

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Three thefts from cars reported

Three thefts from cars — two within a block of one another — were reported overnight Saturday, the State College Police Department said.

At about 12:10 a.m., a person reported that a camera, a GPS system and a pair of sunglasses were stolen from a vehicle parked at 712 Calder Way, police said.

At 8:23 a.m. Sunday, another car theft was reported at 425 Locust Lane, after an unknown person stole four cases of beer and a ski jacket — a total value of more than \$200 — from a vehicle overnight, police said.

A second car theft on that street was reported at 9:29 a.m., police said. A person told police that a \$350 sub-woofer was stolen from his or her unlocked vehicle, parked at 508 Locust Lane, police said.

Police said investigations into all of the incidents are ongoing.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Ken Showalter of West Virginia University will be giving a lecture entitled "Motion Analysis of Self-Propelled Platinum-Silica Particles in Hydrogen Peroxide Solutions" at noon in S-5 Osmond Laboratory.

Siela Maximova of Penn State will be giving a lecture entitled "Genetic and Physiological Mechanisms of Fungal Symbiont-Induced Resistance in Theobroma cacao L.," at 12:10 p.m. in 108 Wartik Laboratory.

Isabella Cattadori of Penn State will be giving a lecture entitled "The Role of Host Immunity on Dynamics of Co-Infections and Transmission: An Ecological Perspective" at 1 p.m. in 105 Forest Resources Building.

Rachel Brennan of Penn State will be giving a lecture entitled "Sustainable Removal of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals from Wastewater Using Fungi" at 3:30 p.m. in 112 Buckhout Laboratory.

Elaine Cozzie of Drexel University will be giving a lecture entitled "The Inviscid Limit of the Incompressible Navier-Stokes Equations for Flows with Nondecaying Vorticity" at 3:35 p.m. in 216 McAllister Building.

Jeffery Coller of Case Eastern Reserve University will be giving a lecture entitled "Regulation of Coding and Non-Coding RNA by Decapping" at 4 p.m. in 101 Althouse Laboratory.

Yao Zhang of Penn State will be giving a lecture entitled "Vitamin A and Retinoic Acid as Factors in the Differentiation of Monocytic Cells" at 4 p.m. in 110C Chandler Laboratory.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Italian wedding soup, wild rice soup, beef thai wrap, fried chicken sandwich, jasmine rice, vegetarian tikka masala, peas and carrots, roasted cauliflower, shoestring fries

Simmons: chipotle turkey panini, grilled vegetable burrito, Hawaiian whole wheat pizza, shrimp and broccoli stir-fry, three cheese whole wheat pizza, barley pecan pilaf, broccoli with roasted red peppers, brown rice, cauliflower with parsley

Correction

An article "Police look into racial slurs" on page 1 of the Nov. 19 Daily Collegian incorrectly stated information about the incident.

Beer was poured on a man sitting next to Linda Baker and her husband inside Beaver Stadium, not on Baker himself.



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Rendell vetoes self-defense bill

By Marc Levy ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Gov. Ed Rendell on Saturday vetoed a bill that he feared would escalate violent acts by expanding a person's rights in Pennsylvania to use deadly force in self-defense, even when safe retreat is possible, if feeling threatened outside their home.

Rendell criticized the bill as a dangerous solution to a nonexistent problem that would encourage a "shoot first, ask questions later" mentality.

"I do not believe that in a civilized society we should encourage violent and deadly confrontation when the victim can safely protect themselves" through retreat, Rendell wrote in his veto message released Saturday.

The veto was one of three bills rejected Saturday by Rendell.

The measure broadening Pennsylvania's so-called Castle Doctrine also would have offered immunity against civil lawsuits to people who could show that they acted within the law's guidelines.

Under current law in Pennsylvania, the use of deadly force in self-defense is not justifiable when safe retreat is possible, unless a person is attacked in their

home or workplace, Rendell said.

The vetoed bill said, in part, that "no person should be required to surrender his or her personal safety to a criminal, nor should a person be required to needlessly retreat in the face of intrusion or attack outside the person's home or vehicle."

