's seen so many students do dumb things when drinking it. But he and a friend also questioned that the drink alone could have wreaked so much havoc.

"There's no way that Four Loko caused all these people to just pass out," he said.

Beverage ban

The nine sickened students have recovered and returned to their classes. No criminal charges have been filed, but Ritterer said the

investigation into the source of the alcohol continues.

Gaudino banned alcoholic energy drinks from CWU's campus Monday, following the president of New Jersey's Ramapo College, who banned the drinks last month after attributing several students' hospitalizations to Four Loko.

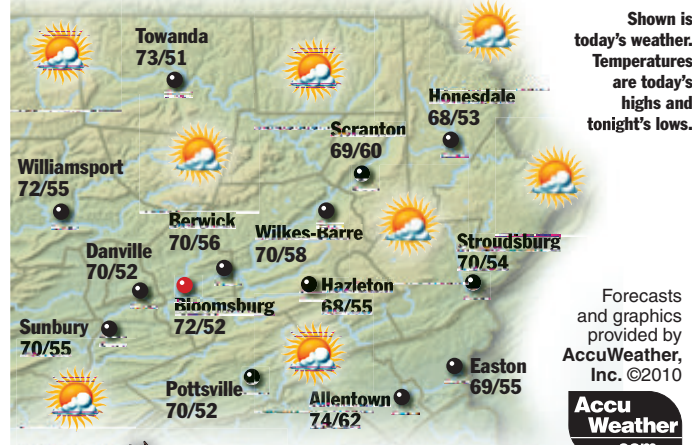
"It's not that we'd seen a lot of consumption, but we'd seen enough that it worried us, because it was in situations of extreme intoxication," Ramapo President Peter Mercer said Monday. "Having seen no redeeming social use for it, and seeing the damage and danger it could pose, I ordered a ban."

Mercer said he eagerly awaits the results of the FDA review and supports a measure to ban the drinks in New Jersey.

Utah and Montana have restricted the sale of the caffeinated malt liquors to just state liquor stores. A bill to ban the drinks in Washington state failed in the Legislature earlier this year.

Regional Four-day forecast

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 72°	Low 52°	71°/46°	62°/38°	53°/32°
Wind: ESE at 4-8 mph 25% chance of precip	Wind: ESE at 3-6 mph 70% chance of precip	Wind: WSW at 6-12 mph 55% chance of precip	Wind: WSW at 10-20 mph 15% chance of precip	Wind: WNW at 10-20 mph 30% chance of precip



Almanac

Selinsgrove through 5 p.m. yest.

Temperatures

High/low	71°/46°
Normal high/low	59°/37°
Record high	72° in 1946
Record low	25° in 1937

U.S. Extremes
(For the 48 contiguous states)

High	99° in Del Rio, Texas
Low	21° in Leadville, Colo.

Precipitation

24 hours through 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	1.36"
Normal month to date	2.60"
Year to date	24.79"
Normal year to date	34.91"

Heating Degree Days

An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature fell below 65 for the day.

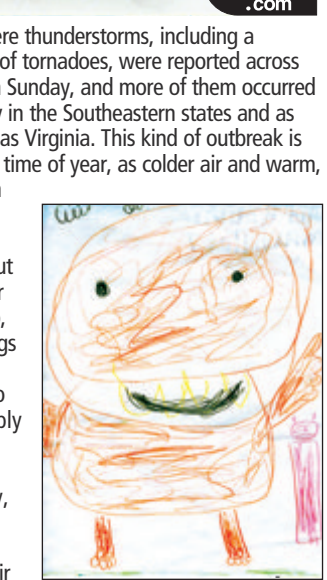
Yesterday	6
Month to date	302
Season to date (normal)	.390 (424)

"Severe thunderstorms, including a number of tornadoes, were reported across Texas on Sunday, and more of them occurred yesterday in the Southeastern states and as far north as Virginia. This kind of outbreak is normal this time of year, as colder air and warm, moist air clash over the Southern states. But in another month or so, colder air will begin to dominate and things will settle down until next spring.

"With warm, moist air continuing to blow into the state, today will be variably cloudy, breezy and warm, with a few showers or storms late in the day or at night. Tomorrow will be variably cloudy, breezy and warm.

"When Hurricane Richard reached the southwest Gulf of Mexico, strong upper-air winds blew the top off it, and it quickly died."

