

Rifle stolen from Mitsubishi Mirage

An individual told police at about 9 p.m. Monday that a .243 caliber Remington rifle was stolen from a parked Mitsubishi Mirage on Monday on the 100 block of North Barnard Street, the State College Police Department said.

Police said someone threw a brick through the locked vehicle's window to steal the rifle. Theft: A laptop computer was removed from a Beaver Hall lounge sometime between 11:54 p.m. Sunday and 12:23 a.m. Monday, the Penn State Police said.

Mike Benton, of the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, will speak on "The End-Permian Mass Extinction: Death and Destruction in the Red Beds of Russia" via video-conference at noon today in 541 Deike Building.

The Earth and Mineral Sciences Library will host a screening of the film "Heat: A Global Investigation - Part Two" at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Deike Building.

Frank Krennrich, of Iowa State University, will speak on "Particle Astronomy of the Northern Sky with the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) Observatory" at 2:30 p.m. in 339 Davey Lab.

Todd Lane, of the University of Melbourne in Australia, will speak at 3:30 p.m. in 112 Walker Building.

Wenbiao Gan, of New York University, will speak on "In Vivo Imaging of Synaptic Plasticity and Pathology" at 4 p.m. in 108 Wartik Lab.

Terry Herter, of Cornell University, will speak on "Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA): Airborne Astronomy is Back" at 4 p.m. in 538 Davey Lab.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock and Redifer: oriental chicken soup, vegetarian bean chili, Asian stir-fry, brown rice, Shanghai chicken, sticky rice, Thai shrimp and vegetable stir, vegetable egg roll, vegetable to mein, kyoto blend

Simmons: chipotle turkey panini, cilantro orzo and beef, edamame fried rice, turkey burger, vegetarian burger

Waring: cream of broccoli and cheddar soup, lunch roll basket, soup of the day, chicken cosmo not, hot dog, kyoto blend, quarter pound hamburger, Shanghai chicken, shoestring fries, sticky rice, vegetarian burger, Thai shrimp and vegetable stir, Asian chicken and pasta, cheese pizza, macaroni and cheese, margarita pizza, marinara sauce, meat sauce, pepperoni pizza, Asian stir-fry, baked potato, broccoli florettes, brown rice, cheese sauce, hearty vegetarian chili, vegetarian bean chili

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: oriental chicken soup, vegetarian bean chili, buttermilk pan fried chicken, cajun baked tilapia, grilled chicken breast, penne pasta with roasted tomato sauce, romano cheese, glazed baby carrots, scalloped potatoes, spinach

Simmons: Asian beef salad, barbecue rub chicken breast, grilled chicken breast, grilled eggplant parmesan, grilled vegetable burrito

Waring: assorted specialty breads, cream of broccoli and cheddar soup, soup of the day, bourbon chicken, cajun baked tilapia, harvest blend, potato medley, spinach, manager's choice, cheese pizza, hoagie roll, macaroni and cheese, margarita pizza, marinara sauce, meat sauce, meatballs in sauce, pepperoni pizza, baked potato, broccoli florettes, cheddar cheese sauce, grilled vegetables with whole wheat penne, hearty vegetarian chili, vegetarian bean chili, vegetarian burger,

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2000-09 may be Earth's warmest decade

By Charles J. Hanley and John Heilprin ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

COPENHAGEN — A leaked Danish document at the U.N. climate conference provoked angry criticism Tuesday from developing countries and activists who feared it would shift more of the burden to curb greenhouse gases on poorer countries.

Negotiators, meanwhile, displayed charts of data that said the current decade is on track to be the hottest on record for planet Earth.

At the heart of Tuesday's clash — stemming from draft texts attributed to Denmark and China — is the determination by the more impoverished states to bear a lesser burden than wealthy, more industrialized countries in the effort to slow global warming.

The behind-the-scenes negotiation tactics under the Danish presidency have been focusing on pleasing the rich and powerful countries rather than serving the majority of states who are demanding a fair and ambitious solution, said Kim Carstensen, head of the climate initiative for the environmental group WWF.

The Danish draft proposal circulating at the 192-nation conference chips away at the wall between what developed and developing nations can be expected to do to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.



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Environmentalists stage a protest with a banner reading 'Take me to your 2015 peak year' in the main venue of a UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen on Tuesday.

tougher limits on greenhouse gases and more conditions on money available to adapt.

A sketchy counterproposal attributed to China would extend the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which required 37 industrial nations to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases blamed for global warming by an average 5 percent by 2012, compared with 1990 levels.

The Chinese text would incorporate specific new, deeper targets for the industrialized world for a further five to eight years. Developing countries, on the other hand, including China, would be covered by a separate agreement that envisions their taking actions to control emissions, but not in the same legally binding way.

Poorer nations believe the two-

track approach would best preserve the principle of "common but differentiated responsibilities" recognized by the Kyoto Protocol.

Such ideas are usual grist early in such long, difficult international talks. These two proposals were not yet recorded as official conference documents.

"It has no validity," key European Union negotiator Artur Runge-Metzger said, speaking specifically of the Danish proposal. "The only texts that have validity here are those which people negotiated."

The last few decades are the warmest period in at least 400 years and probably 1,000 years, based on evidence from tree rings, retreating glaciers and other scientific methods to track climate, according to a 2006 report by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

Man

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Before the incident, Ferry was a "highly successful and skilled runner" on the verge of obtaining a scholarship from the university, the suit states. Now, the injuries suffered from the incident have "great-

ly impacted" Ferry's ability to run, the suit states.