A number of states have Castle Doctrine laws, although most limit the use of deadly force in self-defense to the home or private property.

Rep. Scott Perry, R-York, who sponsored a similar Castle Doctrine bill, on Wednesday criticized Rendell's veto as a vote against a majority of Pennsylvanians "who want to be able to defend themselves" and "completely out of step with citizens of the commonwealth that he swore to represent."

However, Dauphin County District Attorney Ed Marsico said in a statement Saturday that it's rare that a prosecutor targets people who were legitimately defending themselves.

Conversely, prosecutors in states with wider self-defense protections are finding that criminals are exploiting it by making bogus self-defense claims, Marsico said.

The term-limited Democratic governor, who leaves office Jan. 18, took action on the bill Saturday, the last possible day he could have vetoed it before it was to become law automatically.

The timing of Rendell's veto left just a tiny opening for lawmakers to reconvene to try to override the veto. Overriding the veto would require a two-thirds majority vote in each chamber before the current Legislature expires at midnight Tuesday.

But House Speaker Keith McCall, D-Carbon, has no plans to recall the chamber's members, a spokesman said Saturday.

The new Legislature is seated in January and the bill can be reintroduced then.

It passed the Senate, 45-4, in October and the House, 161-35, earlier this month. Republican Gov.-elect Tom Corbett, Pennsylvania's attorney general, has said he would have signed it.

The bill was supported by the National Rifle Association but opposed by the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

Rendell was conflicted about his veto, because the state Senate had packaged the self-defense elements into a wider bill with separate provisions to update the registration requirements of homeless and out-of-state sexual offenders, which he supported.

But the maneuver, he said, likely violates a constitutional prohibition against legislation that incorporates more than one subject.

Associated Press writer Ashley Thomas contributed to this report from Philadelphia.

Taunts

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While seated in section WF Linda Baker, 45, of Greensburg, Pa., said she and her husband, an interracial couple, were the target of racial slurs and other taunting.

The "nonstop" harassment, Baker said, included a spectator calling her a "n— loving bitch" and an incident in which a man tried to bar her husband from entering the men's restroom inside the stadium.

Baker said she did not contact security at the game about the incident and did not report it to police afterwards.

Police said they learned of the incident later, from "various sources."

In the Bakers' incident, police said the couple was seated in the

vicinity of a man "wearing a large ninja turtle costume." Because many fans were dressed in Halloween costumes for the game, police said they are trying to use this and other "distinguishing attire" to investigate both incidents.

When it comes to game day behavior, Associate Athletic Director for Marketing and Communications Greg Myford said it's everyone's responsibility to act sportsmanlike.

"Such behavior [seen in the reported incidents] runs completely counter to what wearing blue and white means," Myford wrote in an e-mail.

"And the overwhelming majority of our fans know that."

Bridgette Carrier, vice president of Penn State PRIDE — a group that promotes sportsmanship at all Penn State athletic events — said students shouldn't take their pas-

sion for Penn State to a level where it disrespects others at the stadium.

"A lot of times, Penn State students, as the No. 1 student section, think that no one is as passionate as them about their teams, and that's not true. Other people want their team to win just as much," Carrier (junior-kinesiology) said. "And at the end of the day, it's a win or a loss — it's not the end of the world, so there's no need to make any bad comments to anyone."

But Myford also said the blame for the incidents shouldn't be placed solely on those currently enrolled at Penn State.

"Fact is, it's not just students," Myford wrote. "We're just kidding ourselves and doing our students a disservice if we allow people to push it off as such."

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Exposure

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indecent exposure cases have been reported in East Halls, Tom Winkler, president of the East Halls Residence Association, said he makes sure to emphasize the importance of reporting anything that

seems out of the ordinary to police or Residence Life officials during EHRA meetings. Winkler said students have plenty of outlets where they can report any incidents or provide any information they might have about the incidents that have already been reported — whether it's Penn State Police, Residence Life officials or elsewhere.

