

**Illegal money transfer attempted**

The Penn State Police Department said a student reported that an unknown person attempted to transfer \$2,500 dollars out of his bank account at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday. The unknown person unsuccessfully attempted to transfer the money from a remote computer, police said. Police said the investigation is ongoing.

**Shirt in dorm catches on fire**

Police responded to a fire alarm in Hamilton Hall after a T-shirt that was left on a lamp caught fire Tuesday. The T-shirt was left on a lamp and the heat from the lamp ignited the shirt, Penn State Police said. The occupant of the room — a Penn State summer camper took the T-shirt to the bathroom to extinguish the flames, police said. The Alpha Fire Company was not called to the scene, police said.

**No change in June jobless rate**

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's jobless rate remained unchanged in June, and Gov. Ed Rendell says that's one reason Congress needs to approve an extension of emergency unemployment benefits. The Department of Labor and Industry said Thursday that the statewide unemployment rate was 9.2 percent last month — the same as the adjusted rate for May. Pennsylvania lost 6,300 jobs last month, mostly to the phaseout of temporary census jobs, but gained more than 14,000 jobs during the first half of the year. Still, hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians are looking for work. Rendell said Americans need two things these days — good-paying jobs for citizens and "a Congress that does its job." The state had initially reported May's jobless rate as 9.1 percent.

**Woman suing emergency responders**

PITTSBURGH — A western Pennsylvania woman is suing emergency responders who she says failed to properly treat her epileptic seizure and instead charged her with assault. Jessica Yochum, of Mount Lebanon, had a seizure at a restaurant on Feb. 22. Her federal lawsuit filed Thursday says emergency medical workers were told about the seizure and should have let it run its course. Instead, the lawsuit says the 23-year-old woman was handcuffed, shackled and restrained. The lawsuit says Yochum was still seizing when she bit an ambulance worker. Mount Lebanon police charged her with aggravated assault, which a judge later dismissed. Yochum alleges violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and due process. Defendants, including the ambulance service, declined comment.

**No decision yet to allow duck boat tours**

PHILADELPHIA — The Coast Guard says it has not made a decision about whether to allow duck boat tours to resume in Philadelphia after an accident that killed two people on the Delaware River. Coast Guard Capt. Todd Gatlin says officials aren't even close to a decision on whether to ban the ducks from the river or let the tours resume. He says the agency will likely be meeting with city officials and the duck boat operators after the National Transportation Safety Board finishes its onsite investigation. Last week, a duck boat with 37 people aboard became disabled in the river and was struck by a barge. The duck boat capsized and sank, killing two Hungarian tourists.

**Official to repeal firearms ordinance**

OLEY — Officials in an eastern Pennsylvania township say they plan to repeal an ordinance that had made it illegal to carry firearms into the municipal building. Oley Township supervisors passed the ordinance less than a month ago. Supervisor Jeffrey Spatz says the board's intent was never to unlawfully restrict the carrying of firearms. Spatz says the ordinance turned out to be too broad. He says it was intended to protect township police officers following an incident at the police department, which is in the municipal building. Police Chief David White told the supervisors that a man carrying several weapons came into the station to address a protection-from-abuse complaint filed against him.

**Correction:**

In "The Scene" of page 5 of this week's Venues incorrectly stated information about a State College bar. The Patskeller does not have an under-21 night on Wednesday.

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**Athletes**

*From Page 1.* of both players has not changed at this time. Drake (sophomore-communications) declined to comment regarding any details of the situation but said his status on the team has not changed. "Basically, everything is cool," Drake said. "I'm fine." Buie committed to the Penn State

basketball team as a junior at State College Area High School. He was rated a four-star prospect by Scout.com and was ranked No. 17 among shooting guards for the Class of 2010. Buie is the younger brother of Talor Battle, a point guard for the men's basketball team. In 2009, ESPN's Top 100 ranked Buie No. 82 in his recruiting class. Drake plays wide receiver on the Penn State football team and had a season-high 60 total yards against Indiana in November — after total-

ing only 13 yards previously in the 2009-2010 season. After the Lions' victory in the Capital One Bowl in January, Coach Joe Paterno said Drake could be considered for the quarterback role after having started at the position in high school. Neither Associate Athletic Director Greg Myford nor Taran Buie could be reached for comment by press time Thursday.

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**White**

*From Page 1.* Christmas of his senior year of high school, a decision Jeff White said his son never wavered from. "When you go through the gates there at West Point, it will kind of take your breath away," Jeff White said of the visit. "It's kind of a sacred place, and after that I don't think there was any question that's where he was going to go."

