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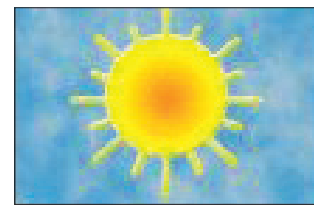
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Pellet guns and costume robberies

It was a crazy evening for Big Spring law enforcement authorities

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring youth was arrested and charged with aggravated assault against a public servant late Tuesday night after law enforcement officials say he pulled

a pellet gun on a police officer.

The 16-year-old juvenile — whose name is not being released due to his age — was taken into custody in the 1000 block of 11th Place at approximately 9:15 p.m., according to Sgt. Tony Everett,

public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

“An officer observed two male subjects walking down the street near Trinity Church,” said Everett. “One subject was a black

male wearing all black clothing and a bandana. The second subject was a white male, and he was wearing a bandana over his face.

“The officer stopped the two, and at that time the white male

— a 16-year-old juvenile — pulled a pellet gun on the officer. The officer restrained him and placed him under arrest. Luckily, the officer was close enough to react

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Mark McKinney, a Big Spring native turned Texas country musician, shows off his skills during a recent show. McKinney and his band will be playing the Howard College Hawkfest Saturday night at the school's campus.

McKinney back home to perform

Big Spring was inspiration for his 'Stompin' Ground' hit

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

While Saturday's Hawkfest on the Howard College Campus will be fun and games for many area residents and students, it will serve as a homecoming for at least one Crossroads native, as country music sensation Mark McKinney returns home to perform.

A former Big Spring High School student, McKinney has attracted attention in the Texas music scene, having toured across Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana for the past two years. According to McKinney, Big Spring is also the inspiration for his current single, “Stompin’ Ground,” which is listed on the Texas Music Chart. “‘Stompin’ Ground,’ was one that I wrote about

Hawkfest 2008

When: Saturday.

Where: Howard College Campus.

What: Food, fun and games for the entire family from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A costume contest recognizing the cutest costume and most original costume. Age groups are 0-2 and 3-5, 6 p.m.; 6-9 and 10-14, 7 p.m.; and 15-20 and 21-up, 8 p.m.

What else? A Texas Country Concert featuring Mark McKinney and Crimson Soul at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the gate.

growing up in Big Spring.”

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Elementary lunches trimmed to fit state guidelines

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Big Spring elementary students have recently begun receiving a little less on their lunch plate.

Local school officials have made slight decreases to lunch portions served to students in grades kindergarten through 4 to bring those servings more in line with Texas Department of Agriculture guidelines.

Judy Grant, director of food services for Big Spring Independent

“Before, we didn't have the technology to provide different-sized portions ... We were serving children in the lower grades the same amount of food as children at the junior high and high school level.”

—Judy Grant, BSISD director of food services

School District, said the changes should also result in lower food costs for the district.

Until recently, children in the elementary grades were receiving the same size portions as

those in the middle and high school grades, which ran counter to state recommendations and cost the district more.

“We have been terribly over-budget the past few years. Dur-

ing an audit, we were told we spend \$150 more per child per school year than other school districts,” Grant said. “Before, we didn't have the technology to provide different-sized portions

... We were serving children in the lower grades the same amount of food as children at the junior high and high school level.”

With the acquisition of new computer software, however, food service officials have begun streamlining operations.

The software, called NutriKids, monitors all aspects of student menus, from nutritional value of meals to portion sizes, Grant

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Panel calls for vaccine for adult smokers

By **MIKE STOBBE**
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — For the first time, an influential government panel is recommending a vaccination specifically for smokers.

The panel decided Wednesday that adult smokers under 65 should get pneumococcal vaccine. The shot is already recommended for anyone over 65. It protects against bacteria that cause bacterial pneumonia, meningitis and

other illnesses.

Federal officials usually adopt recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The vote means more than 31 million adult smokers probably will soon be called on to

get the shot.

Studies have shown that smokers are about four times more likely than nonsmokers to suffer pneumococcal disease. Also, the more cigar-

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BSHS tennis wins third straight match

Herald Staff Report

With no other matches currently scheduled for the Big Spring High School tennis team, the fall season draws to a close on a very high note.

The Steers won their final three team tennis matches, clinching a 13-6 victory over Lubbock Trinity at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park Tuesday.

Of the matches officially counting — several others were played that didn't factor into the overall score — it was the girls singles bracket where Big Spring did the most damage.

Kristina Chang, Brandi Rigdon and Leslie Cash all won three-set marathons, while Brittany Farmer, Shayla Drake and Brionna Palmer coasted to straight set victories, meaning the Lady Steers won all six of their singles matches.

Boys teams made up of Jeremy Langford and Jonathan Womack and Mike Gonzalez and C.J. Bursleson won its doubles matches in straight sets.

Those same four players also won their singles contests, giving Big Spring 4-of-6 matches in boys singles.

"We played very well overall

against Lubbock Trinity," said Tennis Coach Dana Jones. "There were lots of close matches, but this makes three in a row. Good, solid play from all the girls in the singles matches. There was good mental toughness from top to bottom from the whole team today."

Big Spring defeats Lubbock Trinity, 13-6

Girls Singles (BSHS listed first.)
Brittany Farmer defeated Lauryn Lee, 6-1, 6-2
Kristina Chang defeated Alison Elder, 2-6, 6-2, 10-7
Brandi Rigdon defeated Lori Elder, 6-7, 6-4, 10-7
Leslie Cash defeated Seena Gandhi, 5-7,

6-4, 10-6
Shayla Drake defeated Jenny Keith, 6-4, 6-3
Brionna Palmer defeated Kristy Tardy, 6-1, 6-4
Alyssa Byrd lost to Claire Kelley, 9-7
Reba Smith defeated Charisse Aguas, 8-6
Girls Doubles
Farmer/Rigdon lost to Elder/Elder, 7-5, 5-7, 10-6
Parnell/Chang lost to Lee/Gandhi, 6-7, 6-4, 10-5
Drake/Palmer defeated Tardy/Aguas, 6-3, 6-1
Boys Singles
Mike Gonzalez defeated Josh Aguas, 4-6, 6-4, 10-7
Jeremy Langford defeated Michael Payne, 6-0, 6-3
C.J. Bursleson defeated Pierce Hardin, 1-6, 6-4, 10-8

Matt Garza lost to Patric Johnston, 7-5, 6-4
Jonathan Womack defeated Jared Franco, 6-4, 6-3
Chad Bowles lost to Ryan Gregory, 6-4, 6-2
Matt Ryan lost to Alex Shaw, 6-0, 7-5
Jonathan Ray lost to Evan Johnson, 8-6
Tyler McKinley lost to Jonathan Blalack, 8-6
Boys Doubles
Langford/Womack defeated Johnston/Franco, 6-1, 7-5
Gonzalez/Bursleson defeated Aguas/Payne, 6-2, 7-5
Ryan/McKinley lost to Gregory/Johnson, 6-2, 6-0
Mixed Doubles
Ray/Byrd lost to Keith/Johnson, 6-4, 4-6, 14-12
Seth Yarbar/Anna Scott lost to Kelley/Shaw, 7-5, 7-5

World Series Game 1 starters share common bond

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Scott Kazmir was selected 15th overall in the 2002 amateur draft and Cole Hamels went No. 17.

