

Police ready to handle governor's convention

■ In anticipation of the arrival of dignitaries such as President Clinton, state police said their presence will be similar to other big events held in State College.

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Pennsylvania State Police will lead a coordinated effort to ensure safety during July's National Governor's Association annual meeting in State College.

With the eyes of the nation turned to State College to watch high-ranking political digni-

ties such as President Clinton, Gen. Colin Powell and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, police are carefully preparing to handle the crowds expected to flood town July 8 to 11.

The state police are not releasing any figures about how many officers will be in town for the weekend, Capt. Frank Monaco said. Police will request a helicopter for the event, as they would for any other busy weekend. The helicopter would be on hand for use in case of injuries or other emergencies, he said.

Steve Shelov, assistant director for Penn State Police Services, said Penn State police will be working together with both the State College Police Department and state police



Lt. Tom Hart of the State College Police Department said the police presence for that weekend will be similar to other big events in State College, such as football weekends in the fall or the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts each July.

to provide security for the weekend event.

State police will have primary responsibility for coordinating the efforts of officers of the different police organizations.

Monaco said state police conduct training twice a year for handling large crowds.

"We're at the forefront of crowd control," Monaco said.

"Crowd control and handling governors and other dignitaries is a lot different than responding to domestic violence calls," he added.

To get advice about how to handle crowds and how to deal with problems they might encounter, state police talked to officials in cities such as Seattle and Washington, D.C., Monaco said.

Although they've learned from mishaps in other states and from the Beaver Avenue riot two years ago during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, Monaco said there

has not been any major philosophical change in the way police will handle the expected crowds.

"Most of crowd control is responding to a lot of people right away.

"They must be appropriately trained. It's important to be fair with everyone and take the appropriate steps when problems arise," Monaco said. The extra police would not be necessary in a city with a large police department but in a smaller town such as State College, the extra police officers are vital to manage the event, he added.

Monaco said although state police will be in charge of organizing the efforts, they would not try to usurp the authority of the local police organizations.

Congress supports vocational education

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WASHINGTON D.C. — C-COR.NET will host a group of high school students next month to get them interested in working there in a few years.

This is not just a get acquainted session, but a chance for the State College-based amplifier and telecommunications company to solve a major problem: hiring skilled technical workers.

"We have had to do that and go to every job fair and do training in-house," said Mary Beahm, vice president of human resources at the company that employs 2,300 people.

Companies throughout the country are having similar problems, and Congress is doing something about it, prompted in part by Rep. John Peterson, (R-Pa.)

Peterson, a member of the Appropriations Committee, recently persuaded the House to increase the federal contribution by \$500 million to \$1.1 billion to a program that finances vocational education high schools and community colleges.

Peterson said he is optimistic that the Senate will support a similar level of funding.

If that amount stays in the final budget, Pennsylvania would get \$43 million, an increase from the \$41 million in the current budget.

These funds can be used for teaching salaries and equipment and are especially helpful to areas that have not enjoyed the same level of prosperity as the rest of the nation.

Peterson's home base in north-central Pennsylvania is such a place. While it contains the booming high technology area in and around State College, it also has many rural areas and small industrial towns that are eager to find new job sources.

