

Park Avenue to undergo construction

Park Avenue will be under construction from July 26 to August 12 as the Pennsylvania Department Of Transportation will be repaving the road between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Construction will cause intermittent lane restrictions. Office of Physical Plant spokesman Paul Ruskin said. Repairs to various sidewalks and curb ramps will also be completed during the construction period, Ruskin said. "Motorists traveling on Park Avenue should use caution and allow extra time to reach their destination," Ruskin said.

Transformer box short-circuits

An electrical transformer box short-circuited at 9:34 p.m. Sunday in the intramural fields, causing the box to smoke and lights to go out in nearby buildings, Penn State police said. Police did not say what buildings lost power or whether the short-circuit caused any damage elsewhere.

Police: Female student harassed

A Penn State student told police she was being harassed by a male acquaintance at 12:30 a.m. Sunday in Beaver Hall, Penn State police said. Police did not say if the male was also a Penn State student. Police did not say what the nature of the harassment was.

New Philly tugboat operator hired

PHILADELPHIA — The city of Philadelphia says it has hired a new tugboat operator for a sludge-hauling contract following this month's fatal crash on the Delaware River. Doug Oliver, a spokesman for Mayor Michael Nutter, says McAllister Towing & Transportation Co., based in Gloucester City, N.J., will provide service on a month-to-month basis. He says K-Sea Transportation agreed to suspend its contract pending findings of a National Transportation Safety Board investigation. K-Sea Transportation did not immediately return calls seeking comment Monday. The city says it is ordering the new company to post lookouts on the barges. K-Sea Transportation has not said whether there was a lookout on the barge on July 7, when a barge struck a duck boat with 37 people aboard. The duck boat capsized and sank, and two Hungarian tourists died.

Senior citizens die parachuting

PHILADELPHIA — A retired ironworker and a 70-year-old friend who had been skydiving together for years were killed when their parachutes got tangled during a weekend jump. George Flynn, 75, of Colonia, N.J., had jumped approximately 1,500 times since learning to skydive about 16 years ago, his daughter, Diane Sievert, said Monday. Flynn and Theodore Wilson, of New Rochelle, N.Y., were skydiving in the Pocono Mountains on Saturday when their parachutes got tangled and they tumbled about 75 feet to the ground, authorities said. Wilson was declared dead upon impact on Saturday. Flynn was flown in on Sunday. The jump was organized by Sky's the Limit skydiving at the Stroudsburg-Pocono Airport in East Stroudsburg, about 70 miles north of Philadelphia. The company had no comment on Monday. Its Facebook page included a tribute to two "beautiful gentlemen, who Sky's the Limit had the pleasure of knowing for many many years and were honored to be a part of their family."

Man pleads guilty in slayings

STROUDSBURG — An eastern Pennsylvania man has been allowed to plead guilty to first-degree murder in the slayings of his girlfriend and her toddler son last summer. Twenty-four-year-old Michael Parrish now faces a penalty hearing in the July 6, 2009 deaths of 21-year-old Victoria Adams and 2-year-old Sidney Parrish in Effort. The slayings took part about 65 miles north of Philadelphia. A judge or jury will decide whether Parrish should be sentenced to life in prison or death. At one point, the defendant told the judge that he wants to die. Parrish had tried to enter a guilty plea in April, but a judge rejected the plea after Parrish said he was enraged at Adams the night he killed her. Parrish said he had reason to suspected Adam was cheating. The judge said Parrish appeared to be making a voluntary manslaughter case, but Parrish said Monday he had had time to cool off before he killed the victims, ultimately deciding Parrish's state of mind during the killings.