"Obviously we just inform students to notify the police if they see someone doing something they shouldn't be doing," Winkler (sophomore-engineering) said. "Or they can talk to the RAs or the residence hall coordinators — they're willing to listen."

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Football

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He said he was especially disappointed at the number of times he missed open targets.

"Those are throws you can make in your sleep," said a dejected McGloin, who finished the day 23-for-43 with 312 yards. "Sometimes it just doesn't go your way."

His mistakes, coupled with untimely penalties, led McGloin to answer, "Ourselves," when asked the biggest reason for the loss.

"We shot ourselves in the foot in the first half," McGloin said. "Against a team like that you can't do things like that and expect to win. It's frustrating right now because that's a beatable football team."

On defense, the Lions were called for a pair of personal fouls — one on safety Malcolm Willis and one on tackle Devon Still. But several other defenders came to the defense of their teammates, calling the penal-

ties "aggressive mistakes."

In his postgame press conference, Joe Paterno, who Tuesday announced he plans to return as coach in 2011, said the calls had a significant impact on the game, adding that he'd like to see a couple of them one more time to be sure they were, in fact, the correct ruling.

"I want to look at them again, let me leave it at that," Paterno said. "But again, I don't want to take anything away from Michigan State."

The Spartans defense stifled Penn State's offense from the start. After the Nittany Lions kicked a field goal on their first possession, they failed to score again until the fourth quarter.

McGloin tossed a pair of touchdown passes in the final quarter and Royster ran for one, too, but the offense still came up six points short. The toughest part about the loss, McGloin said, was the seniors, who exited Beaver Stadium for the last time with a bitter taste in their mouths.

Senior co-captain Brett Brackett said he hardly had time to comprehend the feeling of it being his last game in Happy Valley.

"It just went by fast," Brackett said.

"Everything — from the career, to the season, to the game. Everything."

Saturday, the first three quarters went by too fast for the Lions to regroup. By the time they finally started to click on offense, Collin Wagner's onside kick was in the Spartans possession, sealing a Michigan State victory.

Minutes later, in the postgame interview room, the sentiment was the same, from Paterno to his assistants, to the players. Royster, McGloin and quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno even used the same phrase to describe the game, while sporting identical disheartened, wistful looks on their faces: "Too little, too late."

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Blue Band

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the best seasons he's directed," Grant (sophomore-industrial engineering) said.

Grant said a few memories in particular have really stuck out to him this year.

"It was awesome being on the field during the Northwestern and Michigan games," he said. "Joe Pa's 400th win was incredible."

Members of the band said a lot of work is put in behind the scenes and in every week leading up to a weekend game.

"There were times we didn't have

much time to prepare, but we got things together really well," Will Baer (senior-computer science) said. Baer, also a trumpet player, said it takes a lot of dedication to be in the Blue Band.

Silverman said she agreed — the Silks also put in a lot of work to prepare for each performance.

"We practice a lot because we have to have everything memorized, including every drill," she said. "It's a lot of work."

Silverman said she noticed the band's progression throughout the season.

"I think we came a long way. We definitely became more of family," she said.

Though Silverman said she will miss many things about the Blue Band, one memory sticks out more than the others.

"My first White Out game was one of the best experiences. It was incredible to rush the field with 300 new friends to a screaming stadium of nothing but white," she said.

Silverman — then a freshman — said the feeling she got that day would stick with her for the rest of her Blue Band career.

"I'm going to miss the rush that comes with being in the band during halftime in Beaver Stadium," she said.

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Tea

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Since then, he has been brewing tea twice a day every day for the last three and a half years as a hobby.

The Tea House is a non-profit organization. Some of the money earned goes toward undergraduate

research at the Tea Institute — another level of the club — and the club uses to train new members, Cohen said. After passing a test, students can graduate from the club to the Tea Institute to become an approved brewer.

Penny said the exam was "probably the hardest test I've ever taken." It took over two hours and

required writing 12 handwritten essay pages, he said.

Cohen said the Tea House is important for Penn State to raise cultural awareness.

"It really offers an introduction to a culture that most people aren't aware of," he said.

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