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Democrats and Republicans cooperate to pass budget bill through the House

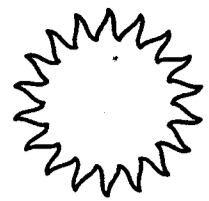
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Sophomore guard Ryan Bailey to leave men's basketball team

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Plenty of sunshine today with a delightful summer afternoon. High 82°F. Mainly clear and comfortable tonight. Low 55°F. Mostly sunny tomorrow and continued pleasant. High 85°F.

— by Chris Patti



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AP Photo

An Israeli Orthodox Jew watches Israeli soldiers, police and medics from the roof after two explosions ripped through a crowded outdoor marketplace. Two suicide bombers blew themselves up yesterday in the Jerusalem marketplace, killing 14 people.

Bombs in Israeli market kill 14

By GWEN ACKERMAN
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JERUSALEM — Carefully synchronizing their attacks, two men carried briefcases packed with explosives and nails into the heart of Jerusalem's most crowded outdoor market yesterday and blew themselves up, sending body parts and blood-soaked vegetables flying.

The double blasts killed 14 people — including the two bombers — and injured more than 150, striking at a time when renewed peace process at a time when renewed progress seemed plausible.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet met in emergency session to suspend peace talks with the Palestinians — which resumed

"I heard the explosions one after another. I fell (and) saw blood on my chest."

— Simha Kadoori
bomb victim

this week after a four-month deadlock — until Arafat acts against the militants "with determination," Israel TV said.

A leaflet claiming to be from the militant Islamic group Hamas took responsibility for the blasts, which went off in an alley about 50 yards apart from each other. Mahane Yehuda,

Jerusalem's main fruit and vegetable market, was packed with shoppers when the bombs went off at 1:15 p.m.

"People flew in the air without legs, without arms, without clothes," said one witness, 43-year-old Sarah Yamin.

Soot-covered bodies lay on the ground, their blood mixing with smashed watermelons, torn clothes and shredded newspaper. Green awnings covering the alley were torn apart and vegetable stands and clothing displays overturned; scraps of clothing dangled from telephone lines.

The attackers — whose overall aim has been to scuttle the peace process — achieved a short-term goal: President Clinton postponed a new

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Victim of shooting readies for school

By PATRICIA K. COLE
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With financial aid questions and nervous feelings, Nicholas Mensah will return to the University this Fall Semester while still recovering from the bullet wounds he received when he was shot last fall.

It will be a few months before Mensah will fully recover from the wound in his stomach. Mensah, a junior majoring in business administration, was shot when State College resident Jillian Robbins fired a high-powered rifle on the HUB lawn during a class break Sept. 17 of last year.

Melanie Spalla, another University student, was killed in the shooting. Robbins is awaiting trial in Clinton County Prison.

Although he did think about not returning, Mensah said the shooting was an isolated incident.

"It could have happened anywhere," he said. "I couldn't consider going anywhere else. If I couldn't go back there, I should probably just quit school then."

Aside from his personal safety, Mensah said his financial aid situation made him briefly wonder why he was returning.

According to an article in The Philadelphia Daily News on Monday, a scholarship that Mensah had received for two years has been taken away from him.

Mensah, whose tuition had been covered by financial aid, said he does not know if the scholarship

"I just want to move on with my life — that's the bottom line."

— Nicholas Mensah
shooting victim

has been eliminated, but his semester bill does not include the scholarship.

"There's much in that story that is inaccurate," said Alan Janesch, assistant manager of the department of public information for the University, about the Philadelphia Daily News article.

However, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known as the Buckley Amendment, forbids anyone from the University from discussing a student's financial aid with a third party without written consent from that student, he said.

According to a news release from the University's department of public information, "If the law did not prevent Penn State from disclosing what is in its records, the reporting on Nicholas Mensah's situation would probably be substantially different. Penn State takes great pride in being a supportive and caring university."

Mensah first heard about the scholarship from a reporter from The Philadelphia Daily News, he said.

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Covener files papers in borough elections

By PATRICIA K. COLE
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Battling the borough housing ordinance, creating reasonable laws and reconsidering the relocation of the Schlow Memorial Library will be some of the main issues Jason Covener plans to tackle in his campaign for the State College Borough Council.

Covener (senior-international politics) filed nomination papers to run as an independent Friday.

The former Undergraduate Student Government presidential candidate said in his provisional position statement that his goal is "to make a change from the myopic segregationist and anti-growth policies that have plagued the borough council for so long."