Weather: Today: High 83 Tonight: Low 64 Tomorrow: High 85 Extended forecast at campusweatherservice.com Courtesy of Campus Weather Service

Trooper

From Page 1. arguments within the next 15 days. Parks Miller argued against the order, saying that the file may contain personal information like medical records that should not be made public. She suggested that the file be submitted to the court, which would make a decision about what information in the file — if any — would be relevant to the defendant's case. But Muir did not accept that compromise. "[Previous cases] say that the prosecutor or the judge do not make the decision on what evidence is needed to defend my client," Muir said after the hearing. Parks Miller said in court she was not aware of any disciplinary action history that was up against Barrows, and said her office has previously destroyed Barrows' personnel file because of an expunge order. The file is currently in the posses-

sion of the state police, Parks Miller said during the hearing. Muir said she was confident that there had been disciplinary action taken against the officer. "It's not a suspicion, it's not a hunch, it's not a rumor," Muir told the judge. "It's an actual admission by the PSP." Parks Miller also said the personnel file should not be admissible evidence in court because the disciplinary action taken against Barrows — if there was any — does not relate directly to the case Litvinov is facing. Litvinov, who has not yet posted his \$100,000 straight cash bail, was present at the hearing. He sat handcuffed and clad in a red Centre County Correctional Facility prisoner's uniform but did not speak for the duration of the hearing. Litvinov has been charged with seven counts of felony robbery, seven counts of felony criminal conspiracy to commit robbery, one count of felony theft by unlawful taking, two counts of misdemeanor



Collegian file photo
Dmitry Litvinov exits a police car.

criminal mischief for damaging property, according to court documents. He is also facing five additional charges in connection to robberies that were reported between December 2009 and February 2010, according to court documents.

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Ordinance

From Page 1. The plan for West End State College will affect the entire community, Hess said. But, numerous council members expressed concern over the revised plan. "I have a problem mandating this for the first time in this community," council member Donald Hahn said. Council member Peter Morris also questioned the zoning ordi-

nance in relation to Penn State's own design plans moving forward. The redevelopment and zoning plan in neighboring Ferguson Township was also addressed by the council. At the close of Monday's meeting, the council was unable to come to a vote on the ordinance. The council managed to pass the Campus Development Standards proposal without any disagreement. The proposal will establish guidelines for setbacks on properties located on campus that are not owned by the university, such as

fraternity houses, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said. The council also heard a presentation from Susquehanna Real Estate President & CEO Jack Kay and Vice President Tim Fulton on the progress of the Fraser Centre Project. In addition to altering the layout of office floors and hotel space, the revised plan calls for a bridge linking the proposed Fraser Centre to the Beaver Ave. Parking Garage from the roof of each structure.

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Webster's

From Page 1. Solkoff said he heartily approved the changes, which cut out his personal statements about the bookstore, but kept the sections that would represent the council's opinion. "I thought the condensation represented an improvement," Solkoff said. "It got the point across." Solkoff said he hopes the cafe will find a new location to conduct business, but was unsure about the pos-

sibility of a return of Webster's. Solkoff proposed adopting the resolution on July 12 after his request to the council to enter into negotiations with the building landlord and bookstore owner was denied. After Mayor Elizabeth Goreham read the proposed resolution aloud, it was met with few questions by the council as the proposed resolution simply asked the council to support the bookstore. Along with conveying the support of the council to the bookstore, the resolution stated the influence it has to the community as a "center for

social, cultural and intellectual activities, and a focus on promoting local goods and service." "This borough council thanks Elaine Meder-Wilgus [Webster's owner] for her contribution to the borough," Goreham read to the council. "And sincerely hopes that the spirit of Webster's will return soon to a new location in downtown State College." Meder-Wilgus could not be reached for comment as of press time Monday.

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Tickets

From Page 1. junior class sale on June 22. What triggered the extra fee is unknown but all accounts affected have since been reimbursed, Myford said. "This occurred solely during the junior sale on the second day," Myford said. "Most importantly, the glitch was caught early and should not have resulted in any student being assessed the \$2 fee without also being credited that amount." In addition to the online transaction errors that plagued the first half of the sale, a physical misprint on the season tickets also caught fans off-guard. The September 25 Penn State vs. Temple game was mistakenly labeled as the White House game, Myford said. A printing error resulted in the words "Whitehouse" and "Everyone wear white!" being printed on the

ticket without the university being consulted, Myford said. "Since those same words appeared on last year's Iowa ticket, I'm speculating that the artwork was done for this year and the word overlay from last year was never altered," Myford said. The misprint on the White House event was not a major concern for the Athletic Department, and no other misprints were found on the tickets, Myford said. Season tickets have already been mailed out, and the misprint affects only season ticket holders, Myford said. A picture of the ticket proclaiming the White House event would be held during the Temple game surfaced on Twitter over the weekend and caught student representatives of Paternoville off-guard, Paternoville President Alex Cohen said. "If it didn't say 'Everyone wear white!' no one would have known,"

