DA BRIEF

Police: Pedestrian struck by vehicle

A pedestrian was injured at 4:03 p.m. Monday when he was struck by a vehicle turning from West Beaver Avenue onto

Allen Street, the State College Police Department said.
Police said Michael D. Griffin, 39, of State College, was struck as he was walking eastward along West Beaver Avenue through the crosswalk on Allen Street. Griffin had a "Walk" sign at the time he was hit, police said.

Police said the driver, Jesse Hackshaw, 20, of Jennerstown. Pa., told them he looked down for a moment as he was turning the corner. When he looked up, police said, Hackshaw said he saw Griffin begin to cross the street and hesitate for a moment. Hackshaw said it appeared as though Griffin was going to stop walking, police said, so the driver continued through the turn.

Griffin was thrown into the air and sustained moderate injuries as a result of the impact, police said. He was transported by ambulance to Mount Nittany Medical Center and treated, police said.

Police said Hackshaw is charged with failure to respond to a pedestrian control signal.

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Lloyd Banks performs at Mezzanine

Lloyd Banks headlined a show at 10:30 p.m. last night at Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave.

Banks' performance opened with sets by Mic Mobbs. Big Keen and K-Money. The 18-and-over show was scheduled to continue until 2 a.m. this morning, with Banks performing later in the evening.

Banks, of the group G-Unit, is releasing his new album "The Hunger for More 2" this November. The artist began his solo project in 2004 with the release of "The Hunger for More" and has released two other albums and several popular mix tapes over the past half decade.

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- Burglary: A purse was stolen Saturday night from a 623 W. Beaver Ave. residence, the State College Police Department said Tuesday. The total loss is estimated at \$370, police said.
- Criminal Mischief: At 5:17 p.m. Monday, a resident of 711 University Dr., apartment #S101, said an unknown person damaged her bedroom window, the State College Police Department said. The cause and the estimated value of the damage is unknown, police said.
- Criminal Mischief to Vehicle: An unknown person smashed the rear window out of a vehicle parked outside of the State College post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at 139 N. Barnard St., over the weekend, the State College Police Department said Tuesday.

BRD EVE**nts**

Penn State professor Abhay Ashetar will speak on "Quantum Evaporation of 2D Black Holes" today at 10 a.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory. For more information call 814-863-9605.

Penn State professor Adrian Maler will speak on "Computable Functions of a Computable Real Variable" today at 2:30 p.m. in 315 McAllister Building. For details call 814-865-7527.

Elizabeth Winzeler, of the Scripps Research Institute, will speak at "Using Systems Biology to Develop New Drugs for Neglected Diseases" today at 4 p.m. in 8 Mueller Laboratory. For more information call 814-865-1668.

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: grilled cilantro lime, chicken sandwich, roasted corn and shrimp chowder, tortilla and corn sou, beef taco.

Simmons: white chicken chili, Simmons turkey club.

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: roasted corn and shrimp chowder, tortilla and corn soup, cheese ravioli.



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Drilling opponents rally at Capitol

By Marc Levy ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HARRISBURG, Pa. Marcellus Shale natural gas reserve brought their message to the Capitol on Tuesday as lawmakers worked behind closed doors on a compromise bill to tax the methane drawn' from the lucrative rock formation beneath Pennsylvania.

Speakers at a rally in the Rotunda included the maker of the documentary "Gasland" that was critical of the gas industry and a woman who claims nearby drilling poisoned her northeastern Pennsylvania well water.

"Gasland" maker Josh Fox said the industry is causing terror across Pennsylvania — a reference to the recent revelation that

Pennsylvania's homeland security bulletins listed gatherings of drilling opponents — by polluting the land ly divided General Assembly and water of people living near drilling sites.

"The stories are adding up and Opponents of drilling into the they can't hide much longer," Fox said, backed by people holding signs supportive of a drilling ban.

Various proposals to halt drilling are going nowhere in the state Legislature, and drilling companies have contested a number of accusations against them concerning pollu-

Legislative leaders met Tuesday morning to discuss a wide range of issues that are being pressed in the brief fall legislative session scheduled to wrap up in mid-October.

