

Police: Items stolen from apartment

Two robberies on Tuesday in the Park Hill apartment building, 478 E. Beaver Ave., left cash and a Sony Playstation 3 stolen, the State College Police Department said. A Sony Playstation 3 and its accessories valued at \$965 were taken from one apartment, while \$10 in cash was taken from another apartment, police said. Police did not say if the robberies are linked. Police did not say at what times the robberies occurred.

Plasma television stolen from fraternity

A 60-inch plasma television was stolen Tuesday from the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity house, 321 Fraternity Row, the State College Police Department said. Police said it is unknown how the house was entered. Police did not say at what time the television was stolen or what its value is.

PSU receives funds to research bees

Honey distributor Dutch Gold Honey and William and Kitty Gamber, of Lancaster, Pa., have each contributed \$50,000 in endowments to a fund to continue Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences research into honeybees, according to a Penn State press release. The endowment is meant to be spent on research into Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) — a disorder that causes bee colonies to suddenly disappear, according to the release. The phenomenon has recently occurred more frequently, and researchers fear the loss of pollinating bees may affect agricultural output, according to the release.

Trial ending over police officer's death

PHILADELPHIA — Testimony has wrapped up in a trial for two men charged in the fatal shooting of a Philadelphia police officer. Thirty-five-year-old Eric Floyd and 41-year-old Levon Warner could face the death penalty if convicted of first-degree murder in the May 3, 2008, death of Sgt. Stephen Liczbinski. Prosecutors say Floyd and Warner were in the getaway vehicle when suspect Howard Cain got out and shot Liczbinski, who was pursuing them after a bank robbery in the city's Port Richmond section. Cain later died in a shootout with police. Floyd testified Wednesday and denied involvement in the shooting. He has been watching the trial over closed circuit TV from a holding cell because he punched a defense lawyer. Closing arguments are scheduled for Friday.

Man killed at shooting range

CARLISLE — Authorities are searching for the person who shot and killed a man at a central Pennsylvania gun range. Authorities identified the man as 42-year-old Todd Getgen, of Enola. Cumberland County District Attorney David Freed says Getgen was shot multiple times at a range just outside Carlisle, about 15 miles west of Harrisburg. Getgen's body was found Wednesday at the Pennsylvania Game Commission rifle range in North Middleton Township. Investigators say he was shot several times from some distance away. So far, they've been unable to find the shell casings or the rifle Getgen brought to the range.

Love triangle couple to go on trial

WEST CHESTER — Two people from suburban Philadelphia will go on trial for what authorities call a love triangle slaying. Prosecutors in Chester County allege that 34-year-old Morgan Marie Mengel conspired with 21-year-old Stephen Shappell to kill her 33-year-old husband, Kevin Mengel Jr., on June 17. Investigators say Morgan Mengel wanted her husband dead because she did not want to go through a messy divorce. Authorities say she and Shappell were romantically involved. Both waived their preliminary hearings on Thursday. Police said the pair plotted first tried to poison Kevin Mengel's iced tea at his West Goshen landscaping office. They say then Shappell beat Mengel, his boss, with a shovel before burying his body in a field.

Dinner

Pollock: cream of potato soup, baked chicken breast, basmati rice, batter fried fish, cheese pizza, Chicken Tikka Masala, garden pizza, pepperoni pizza, monaco blend, Old Bay steak fries, quinoa & vegetables, chocolate pie, coconut cream pie, Oreo cream pie, strawberries & bananas

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Power

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conservation of electricity in the HUB on Friday, Harris said. The HUB Aquarium was also experiencing problems as a result of the power outage. The only room with functioning air conditioning on Thursday night was The Corner Pocket pool lounge, Diaz said.

Despite the power outage and heat inside the building, some students were still in the HUB Thursday night. Bryan Powell (freshman-forensics) and Lauren Hofer (freshman-veterinary biomedical science) went to the HUB after they were unable to access a computer lab on campus as a result of the power outage. The lack of adequate lighting and

air conditioning did not deter the group from studying in the HUB, Powell said. "It's not as hot as my dorm, but it's not that bad," Hofer said. Students were eventually asked to leave the HUB Thursday night, but the HUB Information Desk did not return continued calls for comment by press time Thursday.