A pair of high school lefties, both brimming with promise. The comparisons were inevitable.

Six years later, Kazmir and Hamels are certainly fulfilling those lofty expectations. They're set to square off on baseball's biggest stage Wednesday night when the worst-to-first Tampa Bay Rays host Philadelphia in Game 1 of a World Series matchup that hardly anyone expected.

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Romo says he won't play Sunday

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo said Tuesday night his broken right pinkie likely will sideline him again this Sunday.

Romo, who was injured in Dallas' overtime loss to the Arizona Cardinals on Oct. 12, was expected to be out three to four weeks but had hoped to play last Sunday against St. Louis. He warmed up before the game and said Tuesday he couldn't grab the ball and throw it quickly.

Brad Johnson got the start against the Rams, and threw three interceptions in the Cowboys' 34-14 loss to the Rams. It looks as if the 40-year-old backup will be behind center again when Dallas hosts Tampa Bay on Sunday.

"It's going to be Brad. Brad is going to go this week unless something happens that I don't foresee," Romo said on Terrell Owens' "Inside the Huddle" radio show at the House of Blues.

Romo's absence would be a big blow for the slumping Cowboys (4-3), who have lost three of four.

In 2007, his first full season as a starter, Romo led the Cowboys to an NFC-best 13-3 record, but Dallas was upset by the Giants in the playoffs. He set team records with 335 completions for 4,211 yards and 36 touchdowns.

Against Arizona this season, Romo broke Troy Aikman's team record with his 14th career 300-yard passing game in his 32nd start. Aikman's 13 came in 165 starts.

Romo has completed 64 percent of his passes this season for 1,689 yards and 14 touchdowns with five interceptions.



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Big Spring's Baylea Fox bumps a pass to a teammate in District 4-4A volleyball action from Tuesday night at Cooper High School in Abilene. Cooper swept the Lady Steers in straight sets.

Running out of time

Loss to Cooper leaves Lady Steers with two last chances for playoffs

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Big Spring's Lady Steers are cutting it close if they want to make the playoffs.

The Lady Steers lost their sixth District 4-4A volleyball game Tuesday night, falling to the Abilene Cooper Lady Cougars in straight sets, 25-10, 25-14, 25-18.

Cooper had little trouble dispensing the Lady Steers in the first two sets. The Lady Cougars opened the second game with a 13-1 advantage.

In fact, Cooper didn't face a deficit until the third set, when Big Spring finally gained the lead at 14-12. The decisive game featured nine ties with the last coming at 15-all.

From there, Cooper put together a 6-0 rally to distance itself from the Lady Steers, eventually winning the third set, 25-18.

"We can't show up to play after we're down two sets," Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake said. "Well, we can, but we have to finish it. The difference between us and everyone else we've played this season is we go out not to lose while our opponents go out to win. If we can ever decide to play to win, like we did against Lake View earlier this season, then we can have success. I don't know why we haven't done that against everyone else we play, though."



Blake

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District 4-4A Volleyball Standings & Schedule

Team	District	Overall
Frenship	6-0	30-5
Cooper	5-1	20-15
Plainview	3-3	12-20
Big Spring	1-6	6-30
Lake View	0-6	12-27

Tuesday's results: Cooper d. Big Spring, Frenship d. Plainview
Saturday's schedule: Plainview at Cooper, Frenship vs. Lake View

Sports in brief

MLB World Series schedule
Philadelphia Phillies vs. Tampa Bay Rays
(All game televised on Fox)

Game 1: Wednesday at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Game 2: Thursday at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Game 3: Saturday at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Game 4: Sunday at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Game 5: Monday at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. (if needed)
Game 6: Oct. 29 at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. (if needed)
Game 7: Oct. 30 at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. (if needed)

Texas Shootout comes to Moss Creek Ranch

The Texas Shootout is a Tournament Hunter Bird Dog Challenge event being hosted by Moss Creek Ranch. This is a major event, offering an auto bid into the Nationals with an opportunity to qualify for the World Championships.

There are different levels of competition for pointing and flushing dogs.

For more information on Bird Dog Challenge, visit www.nbdca.com. Entries must be confirmed by Friday. For entry information, call Andy Anderson at 213-3801

or Linda at 213-2606.

Coach Diddle and Hawk women set for Hawk Buddies Program

Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle, assistant coach Jamie Fisher and the Hawk women are announcing the start of the 2008-2009 Hawk Buddies Basketball Program for girls in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The first day of the program is Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, free admission for all family members to Hawks home games, two clinics with lectures on goals and basketball fundamentals, a pizza party with the Hawk women's team and a buddies night, including autographs and photos with the team.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Jamie Fisher at 264-5155.

Big Spring Chicano Golf Association hosting monthly tournament Sunday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting

their monthly tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

Cost is \$17 per person and participants must be registered by 10 a.m. Sunday.

The tournament will be played in a 4-man scramble format.

For more information, contact Sammy Reyna at 267-5627.

October Washer Tourney scheduled for Saturday

A single-elimination two-man team washer tournament is scheduled for Saturday at La Vadera Club.

Cost is \$20 and teams must be registered by 1 p.m. on the day of the tourney.

If time permits, a single-elimination singles tourney will also be held after the completion of the team competition. Cost is \$10.

Contact Pano Rodriquez at 816-4223 or Mark Juarez (325) 277-8553 for more information.