The lawsuit calls the police's actions "unnecessary, unreasonable, excessive and outrageous," because Ferry was not intoxicated and didn't try to resist arrest. Ferry's suit claims the officers were engaged in a "joint venture," and the officers only identified themselves

as they were handcuffing him. Ferry was taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center to be treated for his injuries.

Ferry said he should be compensated for physical and emotional pain, medical expenses past and future, unlawful arrest and use of excessive force.

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Weather

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was in February of 2007, when a foot of snow fell on campus.

But that didn't stop university officials from issuing a midnight clear Tuesday night. Such measures would usually not be taken for a storm of this size — but the predicted "wintry mix" had officials worried, Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said.

Cars had to be moved from parking lots by midnight, or they faced a fine. Student parking lots were not affected by the midnight clear.

Three different OPP crews were ready to respond to the storm,

Ruskin said. The road crew pre-salted the roads in preparation for Tuesday night's basketball game at the Bryce Jordan Center and then used a priority system to determine which roads and sidewalks to clear at night.

Roads and sidewalks near dining services, medical services, loading docks and fire hydrants are the OPP's first priority in the case of a winter storm, Ruskin said. Once those areas are cleared, the crews begin to clear the parking lots.

Ruskin called clearing the campus's 23 miles of sidewalks and 31 miles of road a "major operation," forcing OPP landscapers and janitorial crews work through the night to clear sidewalks and

entranceways to buildings.

Mark Whitfield, State College Department of Public Works director, said borough crews were prepared to work through the night as well.

"We'll be ready to salt, and if we have to plow, then we'll plow throughout the night and have everything open in the morning," he said.

Mountz said OPP wanted to get ahead of the storm to eliminate the possibility of a freeze.

"Hopefully, there will be nothing there to freeze," she said.

Staff writers Lexi Belcufine and Peter Panepinto contributed to this report.

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said. "They might have had the same letters, but there's no doubt in my mind about our guys."

Recruiting was a challenge, he said. Still, he's optimistic about the future of the fraternity.

DelSignore said he understands the challenges fresh fraternities face at Penn State.

"There are a lot of established frats at Penn State," DelSignore said. "[The new members] decided to take a chance and build something new. We

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Justin Robinson Delta Upsilon President

are happy to have them."

David Runyan, secretary for Delta Upsilon, agrees starting over will be tough.

"We have no brothers to help us out, so we're figuring things out on our own," Runyan (junior-mechanical engineering) said.

The main goal for Delta Upsilon is to get involved, Robinson said.

"We want to let everyone know

we're here. We're going to bring Delta Upsilon back into the top fraternities," Robinson said.

Interfraternity Council President-elect Max Wendkos said he is confident the fraternity will succeed.

The house was the temporary residence of Kappa Delta Rho members this semester, who moved in after former Delta Upsilon members were evicted.

Senate

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sight for passage of the legislation that Congress has labored over for months.

The officials who described the details of the closed-door negotiations did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

At its core, the legislation would expand health care to millions who lack it, ban insurance companies from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and rein in the rise of health care spending nationally.

The developments followed a vote on the Senate floor earlier in the day in which abortion opponents failed to inject tougher restrictions into sweeping health care bill, and Democratic leaders labored to make sure fallout from the issue didn't hamper the drive to enact legislation.

The vote was 54-45.

Taken together, the day's developments underscored the complexity that confronts the administration and Reid as they seek the 60 votes needed to overcome Republican opposition and pass a bill by Christmas.

Despite their reluctance, some senators had talked openly and in

detail earlier in the day about the progress of the negotiations.

The provision in the legislation to be dropped under the emerging agreement provides for a government-run insurance option to be available to consumers, with individual states permitted to drop out.

Liberals have long sought such as arrangement, as a means of forcing competition on insurance companies.

One participant in the talks, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, told reporters he didn't like the deal, but he added, "I'm going to support it to the hilt" in hopes of securing passage of the health care bill.

Another senator involved, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., issued a statement saying, "I do not support proposals that would replace the public option in the bill with a purely private approach. We need to have some competition for the insurance industry to keep rates down and save taxpayer dollars." But he did not rule out voting for the measure.

Reid said the emerging compromise "includes a public option and will help ensure the American people win in two ways: one, insurance companies will face more competition, and two, the American people will have more choices."

It wasn't clear what he meant by a

"public option," the Medicare expansion or another as yet unknown element.

It was unclear, for example, what fallback steps would be included in case private insurance companies declined to participate in the nationwide plan envisioned to be overseen by the Office of Personnel Management.

One possibility was for the agency to set up a government-run plan, either national in scope or on a state-by-state basis, but no confirmation was available.

Under the tentative agreement, liberals lost their bid to expand Medicaid, the federal-state program that provides health care for the poor, elderly and disabled.

But they prevailed on the Medicare expansion, and the negotiators appeared ready to maintain a separate health care program for children until 2013, two years longer than the bill currently calls for, according to officials familiar with the details.

Additionally, there was consensus support for a requirement long backed by Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., and other liberals for insurance companies to spend at least 90 percent of their premium income providing benefits, a step that supporters argue effectively limits their spending on advertising, salaries, promotional efforts and profits.