Cohen said. "One single tweet can spread like wildfire." Even with the problems that plagued the 2010 football season ticket sale, the benefits of the online sale far outweigh the negatives, Myford said. "The students were very outspoken that we come up with a solution to the rampant scalping of student tickets — paperless ticketing has done that," Myford said. The online sale has allowed for every student that wants to purchase a ticket to have a fair chance without having to deal with students turning over their season tickets at a huge profit, Myford said. This year's problems were small compared to the overall results of the sale, Myford said. "With each passing year, online ticketing and paperless entry to the games will become the new 'normal,'" Myford said.

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Cave

From Page 1. light effects over the course of an hour. "It's an attraction that appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds," Scheiden said. "We often see three different generations in one family come out to the caves, and hear as many as three different languages being spoken on one boat." Trained staffers conduct the tours three to four times a day, living up the trip by intertwining Native American legends with their accounts of the caves' history and descriptions of the limestone formations. While the majority of summer visitors include local families and children attending Penn State-hosted camps, Scheiden said college students venture to Penn's Cave as well. Because the site is just 20 minutes away from campus, fraterni-

ties, sororities and other student organizations often plan group tours at the caves and adjoining wildlife park. Neil Carney, manager of Indian Caverns in Spruce Creek, Pa., said Penn State's own Nittany Grotto club members have frequented the caves. The members of the club, intended for experienced cavers, are trained in climbing and navigation and are equipped with helmets and headlamps. The side passageways of the cve are distinct from the main limestone passageways on which tours are given throughout the day, as they feature tight tunnels and steep pitches lined in clay and mud that only experienced cavers would know how to traverse safely. Certified cave explorers not affiliated with the Nittany Grotto can similarly trek through the inlets of Indian Caverns by scheduling a visit over the phone or by acquiring writ-

ten permission, Carney said. Those unqualified to explore the caves solo are still eligible to tour the largest limestone cavern in Pennsylvania with trained guides knowledgeable in Indian Caverns' rich geological and Native American histories. The tours, lasting between 45 minutes and an hour, provide visitors of all ages with a glimpse into the lives of four different Indian tribes who used the caverns to store meat, Carney said. Some caverns are still adorned with etched pictographs depicting the life of a prominent chief, alongside the caves' natural limestone walls. "Our guides give interpretive tours, pointing out shapes and patterns in the rock formations as though they were clouds," Carney said. "They've even seen weddings cakes."

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Mural

From Page 1. and maybe they fly away and go somewhere else or they develop here and become wonderful." The mural is not just for Pilato and Gyekis' to create. Though the pair created the layout of the mural, the design was transferred into Photoshop to make one large paint-by-numbers type of mural so that people can come and paint an available mural panel. The mural painting sessions opened during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, and Pilato said the response has

been strong so far. Painters have ranged in diversity from community members to visitors from countries like China and Korea, she said. "Some people really dedicate themselves to the color and won't leave until they paint every section of their color," Pilato said. The design for the mural incorporates the four seasons, and Pilato said the first season is nearly complete. Painting sessions occur every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. and every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Group sessions are also available, she said. In order to construct the mural, the Community Arts Collective

received funding from many donors including the Centre County Community Foundation and the borough of State College. Even though the initiative took a lot of planning, Gyekis said her favorite part is having other people participate in the painting. "My favorite part is once we're finally started and having people come in and paint... people having fun and being a part of the project," Gyekis said. "[It's] really fun and easy and anyone can do it. [It's great] to be a part of something that is going to last forever in State College."

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