From being named the 2005 Patriot League Rookie of the Year to the 2007 conference player of the year, White excelled for the Black Knights. He finished what he called "the best four years of his life" baseball-wise by leading his team to the 2008 Patriot League regular-season championship, primarily as a pitcher and outfielder.

White graduated from West Point that spring, an experience he called "indescribable."

"Getting into West Point was great. Player of the year, all that stuff is great," he said. "But graduating from West Point, and throwing my hat was by far the best feeling I've ever had in my life."

A dream put on hold

In 2008, White was told entering the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft that he probably wouldn't be selected as high as he should because he had gone to the Military Academy and at 23-years-old, he was older than many of the other players in the draft. He was expecting to be selected between rounds 15 and 20.

Watching the draft-tracker online, White still hadn't seen his name pop up on the computer screen after 20 rounds had passed. Or 30. Or 40. It was a nerve-racking day for the whole family. If White's name was not called, he would have to report straight to the Army.

Finally, the Pittsburgh Pirates drafted White in the 42nd round — 1,254th overall.

The Pirates also drafted White's four-year college teammate Chris Simmons one round earlier.

It didn't take long for White to get settled in after arriving to State College less than a week later. Playing left field and designated hitter, the right-handed hitter led the Spikes with a .338 batting average and put together an impressive 17-game hit streak through the second month of the season.

However, the Spikes would soon be without their consistent leadoff hitter.

One night on the road after the team played the Lowell Spinners, White and Simmons flipped on ESPN and were surprised with what they saw.

Featured on SportsCenter was their friend Campbell, a former Army football player. News had broken that Campbell, who the Detroit Lions drafted in the seventh round of the 2008 NFL Draft, was not going to be able to report to training camp because the Army had revised its interpretation of the U.S. Department of Defense Alternative Service Option.

Every graduate from West Point owes the Army five years of service. Though previous rules allowed graduates drafted to play a professional sport to compete right away, the new interpretation of the rule requires two years of service to Army before the athletes can begin their sports careers.

"Chris and I were just kind of both sitting there silently," White recalled of that night. "All of a sudden I kind of looked over at Chris and Chris looked over at me and we were like 'Do you think that's going to affect us?'"

The two made phone calls to West Point the next day and were given similar news to Campbell's: They were going to have put their professional baseball careers on hold and report for duty. White reported to West Point and Simmons to Kentucky's Fort Knox four or five days later.

Though Simmons said the way they found out wasn't ideal, it wasn't a total surprise. Rumors had floated around that the interpretation of the rule might be altered. In all, there were five baseball players affected. "Obviously kind of disappointed, but at the same time we both went in knowing you don't really go to West Point to be a professional baseball player," Simmons said.

White was just glad he got to play some games before he started serving.

"I mean playing professional baseball you just can't beat," White said. "Of course you don't want to leave. We were having a great time playing the game that we grew up to love."

Serving proudly As a graduate assistant for Army's baseball team, White helped out around the office, on the field and with recruiting.

After nine months he traveled to Fort Sill in Oklahoma to go through a seven-week Basic Officers Leaders Course.

Then White moved to Fort Knox for four-and-a-half months where he learned specifics about his position as a First Lieutenant and a platoon leader.

He spent the remainder of his two-year commitment at Fort Hood in Texas where he was in charge of 12 soldiers.

During his two years of service,

White did not have the opportunity to play much baseball, though the Army did keep him in good physical shape.

Knowing there was always a chance he could return to baseball, he would try to swing a bat at least a couple of times per week, depending on how busy he was.

"I tried to do as much as I could with minimal facilities of just hitting and seeing a pitch come in and feeling my swing," White said.

Returning to State College Spikes manager Gary Robinson called his new outfielder into his office on June 22.

"I said 'What do you want me to do? You want another day of [batting practice] or do you want to go hot?' He said, 'I'm used to it hot, let's go.' That was all I needed to hear," Robinson recalled of their conversation.

Just one day after being placed on the Spikes roster, White started in right field and batted ninth. Though he went 0-3, in the fifth inning he put the barrel of his bat on a first pitch fastball and flew out to deep left field, a ball Robinson said after the game he just missed from hitting it "way, way, way out" of the ballpark.

But the next day, set to get another start in the outfield, White tweaked his back during batting practice and was forced to sit.

The injury was a little worse than thought.

He had a small tear in his cartilage between one of his ribs and was placed on the seven-day disabled list.

White finally returned July 9. He started the next three games, hitting safely in all three.