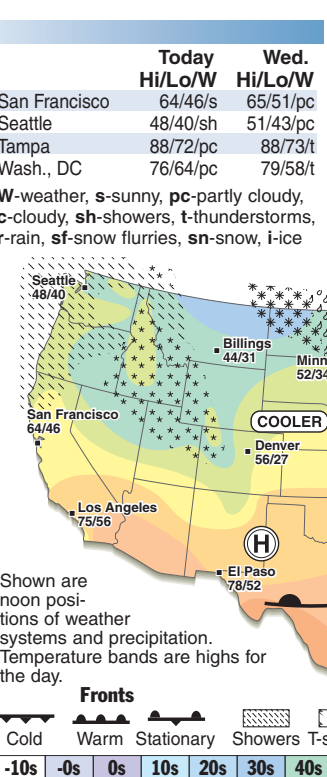
Thaddeus Quackus, PE Weatherbird



By Ava Robbins, 7, Millville

National Cities

City	Today		Wed.	
	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Anchorage	40/29/pc	39/30/pc	64/46/s	65/51/pc
Atlanta	80/68/pc	80/64/t	88/72/pc	88/73/t
Atlantic City	69/61/pc	71/59/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Baltimore	75/63/pc	76/54/t	72/54/sh	72/54/sh
Boston	70/59/pc	82/62/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Charlotte	80/65/c	82/62/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Chicago	68/44/t	62/37/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Cincinnati	74/46/t	73/45/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Cleveland	74/49/t	70/45/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Dallas	78/56/s	82/53/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Denver	56/27/pc	60/25/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Detroit	69/45/t	68/43/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Honolulu	86/74/pc	86/74/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Houston	88/72/pc	87/67/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Indianapolis	70/47/t	71/42/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Kansas City	66/42/s	60/37/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Las Vegas	71/50/s	68/52/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Los Angeles	75/56/s	82/58/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Miami	86/77/t	87/76/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Milwaukee	66/43/t	62/37/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Minneapolis	52/34/r	44/27/r	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Nashville	78/61/t	80/51/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
New Orleans	86/72/pc	86/70/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
New York City	73/65/pc	75/59/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Oklahoma City	72/44/s	72/42/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Orlando	88/69/pc	91/69/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Philadelphia	75/63/pc	75/56/t	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Phoenix	82/61/s	84/62/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Pittsburgh	76/52/t	70/45/pc	76/64/pc	79/58/t
St. Louis	72/48/t	68/41/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t
Salt Lake City	49/30/c	46/32/s	76/64/pc	79/58/t



Molester

Sentence ordered to start at once

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Police learned about the horse abuse after analyzing Armstrong's computer files. That was after a complaint from his wife about images of possible child pornography on their home computer.

"The humiliation you brought on yourself and your

family is far worse than any sentence I can impose," James told the defendant. Armstrong stood silently in prison clothing during the brief hearing.

His jail sentence was ordered to start immediately and run at the same time as any sentence imposed in Lycoming County. Arm-

strong was charged there with having sex with a 15-year-old girl whom he asked to assist him in a sexual act with a horse, authorities say.

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Santas '09 run raised almost \$13G

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nitely not about speed. There are no prizes for who finishes first, and part of the fun is running with the group, he says.

"The bigger the pack is, the easier it is to stay with," he says.

If the event does ever hand out awards, they would be for raising money or for coming up with creative outfits, Nespoli says.

Sponsor search

Last year, about 70 runners raised just under \$13,000 for the Susan G. Komen For the Cure fund in the run's inaugural year.

Nespoli wants to increase both figures this year, though he hasn't set targets. He

observes, "\$15,000 is a nice, round number."

He hopes to recruit a few local corporate sponsors to help bump the total.

Sign-ups open

Nespoli isn't counting on milder weather with the date shift, especially since last year's run saw reasonable temperatures in the 40s. He's fine with anything warmer than the 22 degrees that froze him when he ran a similar race in 2008 in Boston.

Registration has been open for a couple days at www.speedorunfortheacause.com

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Night of Giving to be Nov. 7 at mall

BUCKHORN — The fourth Annual Night of Giving is set for the Columbia Mall on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 6-9 p.m.

The featured entertainment includes the Oz Acoustic Show and high school choruses from Bloomsburg and Southern Columbia.

There will also be food sampling from

local restaurants; a petting zoo; Lanny Lee the balloon artist, and free chair massages from Catawissa Chiropractic Center.

Patrons can donate to be eligible to win door prizes and mall-wide discounts. All proceeds will benefit Columbia-Montour Home Hospice.

Idaho counselor sentenced for Medicaid fraud

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A Medicaid last year for counseling two boys when he actually took them to see the Kottonmouth Kings perform.

The state attorney general's office says 26-year-old Lindsay A. Nelson billed

Medicaid last year for counseling two boys when he actually took them to see the Kottonmouth Kings perform.

The agency says Nelson, who works in psychosocial rehabilitation, was sentenced

in Idaho's 1st District Court to 30 days in jail after pleading guilty to one count of Medicaid provider fraud.

Nelson said last year for counseling services.