Both the House and Senate were in session Tuesday, but largely inactive while drilling opponents and environmental and industry lobbyists circulated through Capitol offices.

Thus far, Pennsylvania's political-

remains unable to agree on a tax, as well as other pieces of legislation affecting drilling. Pennsylvania is the nation's largest natural gas producing state without a tax on the gas extracted from its bedrock. Gov. Ed Rendell first proposed a tax on the growing Marcellus Shale gas industry last year. His proposal is equivalent to West Virginia's tax — 5 percent on the sale value, plus 4.7 cents per thousand cubic feet of gas. Such a tax is projected to raise \$280 million in 2011, the Rendell administration said. House Democrats say they are still working on the details of a bill they intend to advance. Constitutionally, revenue-raising bills must start in the House, but lawmakers expect any bill that passes the Democratic-controlled House would set a tax higher than is acceptable to Republican leaders of

Republican Corbett leads in polls

By Peter Jackson ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HARRISBURG, Pa. Democratic gubernatorial Dan Onorato's campaign declared Tuesday that it is gaining momentum, even as a new poll and the latest campaign finance reports showed Republican Tom Corbett holding the advantage in voter support and money.

A Quinnipiac University survey of likely Pennsylvania voters showed Corbett with a 15-point lead over Onorato — 54 percent to 39 percent. The totals include voters who had not firmly made up their minds but were leaning toward a candidate.

Corbett's campaign reported that

it had \$7.7 million on hand as of Sept. 13, more than double Onorato's \$3.4 million, according to summaries of the campaign finance reports they were required to file with the state.

"Enthusiasm and support for Dan Onorato's candidacy continues to grow," said Kevin Kinross, Onorato's campaign manager. "The more voters hear our message, the more they recognize that Dan Onorato is the only candidate with the experience and the plan to reform Harrisburg, turn our economy around and create jobs for Pennsylvania families."

A campaign spokesman for Corbett, the state attorney general, said the poll results underscore the strength of his platform.

"Corbett's message of creating jobs and reducing taxes and state spending is resonating with voters while Onorato's message of more taxes and a continuation Ed Rendell's policies is not," said Corbett spokesman Kevin Harley.

the Senate.

Gov. Ed Rendell is stepping down in January after serving the two consecutive terms allowed by law. PA campaign spokesman for Onorato, the elected chief executive of Allegheny County, said the poll seems to exaggerate Corbett's lead, noting that Democrats outnumber Republicans in the state by more than 1 million. Democratic registration surged in Pennsylvania during the hotly contested presidential primary and general elections in 2008.

Bids

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Spanish and international studies)

Delta Chi president Dan Kutz said his fraternity excelled under the new policy. The bid acceptance rate was about 80 percent, Kutz (juniorfinance) said.

Because so many fraternity members were involved in the recruitment process and attended Phired Up sessions, the recruitment process ended with the acceptance of "quality" members, Kutz said.

It's not just the IFC seeing an increase in numbers. Though formal Panhellenic Council (PHC) recruitment is just getting underway, PHC Vice President for

people. Alvira (senior-science) said the PHC is hoping to have more women remain in the recruitment process this year. While 700 women registered for recruitment last fall, only 300 woman accepted bids.

Membership Jackie Alvira said the

number of women registered is

greater than last year by about 100

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Volleyball

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energy to the gym," Pavlik said. "He's done a real good job of rectifying the situation that caused this and now all of his energies are on working to make the team again this

Redshirt senior setter Edgardo Goas echoed Pavlik's sentiment, adding that Wagner is still a leader on the Lions.

Goas said Wagner's presence in the gym has been especially important this fall, as the squad has six freshmen.

"It was unlucky with whatever job.

happened, but nothing has changed," Goas said. "Whether he is a walk-on or not a walk-on, he's still a veteran leader on this team. He's still someone the guys text or call when they have a problem and we really depend on him." Wagner has seen limited court

Lions' starting libero for the last three seasons has been senior Dennis Del Valle — a three-time All-American and Penn State's all-time leader in digs. This fall, the Lions also brought in

heralded recruit Connor Curry, who is expected to redshirt the 2011 season and inherit Del Valle's starting

"This is probably the deepest libero grouping we've ever had at Penn State, between Connor, Jesse and Dennis," Pavlik said.