Obituaries

Imogene Williams

Imogene Williams, 83, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 20, 2008, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• The Moodys will be in concert at 7 p.m. this evening at Eastside Baptist Church, 1108 E. Sixth. The concert is free; an offering will be taken for the Moodys' ministry. Everyone is invited.

• West Texas Centers for MHMR Warriors of Hope will be hosting a brisket burrito fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the east entrance to Wal-Mart. Homemade brisket burritos will be available for \$3 each. Homemade salsa and desserts will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society through the Howard/Glasscock Relay For Life.

• Big Spring High School Junior Class will meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 in the athletic training center. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

• Big Spring High School sweatshirts and hoodies are available by calling Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Sweatshirts are \$20 each; hoodies are \$25.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

• Mobile Meals needs volunteers to deliver meals Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. The organization delivers approximately 70 meals each day and needs drivers to donate just one hour per week. Mobile Meals also needs back-up volunteers to fill in when regular drivers can't make it. For more information, contact Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• The purpose of life is a life of purpose. Join Nurses' Hospice of Big Spring volunteer program and become an "Angel" or "Teen Angel" in someone's life today. Come by 1008 E. Third St. or call (432) 517-4073 to register.

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

Police blotter

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

- AUDRY FREITAG, 22, of 1003 Runnels, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- DANIELLE FRIETAG, 19, of 1003 Runnels, was arrested Monday on a local warrant.
- TERRENCE YOUNG, 19, of 109 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants and four other warrants.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Airbase Road.
- FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Eighth Street.
 - in the 1200 block of Lindberg.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AGAINST A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 1000 block of 11th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 47 inmates at the time of this report.
- ARMANDO JUAN SALCIDO, 28, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- GERARDO JERRY OCHOA, 44, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify and failure to identify — giving false information.
- VICTORIA ALDRIDGE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and claiming a lottery prize by fraud.
- STEPHANIE FRISBY, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of service.
- JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 25, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and failure to maintain financial responsibility with a previous conviction.

Support Groups

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.

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

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.






SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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.

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

TUESDAY
• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

Your Local Weather

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Bulletin Board

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TODAY
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2900 block of Stonehaven. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Colby. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the area of the Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 11000 block of E. County Road 34. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Street. 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 1400 block of Robin. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

A single ticket has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.


Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing — worth \$42 million — was sold in Dallas, Ga.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 16, 19, 39, 42 and 44. The Mega Ball number was 38.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-9-17-20-36
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-5-2. Sum It Up: 14.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-8. Sum it Up: 13.



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"Seems like we were pretty much in every single league going through the ranks," Kazmir said of his Phillies counterpart. "I got to see quite a bit of him and kind of follow his career a little bit."

Pretty impressive stuff for these two budding aces, both still shy of their 25th birthday.

"We relate at the same level, because we've had to go through the same experiences," Hamels said before Philadelphia worked out at tricky Tropicana Field.

Their teams have something in common, too: a history of losing.

Tampa Bay's tale is hard to believe — 10 futile seasons as a perennial doormat before this sudden surge to American League supremacy.

On the other side, the Phillies, with one championship (1980) in

125 seasons and more losses than any franchise in professional sports.

This isn't exactly Yankees-Dodgers or Celtics-Lakers.

"There aren't too many people in this room — or on the other side — who have been in this situation," said 45-year-old Phillies pitcher Jamie Moyer, also in his first World Series. "It's just a great place to be."

Just ask Kazmir, Carl Crawford and the rest of the Rays, finally successful after all those growing pains in a nearly empty dome.

"It means everything to me, it really does, especially for this city," Kazmir said. "It's pretty much worth the wait, you could say, for what we had to go through the past four years."

The Rays, who dropped the "Devil" from their nickname before the season, have been stockpiling young talent and top draft picks for years. Still, few thought they could complete such a remarkable turnaround

so fast.

Against the Phillies, Kazmir will have to contend with a potent lineup that includes NL MVPs Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins, plus slugging second baseman Chase Utley. No easy task for a hard thrower who often struggles to get deep in games.

After going 12-8 with a 3.49 ERA and earning his second All-Star appearance this season, Kazmir labored through his first two playoff starts — raising questions about his health. But he put those to rest with six shutout innings of two-hit ball in Game 5 of the AL championship series at Boston.

"It's not an injury situation. He just was uncomfortable," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "The other day against the Red Sox, I think you saw more sliders coming back into the mix, which I like. And he's got a very good changeup. I don't have a real intelligent explanation, other than I just thought that he

got out of his delivery a bit, maybe started over-thinking it a little bit."

Tampa Bay blew a seven-run lead after Kazmir left, but regrouped to beat Boston in Game 7 at home Sunday night. Unfazed by the kooky catwalks, slick artificial turf and slanted white roof at the Trop Shop, the Rays have bedeviled visitors all year. They went a major league-best 57-24 at home during the season, then 4-2 in the playoffs.

Drafted by the New York Mets and then traded to Tampa Bay in a lopsided deal four years ago, the baby-faced Kazmir is a big reason his team has home-field advantage for the World Series, too.

He was the winning pitcher in the July 15 All-Star game at Yankee Stadium.

As for Hamels, he's been tough to hit anywhere. After shutting down the Los Angeles Dodgers, the NLCS MVP is 3-0 with a 1.23 ERA in three postseason starts this year, striking out 22 and

walking six in 22 dominant innings.

Perhaps his biggest concern now is a six-day layoff before his World Series debut. He and the Phillies hope to look more rested than rusty.

"Because I can't throw in a live game, I just throw in the bullpen. And it's just the focus that you have to have," said Hamels, sporting boyishly long dark hair. "When I go out to my bullpen, I do try to visualize that there's a hitter out there, and I try to make every pitch count, as though it's a game situation."

Hamels went 14-10 with a 3.09 ERA in 33 regular-season starts. Including the playoffs, he's thrown 249 1-3 innings this year, 66 more than his previous high set last season.

"Every time he walks out on the mound I expect him to win a game," Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel said. "He's definitely capable of shutting a team out. He's capable of throwing no-hitters."

LADY STEERS

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The Steers are now 1-6 in district, which is good enough for fourth place in the five-team league. The top four teams advance to the postseason. Big Spring is ahead of San Angelo Lake View, which is 0-6 in league play.

Big Spring and Lake View close their seasons Tuesday in a match played at Steer Gym. Should the Lady Steers win, then

they would earn the final playoff spot in the district. However, a loss sends them to a tiebreaker match against Lake View that would be played at a time and place to be named later.