He said he wants to eliminate the recently passed amendment to the housing ordinance as well as streamline other housing laws.

The amendment limits the number of new student homes within certain areas of the borough.

"Obviously there are some laws that you have to have," he said. "But leave the market to itself and let the buyers and the sellers choose who they want to sell to and buy from," he said.



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Jason Covener
running for borough council

With the addition of himself and some other student-friendly candidates to the council, Covener said the ordinance can be defeated.

Laws, such as public drunkenness laws, should be defined more strictly to only include actions when offenders are endangering the safety of others, he said.

Stumbling and talking loudly due to alcohol should not be punishable offenses and are impossible to enforce, he said.

Covener is also opposed to the loitering ordinance, the proposed relocation of Schlow Memorial

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New worms discovered by professor

By JASON FAGONE
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University scientists have discovered an exotic new species of worms living in a hostile methane environment 1,800 feet deep in the Gulf of Mexico, about 150 miles south of New Orleans.

The team of scientists, using a mini-submarine funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, came across an exposed chunk of methane ice that was covered with one- to two-inch worms, chief scientist Charles Fisher said.

The worms were photographed, and specimens were retrieved for further study, he said.

"The part about it that really excites me is the fact that we found animal life associated with this methane ice," said Fisher, an associate professor of biology, who has been studying sea-floor ecologies since the 1980's.

"Scientists had hypothesized there were probably bacteria associated with them, but we never thought there would be an animal making use of this resource to live," he said.

"So the fact that it turned out to be a new species is really cool, but the scientifically significant part is the relationship between a higher animal and the methane ice," he said.

The methane mounds are lighter than water and poke up through sediment on the sea floor, Fisher said. The mounds are made of hydrates, unique combination structures of water and natural gas that only exist at low temperatures and high pressures, Fisher said.

"I'd always considered the hydrates as a geological feature

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Just ducky

Ted Fuller of Pine Grove Mills "adopts" a racing duck from American Cancer Society interns Marcy Schruer (senior-bio-behavior health) and Michelle La Fauce (senior-human development and family studies) yesterday. The American Cancer Society will be holding its annual Duck Derby on Sunday.

Monthly parking rates increased at State College garages

Rates are raised in order to pay for possible new downtown parking facility.

By MARK PARFITT
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A rate increase on monthly parking that the State College Borough Council passed July 7 could lead to the construction of the sixth downtown parking facility. However, the business community said the rate increase will create hardships on downtown businesses and their employees.

The borough needed to raise the monthly parking rate in order to help pay for the cost of a new garage, borough parking manager Ed Holmes said. "We're trying to justify a new parking facility," he

said. "All of our planning tools prove that we need the facility."

"Under the current rate structure, we just couldn't afford to build a new facility and operate it," Holmes added.

Holmes said the most likely location for a new garage would be in or near the council's proposed town center.

The rate increase will not affect those who pay by the hour at the borough's garages or metered parking lots. Those 1,070 spaces are primarily used by people visiting the borough, using downtown services or shopping at downtown merchants. The monthly spaces are primarily used by people who work in the downtown area, Holmes said.

The new rate increase, which is already in effect for new accounts, will take effect for all existing accounts in September.

Of the 1,700 parking spaces in the borough parking system, 630 of them are leased as monthly spaces.

Currently the borough has five parking facilities that sell monthly parking passes — the Pugh Street and Fraser Street parking garages, the McAllister Street Parking Deck and lots on Foster Avenue and Sparks Street.

The Fraser Plaza garage, built 12 years ago, currently does not bring in enough money to pay off its costs to the borough, Holmes said.

"Fraser Street is the only one that operates at a deficit," he said. "We have a \$380,000 mortgage bill on that parking garage."

However, Charlene Friedman, president of Downtown State College Partnership Inc., said the borough's parking system is divided into two funds, one from on-street parking and another from the five

Monthly parking rate increase

The State College Borough Council passed the parking rate increase July 7, and it went into effect the following day.

Facility	Old price per month	New price per month
Pugh Street Parking Garage	\$54	\$60
Fraser Street Parking Garage	\$54	\$60
McAllister Street Parking Deck*	\$40	\$45
Foster Avenue lot	\$45	\$60
Sparks Street lot	\$20	\$25

*This facility has more than one monthly parking option

Source: State College Borough Parking Office

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parking facilities. She said borough council's need for a rate increase has been misleading because, combined together, the borough would not lose money on parking.

"There is no deficit in parking,"

Friedman said. "The only deficit is when you separate the funds."

The borough argues that if funds from on-street parking were merged with those of the facilities,

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