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Cupcake

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Coming up with unique flavors is often a challenge, Lohse said. Some cupcakes like the raspberry lemonade flavor are just right on the first try. But others, like the vegan peanut butter cupcake, take up to six batches to get the recipe down. Her favorite thing about her crazy flavors is seeing the customers' reaction. She said the pancakes and bacon cupcakes gets the most looks. There's a tasty treat for everyone at Sugar on Top, Lohse said — the shop has a candy bar cupcake line, a vegan line and a gluten-free line. There's a "spirits line" that even those under 21 can enjoy. The "cup-tinis" line includes a Bailey's Irish Cream cupcake, a lime- and tart-flavored Tequila Sunrise cupcake and a screwdriver cupcake.

Owner Donn Selkowitz spent forty years in advertising, but the job wasn't fulfilling enough for him. Channeling his frustration into baking, he discovered a new kind of happiness: cupcakes. Cupcakes are "the essence of what makes us happy," executive chef Rebecca Altmann said. She describes the store as "elegant and warm." As customers walk in, they are greeted by a glass counter showcasing the cupcakes packaged in brown tissue paper. Two chairs are placed by the glass wall, which gives patrons a view of College Avenue. From the counter, customers can see a glimpse back into the pristine kitchen. The store will appeal to everyone, Altmann said. Many assume cupcakes are for girls, but Altmann stresses that a man owns "Ndule and that the shop is not brimming with pink butterflies. It's a cupcake haven for all. The shop sells classic cupcakes like "Realli Vanilli" and the "Chocoholic." Altmann is also working to take favorite desserts and transform them into cupcakes. Currently on the menu is the "Classic Red Velvet," the "Banana Foster" and the "24 Carrot Gold."

Not only is experimenting with flavors and measurements fun, but so is sharing the joys of cupcakes, she said. "Our cupcakes are delicious, wonderful morsels of love," Altmann said. "You can't beat it when you make someone happy."

Cupcake Wars

Last year, two pretzel shops opened downtown. Now, there's only one store to satiate Penn Staters' salty desires. Can both cupcake boutiques coincide peacefully in State College? Or will one run the other out of business? Downtown State College Improvement District director Jody Alessandrine said it's "ironic" to have two similar businesses opening at the same time, but he believes both cupcake boutiques can survive in State College. In fact, Alessandrine said he thinks "Ndule and Sugar on Top have picked the perfect market for their products. Because so many students and State College visitors are on the go, cupcakes are perfect snacks to eat on the run. And the temptation of a post-dinner cupcake will bring in State College residents, Alessandrine said. Jennifer Rosania, owner of Philly Pretzel Factory, said she thinks both stores can flourish — provided they are managed properly. She believes it wasn't the competition between the two pretzel shops that ended with Jim's Soft Pretzels closing, but rather the different management styles of the stores. "Management and economics are probably your two biggest issues. They can be as important — if not more important than location of the stores," Rosania said. Lohse said both shops are unique enough to survive in State College, and Altmann agreed. "I don't think there can ever be too many cupcakes," Altmann said.

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Up next, Lohse will try to capture the spirit of Penn State in the "We Are" cupcake. But Sugar on Top is more than just cupcakes, Lohse said. Her goal is to make the shop not only a place to stop for a treat, but also a "community recreation center." She hopes the lounge area will be bustling with friends chatting, study groups and families. At some point, she hopes to form a Wii-bowling league at the shop. "We're more than just a cupcake shop," she said. People may come in with only cupcakes in common, she said, but hopefully they will leave with a deeper bond than that.

"Live Well, Die Happy"

*Ndule might be equally passionate about cupcakes. At the 206 W. College Ave. boutique, cupcakes are equated to happiness. The store's motto is "Live Well, Die Happy" and workers say they come into the shop every morning eager to go to work.

The boutique is proud of its unique cupcake names like "Lemonardo Da Vinci" and "Cookie Dough-Re-Mi." The policy is if a cupcake is fun, its name should be fun, Altmann said. In the fall, Altmann — who works in cupcake-printed pants — will expand with more flavors. Currently, she said she said she is working on a Smores cupcake.

Show

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from 1900 to 1959, rod and custom cars, and vehicles of special interest. A panel of judges scores each car during the show, and the winner in each category receives \$250, Centre County Youth Services Bureau Director of Development Jennifer Daniels said. The idea for the Last Cruise started not as a car show, but as a way to enjoy driving around College Avenue and Beaver Avenue for the last time, Last Cruise Best of the Best committee co-chairman Paul Newfeld said. "It started 25 years ago when the borough passed an ordinance to ban cruising around town," he said. With the ban on cruising taking effect on a Monday, a local radio station urged listeners to go out and cruise around State College Sunday night. The response was so big that the next year a car show was created for the event, Newfeld said.