Of course, Blake hopes it doesn't come to that.

"If we win we're in," she said. "That's what it comes down to. The question is do we want it enough. We've had the opportunity to clinch a spot the last two games and haven't put forth good performances. We just don't have confidence when

we're swinging at the net. Our back row did very well tonight, but we couldn't take advantage of it at the net."

Blake credited Sloan Davis and Baylea Fox with strong defensive play in the back row. Each girl had five digs to the lead the team.

Big Spring registered just 15 kills as a team with Andrea Claxton topping the list with four.

The Lady Steers have a bye Saturday before hosting Lake View Tuesday. Blake is hopeful

the community will turn out in large support for the Lady Steers.

"I think the community really gets behind our athletic teams here, but it'd be nice to have the gym packed out for the final game," she commented. "I'm hoping everyone will wear black and we can try to black out the gym. It's our senior night and we have three seniors we'll be honoring at the game. It'd just be an intimidating sight for Lake View to come in and see the stands completely full."

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Oil falls below \$69 on U.S. recession fears

By LOUISE WATT

Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices fell below US\$69 a barrel Wednesday as investors shrugged off a looming OPEC production cut after company forecasts suggested the U.S. may be headed for a severe economic slowdown that would crimp demand for crude.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery dropped US\$3.37 to US\$68.81 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by mid-afternoon in Europe.

The November contract expired Tuesday and fell US\$3.36 to settle at US\$70.89. Last Thursday, that contract had declined as low as US\$68.57 a barrel, the lowest since June 2007.

Crude investors have followed equity markets this week, looking for signs on how the U.S. economy will weather the current global financial turmoil. On Tuesday, DuPont, Sun Microsystems and Texas Instruments reported disappointing earnings and bleak forecasts, sending the Dow Jones industrials average down 2.5 percent.

"Oil is now highly correlated with the stock market," said Clarence Chu, a trader with market maker Hudson Capital

Energy in Singapore. "People are looking to the Dow for sentiment on the economy."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which accounts for about 40 percent of global oil supply, has signaled it plans to announce an output quota reduction at an emergency meeting Friday in Vienna.

But investors are skeptical about how much of the cut will be implemented, given the history of OPEC members exceeding their production quotas.

"There should be a short-term boost to prices when they announce a cut on Friday," Chu said. "But OPEC production has always been above their quotas, so there's a credibility problem."

Russia's top energy official said Wednesday that Russia, the largest oil producer outside of OPEC, may set aside an oil reserve to influence global prices — but won't cut output, according to news reports.

Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin said the government was considering creating an oil production reserve "which would allow it to work more efficiently with prices on the market."

Sechin would not name the amount of the reserves, but said

they should be "enough to reach efficient pricing parameters," Russian news agencies reported.

He confirmed that Russia wouldn't cut oil output, unlike OPEC nations which are expected to slash production by 1 million barrels.

Crude oil is down 53 percent from its peak of US\$147.27 reached in mid-July.

A stronger dollar this week has also pushed oil prices lower. Investors often buy commodities like crude oil as an inflation hedge when the dollar weakens and sell those investments when the dollar rises.

The euro fell below US\$1.28 for the first time in nearly two years on Wednesday. The 15-nation euro dipped as low as US\$1.2736 in morning trading before rising slightly to US\$1.2873, down from US\$1.3003 late Tuesday in New York.

Investors are also watching for signs of slowing U.S. demand in the weekly oil inventories report to be released Wednesday from the U.S. Energy Department's Energy Information Administration. The petroleum supply report was expected to show that



AP Photo/Seth Perlman

Gas truck delivery driver Tim Trabue, right, loads gas into underground holding tanks from his truck at a gas station in Springfield, Ill., Tuesday. Oil prices dipped below \$75 a barrel Wednesday, a new 13-month low, as OPEC reduced its 2009 petroleum demand forecast amid signs that the global economy is headed for a severe downturn.

oil stocks rose 2.9 million barrels last week, according to the average of analysts' estimates in a survey by energy information provider Platts.

The Platts survey also showed that analysts projected gasoline inventories rose 3.0 million barrels and distillates went up 600,000 barrels last week.

In other Nymex trading, heat-

ing oil futures fell 6.22 cents to US\$2.11 a gallon, while gasoline prices dropped 6.57 cents to US\$1.63 a gallon. Natural gas for November delivery jumped 3.8 cents to US\$6.88 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, December Brent crude was down US\$2.64 to US\$67.08 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

MCKINNEY

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said McKinney. "It's about visiting your hometown, re-living all the memories and looking at all the spots where you made those memories. Different lines (in the song) reference different spots in Big Spring. The line about 'rolling my truck' refers to the time I wrecked my '79 Jeep CJ7 over by the old bowling alley. It talks about playing Little League at

International Stadium out at the base, cruising up and down Gregg Street, and finding love — I met my wife, April, in Big Spring.

"I really attribute much of my success to the relationships I formed in Big Spring and the people who believed in me here. It's so great to be coming home to play at Howard College Saturday. I'm really looking forward to visiting Big Spring and catching up with some friends from my childhood."

McKinney said growing up in Big Spring played a big part in his decision to pursue a career as a recording artist and songwriter.

"You'll hear several references to my Big Spring upbringing if you listen to my lyrics," said McKinney. "I started playing music in sixth grade. My dad, Rick McKinney, taught my brother, Eric, and me how to play guitar and with his guidance we started our first band. Throughout high school

our bands played all over Big Spring and Midland. Seeing Willie Nelson there at Memorial Stadium also made a big impression on me as a kid."

After graduating from high school, McKinney began working on his musical career in earnest.

"I decided that I wanted to keep pursuing music so I moved to Austin to seek out greater opportunities," said McKinney. "I had a band there in Austin, but it wasn't until a few years ago when I started tour-

ing as a solo act that big things started to happen. Rob Dennis, who is also from Big Spring, started a record label, Super Loud Music, and I was his first act.

"For the past two years I have been touring Texas and Oklahoma, playing everything from roadhouses to fairs. I'm getting radio play and have had four singles on the Texas Music Chart, three of which have been Top 10."

The concert is set to get under way at 9 p.m. Tick-

ets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Outreach Office on the Howard College campus, or that evening at the gate. No alcoholic beverages will be sold or allowed on campus.

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POLICE

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with his hands and not his own weapon."

Everett said no injuries were reported as a result of the altercation and the second subject was not arrested.