"All three of them have been working really hard. We have some time to figure things out as far as our roster and things will play time in his career at Penn State. The themselves out. We'll see how it goes.

Goas said he expects Wagner to continue to bid for time if he finds himself on the roster again this

"The entire team knows what kind of guy Jesse is," Goas said. "He never stops working hard."

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Dryers

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officials decided to install the hand

dryers.
"There are sanitary issues that go along with everyone wanting to frequently wash their hands," Carr

'We wanted a safe, environmentally friendly way to help protect students against diseases.

H1N1 is typically transmitted by skin-to-skin contact with a person that is infected with the virus, Carr said.

It is not an airborne disease, which makes the hand dryers much safer than communal paper towels.

"Hand dryers are more environmentally friendly because there is no paper waste. With paper towels, the housing staff would have to devote a lot more time to maintain-

ing the paper waste," Carr said.

reactions to the new restroom addi-

"I'm so excited that I don't have to walk back to my room with wet hands anymore," Bree Frederick (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. "It'll save so much time.

And Sam Agostino (freshmanbroadcast journalism) said he prefers to bring hand sanitizing gel to the restroom to avoid walking around with wet hands.

"I feel like I have built up an immunity to Purell because I use it so often. Walking back to your room with wet hands and touching your dirty door defeats the purpose of washing your hands," Agostino said.

But some students said they're concerned with the noise the dryers make.

"It doesn't sound like a hand dryer, more like a drill. I would rather walk back to my room because they're so loud," Maggie Penn State students had mixed Payne (freshman-biology) said.

at the Pennsylvania State Police's

"Housing should have just given us paper towels and added a recycling bin to the restroom if they wanted to be environmentally friendly."

Other students agreed the dryers are a disturbance.

"It's so annoying to hear the hand dryer blaring at 4:00 in the morning. It's so loud that it wakes me up all the time," Mimi Chung (freshmanmarketing) said.

Students are being asked to use other floor's restrooms while the hand dryers are being installed onto their floor

Housing officials purchased 500 total hand dryer units. The dryers are currently being installed into all East Halls restrooms.

After East, the hand dryers will be added to Pollock, South and West residence halls, as well as non-University Park campus locations,

Carr said. The dryers should be fully installed by the end of the academic year, Carr said.

Trial

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argument, introducing multiple pieces of evidence in an attempt to convict Allen of first-degree murder.

Testimony from Pennsylvania State Police forensic scientists, photographs of used condoms, bloody paper towels and various articles of clothing found in Allen's apartment were presented to jury members.

Julia Brolley, a forensic scientist

Greensburg crime laboratory, said DNA samples taken from both Allen and Davis matched the samples taken from the used condoms found in Allen's bedroom. Blood samples taken from the handle of a black Maglite flashlight found in Allen's bedroom also matched Davis' DNA. Brolley said. Davis' family, who was seated in the courtroom behind the defendant, remained silent as Brolley testified her findings of the DNA analysis.

Allen's family was also present in the courtroom.

Allen sat hunched in his chair as

Brolley testified. Multiple Pennsylvania State Police troopers also testified.

Each described Allen's lack of a reaction when police arrived to search his house after Davis was found dead.

The trial is scheduled to continue in Blair County through Friday.

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Clark-Sestak

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much is at stake for the state's youth.

Mellody said campaign members are hoping visits like this will bring young voters to the ballots in high numbers, as was the case in 2008.

She also said another reason for Clark-Sestak's visit was to register Democrats are hosting the event,

more voters and gather more volunteers for the campaign.

This will not be the first time the Sestak campaign has reached out to Penn State and Centre County. The congressman hosted a conference call with students last week and visited the Centre County Grange Fair and Encampment earlier this month.

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and group president Rob Ghormoz (junior-political science) said he enjoys hearing from family members of candidates during the cam-

paign season. "It shows that they aren't just politicians, but are family members and have commitments like everyone else," he said. "It's one of the things we're most excited about."

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