After the show in Boalsburg, College and Beaver Avenue will be crowded between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. with all types of cars from the show cruising the streets, Hufnagel said. And car fans can still attend the Best of the Best car show on the 200 block of Allen Street, he said. The Best of the Best event consists of 50 hand-picked cars on display in downtown State College. "It's not so much about cars — it's about talking to people," Hufnagel said. "They're wandering around town and they get sucked in." But Last Cruise isn't just a car show — the event is also a charity fundraiser for the Centre County Youth Services Bureau, Daniels said. The Youth Services Bureau is a non-profit agency that provides programming and support for children and families in Centre County. The funds raised by the car show are put toward a multitude of community outreach programs that benefit families and individuals, Daniels said. Those programs range from

children to 21-year-old adults. The Last Cruise Car Show is one of four special events run by the Youth Services Bureau each year. The event is special because collector car fans — and everyone else — can enjoy the show, Daniels said. "It's a warm, welcome show that people can come to," Daniels said. "It's just a really great family day." Hufnagel said he is displaying two cars in Saturday's show, but stressed the important work the Youth Service Bureau does for the local area in helping runaway teens and single-parent families. "Sometimes teens fall into the cracks — there's no support system for them," Hufnagel said. The atmosphere of car shows like Last Cruise is an important part of the American culture and experience, but Last Cruise is special in a different way, Hufnagel said. "The whole event is designed to be family-friendly," Hufnagel said. "And every penny goes to the kids."

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Skydivers

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a bird's eye view of State College — looking down at the farms, mountains and even the Bryce Jordan Center and Beaver Stadium, Hutchings said. Hutchings owns Skydive Happy Valley, based at Mifflin County Airport in Lewistown, Pa. Though he's been in the sport for 18 years, he said he still has not put words to the feeling of skydiving. "There's a saying: For those that have, no explanation is necessary. For those who haven't — no explanation is possible," he said. Others who have jumped feel the same way. Some call it mind-boggling and others say it's peaceful or freeing. All agree it's something each individual must experience.

Penn State student David Hartmann jumped for his first time at the end of the spring semester and said he's already planning another jump. Hartmann took a trip with about 30 other students to Above the Poconos Skydivers in Hazleton, Pa., and said it was hit among the entire group. Both Above the Poconos Skydivers and Skydive Happy Valley offer tandem jumps — when the instructor and jumper are attached via a secure harness, said Barbara Kellner, Above the Poconos Skydivers office manager. For first-time adrenaline-seekers, a tandem jump is a good way to get introduced to the sport, she said. A tandem jump at Above the Poconos Skydivers costs \$224 — with a \$10 discount for Penn State students — and a tandem jump at Skydive Happy Valley is \$195.

Both facility owners said they see a lot of Penn State students. Kellner said a popular time for students to make the jump is around their graduation, when they are crossing items off of their bucket list. Brent Hutchings' wife, Kerry Hutchings, got involved with the sport when she first met her husband. She said skydiving is the "most freeing" thing she has ever done. "You're so in that moment and everything is happening so quickly, [you] don't have time to be nervous," Kerry Hutchings said. "When you leave the plane and hit the air, it's like everything stops and you're falling, but you don't get that falling sensation, you don't feel it in the pit of your stomach. It's just kind of elation."

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Obelisk

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erected in 1896 as a learning model," Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers wrote in an e-mail. Arranged in geological order, the structure measures the effects of acid rain on the different layers of rock, Ruskin said. And Pennsylvania has the second most acidic rain measured in the country with an average pH of 4.3, Ruskin said. Anything less than 7 pH is acidic, Ruskin said.

The OPP masonry shop is currently completing the construction work by removing the old masonry between the rocks in the Obelisk to ensure the structure's continued stability, Ruskin said. "We're in the process of removing the loose masonry and replacing it," Ruskin said. The area surrounding the Obelisk was open during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts and served as the location of the Berkey Creamery's ice cream tent. The area is currently under construction, Ruskin said.

Ruskin stressed that the work was routine maintenance on the Obelisk, with the funding coming from OPP's major maintenance fund, Ruskin said. "It's important that we provide proper maintenance for these landmarks because if we don't — we could lose them to time, weather and general wear and tear," Powers wrote in the e-mail. "Ongoing maintenance of any structure on campus is necessary and it's the Obelisk's time."

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