"We didn't have anything on him, so the officer let him go," said Everett.

And though the investigation into the would-be masked bandit is as good as closed, Everett said a robbery during the early morning hours Tuesday still has investigators on the lookout.

"At approximately 2:40 a.m. a male subject attempted to run out of the Wal-Mart Supercenter without paying for merchandise," said Everett. "A clerk tried to stop him, at which time the suspect produced a pocket knife. The clerk backed off and the suspect fled the scene."

While the circumstances of the robbery — which was enhanced to an aggravated robbery due to threats made with the knife — may not seem all that odd, what the thief made away with is, according to Everett.

"According to the clerk, the man stole several Halloween costumes," he said. "That's right, Halloween costumes. A kid with a pellet

gun and a guy committing aggravated robbery for some Halloween costumes. That's pretty strange, if you ask me."

Luckily, no injuries were reported as a result of the robbery, according to Everett. The suspect is described as a black male, short in stature, wearing a gray pullover shirt and a baseball cap.

Anyone with information regarding the robbery is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

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FOOD

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said.

"There was a ton of food being wasted in the lower grades," Grant said. "The

portions were just too big for the little kids."

The biggest impact in the streamlined menus are in how portions for fruits and vegetables and meat and offered. Grant said those portions for elementary students have been

reduced to a half-cup of fruits and vegetables and 1.5 ounces of meat.

Other portions are basically unchanged, she added.

The new system was instituted in all BSISD elementary campuses within

the past few weeks and Grant hopes the transition will be relatively seamless.

"It has been a process," she said. "It's involved a lot of time and training ... and it's been very time-consuming. But in the end,

menus will be in compliance with what we're supposed to be serving."

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ettes someone smokes each day, the higher the odds they'll develop the illnesses.

Why smokers are more susceptible is not known for sure, but some scientists believe it has to do with smoking-caused damage that allows the bacteria to more easily attach to the

lungs and windpipe, said Dr. Pekka Nuorti, a medical epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pneumococcal infections kill thousands of people in the United States each year, most of them 65 years of age or older.

The committee voted 11 to 3 to pass the recommendation, adding a call for smoking cessation counseling. Some members said it might be more cost effective

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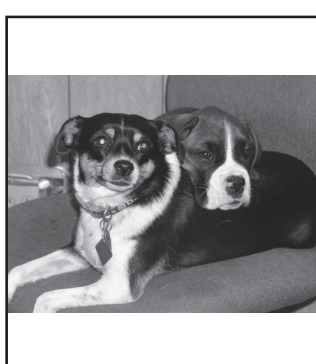
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McCain returns to N.H., site of 2 pivotal primary wins, hoping to stave off November loss

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire launched John McCain's two presidential campaigns, and now he's hoping it doesn't end his bid for the White House.

The Republican nominee was returning Wednesday to the state whose primary he won in 2000 and again earlier this year. But there were signs it was tilting toward Democrat Barack Obama in the Nov. 4 general election.

Recent polls have shown Obama, an Illinois senator, with a lead no smaller than 7 percentage points, prompting speculation that McCain may have to surrender the state's four electoral votes and focus elsewhere if he hopes to cobble together the 270 needed to become president.

Senior adviser Mark Salter dismissed such thinking Tuesday. He said McCain was visiting New Hampshire because "we get a charge out of it. We think we're competitive there. They get it."

With less than two weeks until Election Day, McCain and his wife, Cindy, were rallying those who "get it" at a rally at St. Anselm College in Goffstown.

Obama takes on national security while keeping focus on economy during Va. swing

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democrat Barack Obama is bouncing from one patch of Republican turf to another this week. Virginia is his stomping grounds on Wednesday, as he continues his assault on Republican John McCain's economic proposals while also introducing national security differences into the final stretch mix.

The endorsement over the weekend of Obama by longtime Republican Colin Powell, the former secretary of state under President Bush, gives the Democrat an opening to go on the offensive on foreign affairs. The topic is generally considered his weakest against McCain, but Powell's backing undercut McCain's perceived dominance.

So, while in the Virginia capital on Wednesday, Obama and running mate Joe Biden planned to meet with a group of national security advisers to the campaign. Obama planned to talk publicly after the discussion about his approach to world affairs, and how it differs from McCain's.

That doesn't mean the economy won't remain front and center with less than two weeks to go before Election Day.

Obama's other events in Virginia, ral-

lies in Richmond and Leesburg, were to focus heavily on the financial crisis that has morphed into broad and intense anxieties throughout the country. The economy is also likely to be a key theme at a rally Thursday in Indiana, yet another state that voted GOP in 2004.

Officials set to announce final rule for long-awaited air passenger screening program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-delayed government program designed to more accurately prescreen the names of airline passengers against terror watch lists is expected to launch early next year.

On Wednesday, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff was expected to announce the final rule for the program, called Secure Flight, which would validate air travelers' information so there's less chance a person could be mistaken for someone else on a watch list. The program has been delayed several times over privacy concerns.

Misidentification of passengers has been one of the biggest inconveniences in post-Sept. 11 air travel, and widely known for putting Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., a few infants and thousands of innocent U.S. residents through extensive searching and questioning before they were allowed to fly.

Currently, passenger prescreening for domestic flights is handled by the individual airlines. But those airlines do not always tap into the most up-to-date watch lists, which contain names of people whom intelligence agencies determined should not be on planes. Under the new program, the airlines will be responsible for collecting a passenger's full name, gender and birth date, as opposed to the current practice of only collecting the passenger's name.

"This should eliminate the vast majority of misidentifications and significantly reduce instances where travelers believe, or are even told by airlines, that they are on a watch list," said a Homeland Security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the final rule had not been announced.

India launches first moon mission, entering Asian space race with fresh effort to map the moon

NEW DELHI (AP) — India launched its first mission to the moon Wednesday, rocketing a satellite up into the pale dawn sky in a two-year mission to redraw maps of the lunar surface.

Clapping and cheering scientists tracked the ascent on computer screens after they lost sight of Chandrayaan-1

from the Sriharikota space center in southern India. Chandrayaan means "Moon Craft" in ancient Sanskrit.

Indian Space Research Organization chairman G. Madhavan Nair said the mission is to "unravel the mystery of the moon."

"We have started our journey to the moon and the first leg has gone perfectly well," he said.