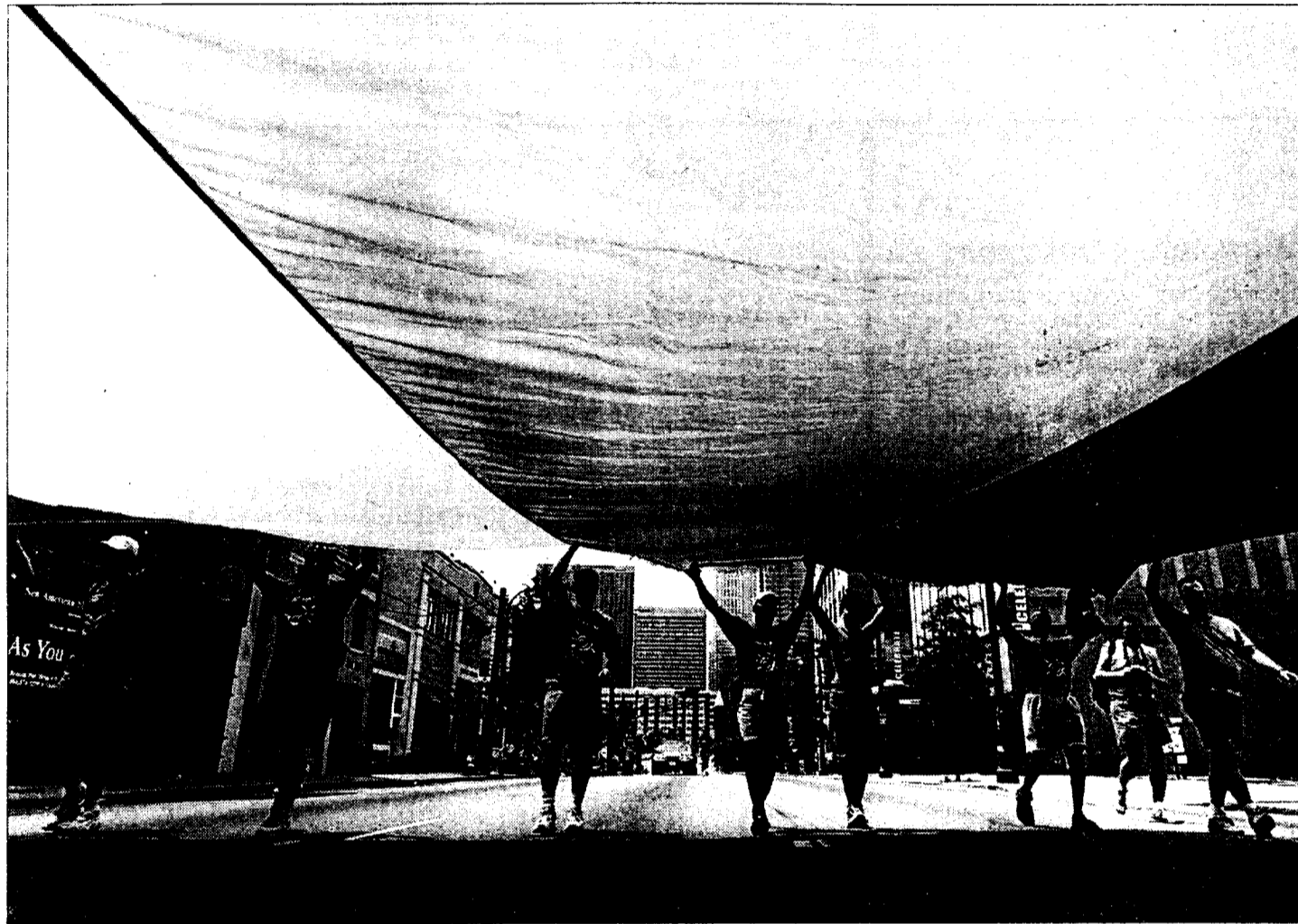
He said expanded vocational training would help those employers and expand opportunities for low-income students.

"Not having enough vocational education opportunities hurts students who are lower middle class and in the working poor. These students are not likely to go to college but need to have the chance to get the good jobs," Peterson said.

The state is increasing its contribution as well.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, the state will spend \$53 million, an increase from this year's amount of \$51.5 million.

Tim Reeves, a spokesman for Gov. Tom Ridge, said the funding increase and a wide range of retraining programs for older workers are the result of conversations Ridge has had with business executives.



Volunteers carry the flag of the gay movement down Peachtree Street in Atlanta during the 30th Annual Gay Pride Parade yesterday.

Coast to Coast Nationwide parades mark Gay Pride Day

By Beth J. Harpez
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NEW YORK — Drag queens and dignitaries shared Fifth Avenue in the always-colorful annual Gay Pride parade known as much for its politics as its revelry.

Gays also marched yesterday in parades in San Francisco, Chicago and Atlanta.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and U.S. Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton marched in yesterday's event in New York, but Clinton's new Republican rival, Rep. Rick Lazio, chose to spend the day campaigning upstate instead.

Political victories were celebrated as activists pointed to passage of a hate-crimes bill in Albany and a Vermont law that allows civil unions between homosexuals.

"It's a tremendously significant year," said lesbian activist and former White House aide Virginia Appuzzo, one of the Heritage of Pride Parade's grand marshals.

"The changes have been dazzling," Appuzzo added.

Supporters of Clinton shouted "You look gorgeous" and "We love you" as the first lady joined the parade accompanied by state and local officials.

Clinton marched 20 paces behind a man in a pink tutu and a Rollerblader wearing nothing but a thong.



A male go-go dancer performs as his float rides down Fifth Avenue yesterday in New York.

Clinton gave the thumbs-up sign and clapped her hands to the disco music.

"This year, because of the hate crimes bill in New York and the civil union law in Vermont, it's a year we can look back on and say there's been some progress," Clinton told

reporters during a press conference.