Others have taken notice of White's story, too.

"He stayed with it and battled and it's great to see him on the baseball field," Pittsburgh Pirates General Manager Neal Huntington said Tuesday. "It's a great story what he's gone through and to see him back out and in uniform for the Spikes is a lot of fun."

Currently on inactive reserve, White still owes the Army three years of service. His main goal right now, though, is to continue to improve in State College and keep climbing the ladder on his way to his goal of playing Major League baseball.

"I think about it from time to time and think about how amazing it would be to finally, after all these years of hard work, especially having two years off and not knowing if I was ever going to play the game of baseball again," White said. "I think making it to the major leagues, it would be nothing short of amazing."

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**Oil**

*From Page 1.* only tiny bubbles floating past the stack.

Commercial fishermen at Delta Marina in oil-stained Plaquemines Parish were subdued in their response. Some said there was still a long clean up ahead and others flatly refused to believe the leak was contained.

"I don't believe that. That's a lie. It's a (expletive) lie," said Stephon LaFrance, a 49-year-old oysterman whose been out of work for weeks. "I don't believe they stopped that leak. BP's trying to make their self look good."

Kent Wells, a BP PLC vice president, said at a news briefing that oil stopped flowing into the water at 2:25 p.m. CDT after engineers gradually dialed down the amount of crude escaping through the last of three valves in the 75-ton cap.

"I am very pleased that there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico. In fact, I'm really excited there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico," Wells said.

Now begins a waiting period to see if the cap can hold the oil without blowing a new leak in the well.

Engineers will monitor pressure readings incrementally for up to 48 hours before reopening the cap while they decide what to do.

"For the people living on the Gulf, I'm certainly not going to guess their emotions," Wells said. "I hope they're encouraged there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico. But we have to be careful. Depending on what the test shows us, we may need to open this well back up."

Though not a permanent fix, said BP, the solution has been the only one that has worked to stem the flow of oil since April.

BP is drilling two relief wells so that it can pump mud and cement into the leaking well in hopes of plugging it for good by mid-August.

BP has struggled to contain the spill and had so far been successful only in reducing the flow, not stopping it. The company removed an old, leaky cap and installed the new one Monday.

Between 93.5 million and 184.3 million have already spilled into the Gulf, according to federal estimates.

For some, it was hard to believe the flow had really stopped after the long delays.

"Completely?" asked Michelle Blanchard, the wife of a shrimper in Chauvin, La., when she heard about the oil stopping from an AP reporter. "Come on," she said in disbelief.

"It's a good thing it stopped. I'm excited," she said.

Steve Shepard, Gulf Coast chair of the Mississippi Chapter of the Sierra Club, said he's still skeptical about the news.

"I think it's a little premature to say it's definitely over. They've gotten our hopes up so many times before that in my mind I don't think it's going to be over until Christmas."

Nine-year-old Lena Durden threw up her hands in jubilation when her mother told her the oil was stopped.

"God, that's wonderful," said Yvonne Durden, a Mobile-area native who now lives in Seattle and brought her daughter to the coast for a visit. "When came here so she could swim in the water and see it in case it's not here next time."

Chris Roberts, a councilman from coastal Jefferson Parish welcomed the news.

"Everyone has waited on edge for this day to come," said Roberts. Roberts' district includes the devastated tourist town of Grand Isle, which saw a large amount of revenue drop due to the oil spill.

"There is a lot of oil remaining. Our focus will be to clean up the impacted areas and make the many impacted industries whole as quickly as possible."

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration's point man on the disaster, said at a briefing it's not clear yet whether the cap, which was mounted on the well Monday, will ultimately be used to shut in the oil or to channel it through pipes to collection ships overhead.

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**Allen**

*From Page 1.* It's not this big spectacle like it would be at the BJC.

Evan O'Brien also said the downtown venue is the perfect place for Allen to perform.

"He's very talented," O'Brien (senior-nuclear engineering) said. "It seems like a good venue for him.

He has that sort of laidback style." State Theatre Marketing Director Kristy Cyone said she is excited for Allen to come.

"The buzz has already started on this show," she said. "We can already tell from the presale to the members of the State Theatre and his fan club. He's definitely a more recognized name, and I think the word will pass pretty quickly."

Cyone also said the audience will

enjoy the show because Allen is known for being an "entertainer" and his stint on "Idol."

"A lot of people have said he does a fantastic show, and with how intimate our theater is, I am sure it will be a different experience for him to play on such a small stage," she said. "It's something that will be very exciting."