Chief among the mission's goals is mapping not only the surface of the moon, but what lies beneath. If successful, India will join what's shaping up as a 21st century space race with Chinese and Japanese crafts already in orbit around the moon.

Food allergies increasing in U.S. kids, study says

ATLANTA (AP) — Food allergies in American children seem to be on the rise, now affecting about 3 million kids, according to the first federal study of the

problem.

But experts said that might be because parents are more aware and quicker to have their kids checked out by a doctor.

About 1 in 26 children had food allergies last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Wednesday. That's up from 1 in 29 kids in 1997.

The 18 percent increase is significant enough to be considered more than a statistical blip, said Amy Branum of the CDC, the study's lead author.

Nobody knows for sure what's driving the increase. A doubling in peanut allergies — noted in earlier studies — is one factor, some experts said. Also, children seems to be taking longer to outgrow milk and egg allergies.

But also figuring into the equation are parents and doctors who are more likely to consider food as the trigger for symptoms like vomiting, skin rashes and breathing problems.

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The Friends of the Library book sale has ended. Thanks to all who came, who looked, who purchased. If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Library, they will be meeting Thursday at noon, in the library. Ask a staff member for directions to the meeting room.

With the holidays approaching, there are a number of days the library will be closed. We will

be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day and will close at 3 p.m. Nov. 26 for the Thanksgiving holidays. We will reopen Monday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. For the Christmas holiday, we will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24 and will reopen Monday, Dec. 29. We will also be closed Jan. 1.

New book pickins' are getting rather low. The staff has been busy taking inventory, making sure our catalog is up to date

and processing the few "new" books that are coming in. Historically, we are not able to purchase books until the middle of January. That is when the tax revenue begins trickling in and that is when we hit the book-buying binge.



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Erica Spindler's newest book is "Breakneck" and will be published Jan. 20. From her Web site, she writes "No matter how innocent the story being relayed to me is, I can twist it into something pretty damn frightening. I've learned the real trick is not sharing these versions with those relaying the story. It tends to make

people avoid me." Raised in Rockford, Ill., Erica had planned on being an artist, earning a BFA from Delta State University and an MFA from the University of New Orleans in the visual arts.

In June of 1982, in bed with a cold, she picked up a romance novel for relief from daytime television. She was immediately hooked, and soon decided to try to write one herself.

She leaped from romance to suspense in 1996 with her novel "Forbidden Fruit," and found her true calling. In 2002, her novel "Bone Cold" won the prestigious Daphne du Maurier Award for excellence. A Romance Writers of America Honor Roll member, she received a Kiss of Death Award for her novels "Forbidden Fruit" and "Dead Run" and was a three-time RITA® Award finalist.

In 1999, Publishers Weekly awarded the audio version of her novel "Shocking Pink" a Listen Up Award, naming it one of the best audio mystery books of 1998. The library has an extensive collection of her fiction and it can be found in either the Mystery or Fiction

section. Look in the New Book Binder for the latest additions.

Lisa Gardner is another prolific author who writes thrillers. Check out her Web site for a complete list of her books. The site is <http://www.lisagardner.com>. The library has just added "The Perfect Husband" (this was her first book published by Bantam) and "The Third Victim." Please check the catalog for more of her books.

A favorite of English teachers everywhere (and I mean everywhere) is the Old English poem called "Beowulf."

There is no known author, but the 3,182-line poem is the only epic poem that has survived from the Anglo-Saxon period. It is challenging not only because of the complicated contextual problems it raises, but also because what it doesn't say. (That explanation is from the introduction, not me). J.R. Tolkien loved this poem, reading it over and over again and it probably influenced his writing as well.

Translated by Alan Sullivan and Timothy Murphy, "Beowulf" (829.3 AND S) is

edited by Sarah Anderson. Included are notes that explain unfamiliar terms, assistance with literary allusions and other aides to help the reader understand the poem. Enjoy!

"Can't Buy Me Faded Love" (SF ROU J) by Josh Rountree is an anthology of his stories published over a number of years. Josh is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School and is the son of Mary Gregg.

He lives in Austin with wife and three sons. He plays exclusively Fender electric guitars and amps, Gibson acoustics and GHS strings.

His Web site is <http://joshrountree.com/> and you can find out more about him there.

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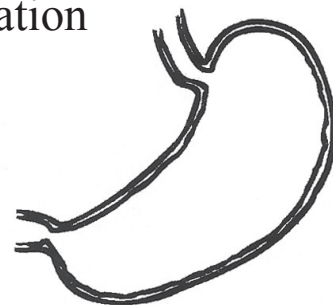
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DARRELL RYAN

A stranger was inquiring about buying one of the old barns. The clerk at the store, noticing that he was a city type, asked why he

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The stranger said he would like to use the lumber to line the walls of his den in a new country home he's building. He said you couldn't get paint that beautiful. Only years

of standing in the weather, bearing the storms and scorching sun can produce beautiful barn wood.

As I heard that story, I thought, we're a lot like that. Only it's on the inside that our beauty grows. Sure, we turn silver gray and lean a bit more than we did when we were young. And as the years pass by, the hard weather has had an effect on our lives.

The dry spells and the stormy seasons have done a job of beautifying our souls that nothing else can produce.

I guess someday you and I will be hauled off to the great beyond and I suspect we'll be more beautiful then for the seasons we've been through here. And through it all, may we enjoy a peace within and a knowledge that we are ex-

actly where we are meant to be.

I remember a quote I heard years ago, "When one door closes, another door opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us."

There is an old Indian proverb which says that the rainbows of the soul are formed by the tears in our eyes. So, may we not look back in anger or forward in fear but around us in awareness.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Greater Rotary Club Tailgate Party set Friday

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be hosting its Annual Tailgate Party Friday at the Steer home game, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in parking lot of Memorial Stadium, west side — north end.

Members will be cooking and selling beef or chicken fajitas, which will include a cookie and a drink for \$7. Tickets are available from any of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce or any Interact Big Spring High School student.

Proceeds from this event will help the Interact Program at the High School.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club helps different entities like this one throughout the year.

"In the past we have done Fajitas for Footwear where we helped put shoes on some of the local school children whose parents were just not able, high school after-prom parties, literacy programs and more. That is what Rotary is all about, service above self," said President Keith Graumann. "And, if you can't come out to eat with us, donations are greatly appreciated, too."



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4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories.

Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald **NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE**
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

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News in brief

Afghan officials say coalition airstrike kills 9 Afghan troops; US blames 'mistaken identity'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.S.-led coalition airstrike mistakenly hit an Afghan army checkpoint Wednesday, killing nine soldiers and wounding three, Afghan officials said.

The strike hit a checkpoint in the Sayed Kheil area of Khost province in eastern Afghanistan, said Arsallah Jamal, the province's governor.

The U.S. said its forces "may have mistakenly killed and injured" Afghan soldiers in what may have been a case of mistaken identity "on both sides."

"As a Coalition forces convoy was returning from a previous operation, they were involved in multiple engagements," a U.S. military statement said. "As a result of the engagements, ANA (Afghan army) soldiers were killed and injured."

Col. Greg Julian, the chief spokesman for U.S. troops in Afghanistan, said American officials would meet with Afghan defense officials to "sort out the details."

Bush administration says it will take time for economy to recover from financial crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is pledging to do whatever it takes to battle a severe financial crisis that is threatening to push the country into a

steep recession.

But even with the aggressive steps the government has already taken, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson says it will take time before things get turned around.

"Clearly, we're going to have a number of difficult months ahead of us in terms of the real economy," Paulson said Tuesday in an interview on "The Charlie Rose Show."

Asian markets veered sharply lower Wednesday, with Tokyo's Nikkei index tumbling 6.79 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng was down 6.2 percent, while South Korea's main index shed 5.1 percent. European markets also opened lower.

A week after Paulson announced the administration would spend \$250 billion to buy stakes in U.S. banks, the Federal Reserve stepped up Tuesday with a new program to help money market mutual funds that have been squeezed by worried investors demanding to cash out their holdings.

Asian markets slide on pessimism over earnings; Nikkei slides nearly 7 percent

TOKYO (AP) — Asian markets veered sharply lower Wednesday, with Tokyo's Nikkei index tumbling nearly 7 percent, amid spreading pessimism over corporate earnings outlooks in the U.S. and at home. European markets also opened lower.

As credit markets show signs of improving, investors are turning their attention to dismal forecasts from major U.S. companies and Japanese media reports of disappointing sales and profit results — stoking fears of a global recession.

Asian markets opened lower after an overnight decline on Wall Street but extended losses as the day progressed.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average fell for the first time in three days, dropping 631.56 points, or 6.79 percent, to 8,674.69. Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 5.2 percent, while South Korea's main index shed 5.1 percent.

"The credit crunch seems to be behind us, and we are shifting focus to corporate earnings and economic conditions, and clearly both are deteriorating," said Alex Tang, head of research at Core Pacific-Yamaichi in Hong Kong.

Fort Bragg trial to start in case of soldier accused of 'fragging' 2 superior officers

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — The court martial of the first soldier accused of killing a direct superior in Iraq — known as "fragging" during the Vietnam War — opens Wednesday, three years after a suspicious blast tore through the living quarters of two National Guard officers.

Numerous delays in the case against Staff Sgt. Alberto B. Martinez have frustrated the widows of Capt. Phillip Esposito and 1st Lt. Louis Allen, both killed when a Claymore mine detonated outside their room in 2005. The trial judge has pledged to hear testimony on holidays and weekends, but the case is still expected to run through the end of the year.

"I never imagined that it would take more than three years to bring him to trial," said Esposito's wife, Siobhan, who along with Allen's wife has attended every hearing. "My life irrevocably changed."

Martinez, 41, of Troy, N.Y., is accused of planting the anti-personnel mine that detonated on June 7, 2005, in a window just outside the officers' room at Saddam Hussein's Water Palace in Tikrit. The officers died the next day.

At an earlier hearing in Kuwait, a witness testified Martinez had said twice that he disliked Esposito and was going to "frag" him.

Defense attorneys have said in court there is no evidence linking Martinez to the killings. They also have said he was charged because of his feud with Esposito, a by-the-book West Point graduate who took over a relaxed National Guard unit.



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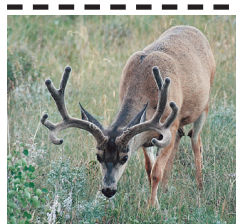
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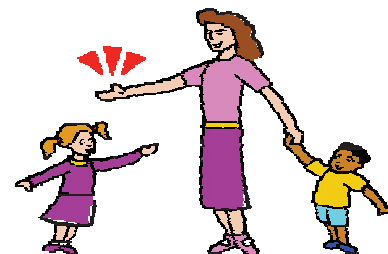
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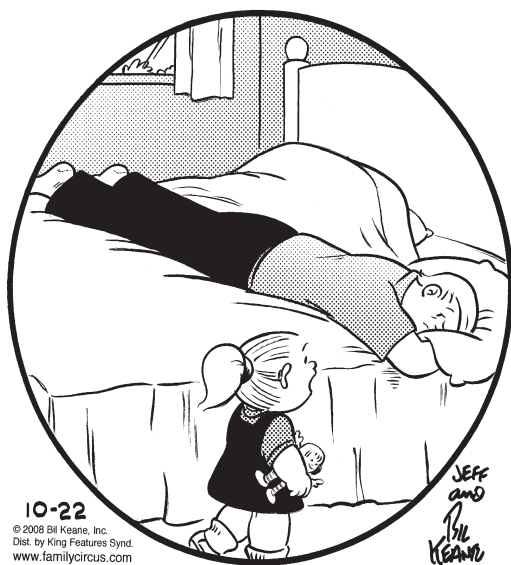
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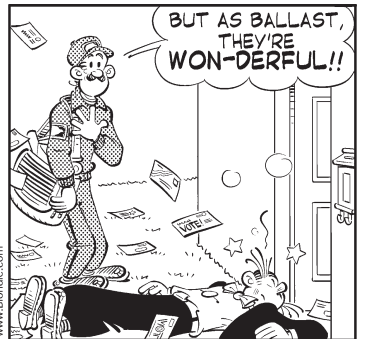
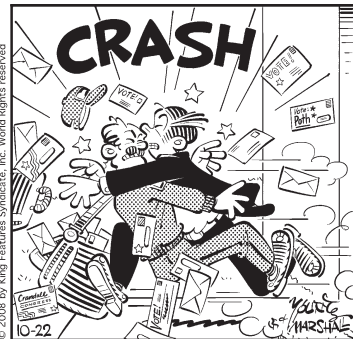