"I'm pleased to be here on behalf of equal rights for gays and lesbians," the first lady added.

The parade, which commemorates the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Inn credited with sparking the modern gay rights movement, was led by Stonewall veterans in drag riding behind a rainbow of balloons stretched across Fifth Avenue.

There were gay "Star Trek" fans, AIDS activists and church groups singing gospel music.

There also were scattered protesters, including Joseph Garber of Brooklyn, who held a sign that said, "Sodomy is a crime."

In Chicago, thousands of revelers lined the streets of the city's North Side for the 31st annual Gay Pride parade.

The parade attracted more than 200 entries, including floats, bands and marchers representing local businesses and civic groups.

In San Francisco, what began in 1970 as a meager procession followed by a low-key "gay-in" at Golden Gate Park has become one of California's biggest events, and one of the world's best-known celebrations of gay pride.

The 30th annual Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Parade was to be followed by a seven-hour party at city hall.

Senator suggests suspension of gas tax

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WASHINGTON D.C. — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican from oil-rich Texas and an ally of GOP presidential candidate George W. Bush, said yesterday Congress should suspend the 18.4-cent per gallon federal gasoline tax because of increasing pump prices.

A smaller temporary tax rollback that in the Senate in April when the rise in oil prices slowed and oil-producing nations agreed to increase their output.

"I think part of a package that should be put forward in Congress is a short-term fix like relief from gasoline taxes until we stabilize these prices and then some longer term fixes," Hutchison said on "Fox News Sunday."

In the Midwest, gas prices hit \$2.20 a gallon in some spots. Indiana Gov. Ernie O'Bannon has suspended the state's gas tax on gasoline for 60 days.

The House of Representatives will meet this week to discuss repealing or suspending the state's 5 percent sales tax on fuel.

Legislation introduced in the House earlier this year would have rolled back 10 cents of the 18.4-cent federal tax for the rest of the year and suspended the entire tax if and when average prices rose to \$2 a gallon.

The issue lost momentum because the price rise slowed in the spring and oil-producing nations in the Middle East bowed to U.S. pressure to increase the oil supply.

Since then, prices have climbed again, affecting summer travelers and becoming an issue in the presidential campaign.

"I think everyone thinks that prices are going to stabilize by the fall, so we can go through the summer when people are taking their vacations. I think we should do that," Hutchison said Sunday.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, (R-Miss.), said there would be open to her proposal and others to eliminate taxes.

"We took a vote in April to do something very similar to that and when it comes to cutting back tax on the American people, never count us out," said Lott, who said John Czwartacki.

Hutchison also contended that the use of cleaner-burning reformulated gasoline was adding as much as 25 cents per gallon.

Bush and other Republicans fault the Environmental Protection Agency for requiring the areas of the country with the worst smog problems use ethanol-blended gas. Clinton administration critics also say the White House has not done enough to persuade the 11-member Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise production levels.

Casey's dilemma raises questions

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Rashard Casey has waited four years to become Penn State's starting quarterback, but after his arrest on aggravated assault charges, he might never get the chance.

Casey's status as the expected starting quarterback might be in jeopardy after he was arrested for allegedly assaulting an off-duty Hoboken, N.J., police officer outside a nightclub in the early morning hours of May 14.

Casey, who pleaded not guilty at his arraignment May 15, was arrested along with high school teammate Desmond Miller. Keon Walker, another high school teammate and Syracuse football player, was present at the incident but not charged.

Casey was released from Hudson County Jail on \$5,000 bail after he was picked up at a McDonald's restaurant, and should go before a grand jury between three and five months, his attorney, Dennis McAlevy, said.

Should the grand jury indict the 22-year-old Hoboken native, he might not have his trial until January. Casey could spend up to five years in prison.

Hoboken police Chief Carmen LaBruno said the incident occurred at about 2:40 a.m. outside River Street, a nightclub. The three men had words with the victim, Patrick Fitzsimmons, who was accompanied by an African-American woman, and then Casey and Miller allegedly struck the off-duty police officer.

The 34-year-old victim, who is white, teaches tolerance training as part of the Hoboken Police Department's efforts to curtail bias crimes. He was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken and released with facial and head injuries.

"Rashard has not been a discipline problem during his time at Penn State and the conduct alleged in the charges is inconsistent with the personality he's demonstrated to me and the members of the coaching staff," McAlevy said. See CASEY, Page 14.

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PSU quarterback Rashard Casey, right, stands with his attorney, Dennis McAlevy, during his arraignment in Superior Court in Jersey City.