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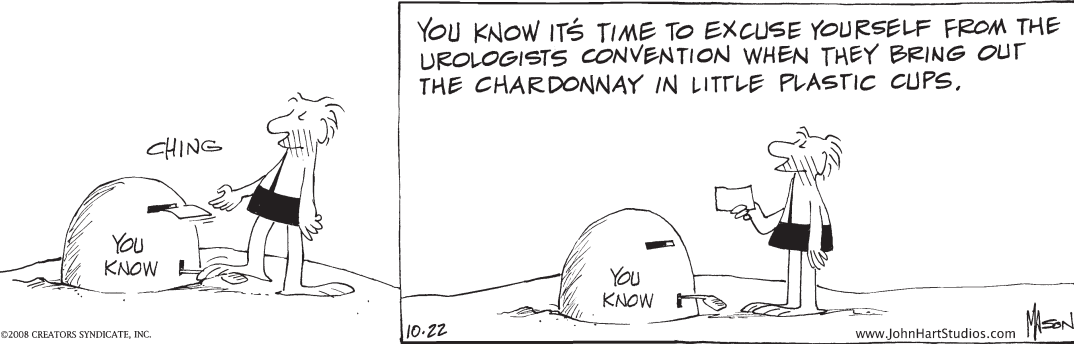
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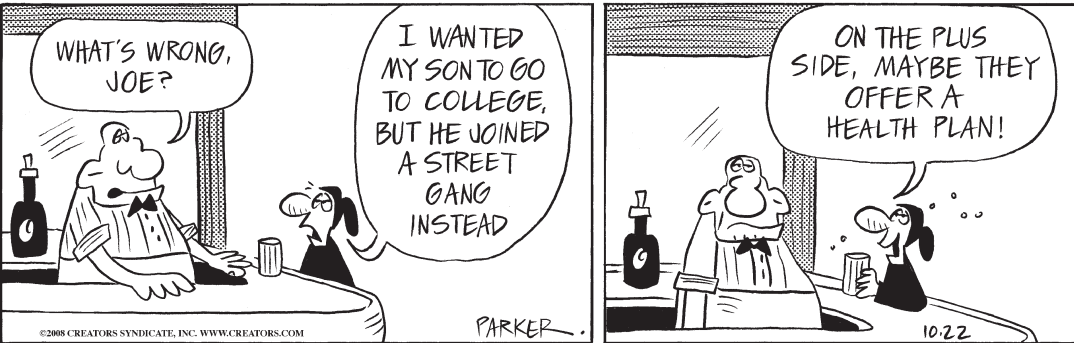
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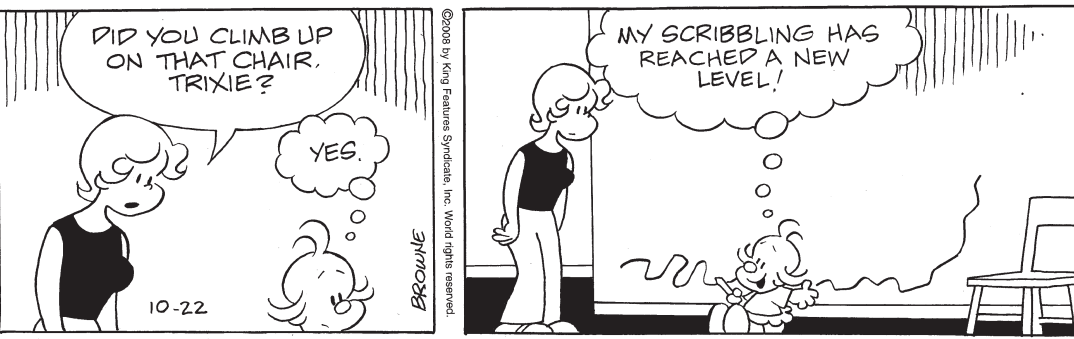
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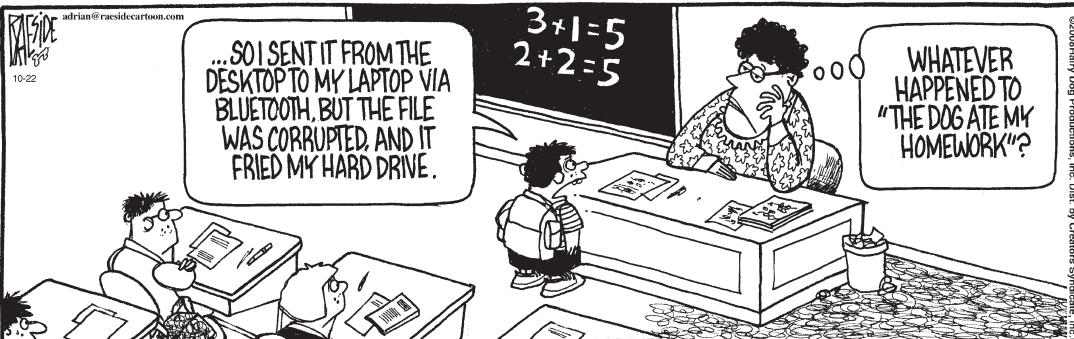
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 22, the 296th day of 2008. There are 70 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 22, 1962, President Kennedy announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment shipped to Cuba...

On this date: In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1883, the original Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents at a farm in East Liverpool, Ohio.

In 1968, Apollo 7 returned safely, splashing down in the Atlantic Ocean.

In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

In 1986, President Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

One year ago: A federal judge in Dallas declared a mistrial for former leaders of the Texas-based Holy Land Foundation, a Muslim charity accused of funding terrorism.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joan Fontaine is 91. Nobel Prize-winning author Doris Lessing is 89. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 70. Actor Derek Jacobi is 70. Actor Tony Roberts is 69. Actress Annette Funicello is 66. Movie director Jan de Bont is 65. Actress Catherine Deneuve is 65. Rock musician

Leslie West (Mountain) is 63. Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour is 61. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 56. Movie director Bill Condon is 53. Actor Luis Guzman is 51. Actor-writer-producer Todd Graff is 49. Rock musician Cris Kirkwood is 48. Christian singer TobyMac is 44. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding is 43. Actress Valeria Golino is 42. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 41. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 40. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 40. Rapper Tracey Lee is 38. Actor Michael Fishman is 27. Talk show host Michael Essany is 26. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 23. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 18. Actress Sofia Vassilieva is 16.

Thought for Today: "Happiness is not a horse; you cannot harness it." — Russian proverb.

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