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STATE POLICE

Schools vulnerable to attack, report says

After studying 300 schools since 2004, the state police have suggested measures that might help defray the potential threat of a violent intruder.

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On the heels of last week's school shooting in Colorado and the one-year anniversary of the Newtown school massacre, a safety report state police released sounds a note of caution about schools' vulnerability to attack.

After evaluating security measures in place at 300 schools since 2004, the report offered a grim warning:

"Many schools are vulnerable to violent intruders entering the building with a weapon and causing harm to the occupants," reads the report, available on the state police website. "A secondary threat to the school is the introduction of a portable explosive device into the building to cause mass casualties."

To defray the threat, the report recommends districts maintain a security force, install closed-circuit TVs, upgrade locks, hold regular drills and implement other safety measures.

"There may never be perfection, as no security measure is perfect; however, risks can be significantly reduced," the report said.

The report said the presence of security forces varies widely across the state and depends on factors like cost and public perception.

"An unarmed security officer

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LOCAL & STATE

Meet Rooty, Lebanon's TV star

"I want people to know about Lebanon," Lebanon High School senior Michael Hostetter says. "And not just for Bologna." Hostetter has done his part to bring attention to his hometown and high school. Hostetter — also known as Lebanon mascot Rooty the Cedar Tree — was one of four mascots featured on the Hulu documentary series "Behind the Mask." As the first season comes to a close, Hostetter shares some of his experience filming the show, how he caught the attention of producers and whether fame has changed him.

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MEGA MILLIONS DRAWING

JUMPIN' JACKPOT!

Mega Millions hasn't had a big winner since Oct. 1. The top prize is more than \$586 million and the jackpot could grow to \$1 billion or more without a winner tonight.

From staff and wire reports

The Mega Millions jackpot inched toward a U.S. lottery record Monday as it soared to \$586 million amid a frenzy of ticket purchases, raising the possibility that the prize could pass the once-unthinkable \$1 billion mark by Christmas Eve should nobody win before then.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be held tonight, and tickets will be sold until 9:59 p.m.

If one ticket matches all six numbers for the \$586 million jackpot, the winner will have the choice of receiving the full jackpot in 30 annual payments or a cash prize of about \$316.5 million before taxes.

The jackpot has been growing since Oct. 1, when Mega Millions had its most recent jackpot winner. The jackpot has rolled 21 times without a top-prize winner.

Mega Millions holds the U.S. record for the largest jackpot ever, at \$656 million. That jackpot on March 30, 2012, was split by three winning tickets in Illinois, Kansas and Maryland.

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HOW TO PLAY

» Tickets cost \$1 per play. Players pick five numbers from 1 to 75 and one number from 1 to 15 (the Mega Ball).

» Players may select their own numbers using a Mega Millions play slip, or they may opt for computer-selected quick picks. Tickets are sold until 9:59 p.m. on the night of a drawing.

» For an extra \$1 per play, players can add the Megaplier. Before the Mega Millions drawing, the Megaplier number, ranging from two to five, is randomly selected. The Megaplier applies to nonjackpot prizes.



WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

Hoping to win the Mega Millions drawing tonight? Who isn't? You're going to have to beat big odds to claim the growing jackpot. And those odds have gotten greater since the game changed in October. Before Oct. 19, players picked six numbers from 1 to 56. Now, they pick six from 1 to 75.

Your odds of winning the jackpot before the game changed in October? **1 in 176 million**

Your odds of winning the jackpot after Oct. 19? **1 in 259 million**

Thompson's 'scumbag' gaffe makes Time magazine's top 10 list

BY EMILY PREVITI
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Harrisburg Mayor Linda Thompson is one of 10 mayors named by Time magazine on what the publication is calling "a road to political purgatory from bad to worst," thanks to her Perry County-related remarks last spring.

Thompson had said Harrisburg wasn't "opening up our floodgates for some scumbag that comes from Perry County who ... comes here and wants to dump for free," during a news conference about illegal dumping in March.

Time's graphic "The Year in Mayors' Gaffes" featured Thompson alongside other mayors that gained notoriety this year. Toronto's Rob Ford and San Diego's Bob Filner also made the list.

The magazine ranked Thompson's re-

marks as benign compared to Ford, who admitted to buying illegal drugs and smoking crack cocaine. Filner resigned in August over allegations of sexual harassment from at least 17 women.

Thompson and her advisers, however, have blamed the media firestorm over her comments, for which she later apologized, for her loss less than two months later to Eric Papenfuse in the Democratic primary.

This is the second time in the past week that the national political spotlight has landed on Harrisburg's local government.

Papenfuse was one of 16 new mayors to meet last week with President Barack Obama about creating high-paying, high-skilled local jobs.

CHILD ABUSE

Protection bills await Corbett OK

BY CHARLES THOMPSON
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HARRISBURG • The state House of Representatives quickly passed three additional bills Monday in a growing child protection package that supporters say will stand as one of the crowning achievements of the 2013-14 legislative session.

Monday's key vote was passage of House Bill 726, a bill that rewrites and expands the legal definitions of child abuse.

Supporters hope the changes will give county caseworkers and police tools to intervene more quickly in more cases, with the effect of extending help to families who need it and, where appropriate, stopping abusers before kids are hurt or killed.

The update was identified as one of the state's most pressing needs by a blue ribbon task force empaneled after former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky's arrest on child sex abuse charges in November 2011.

"I do think that the way you define child abuse is where things

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THE LEGISLATION

» **House Bill 726:** Changes wording in the law so that child abuse findings would no longer require demonstrations of serious physical injury. Adds actions that are considered child abuse.

» **House Bill 321:** Would upgrade the crimes related to child pornography and require a sentencing enhancement for those possessing, distributing or producing child pornography.

» **House Bill 414:** Would require county judges to screen parties to any child custody hearings for past findings of child abuse and to take those histories into consideration in any decisions.

GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE

Saying he's a 'voice for many,' pastor vows to defy church order

BY KATHY MATHESON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA • A Lebanon Methodist pastor vowed Monday to defy a religious order to surrender his credentials for performing a same-sex wedding, saying church officials will have to defrock him if they want him out of the ministry.

The Rev. Frank Schaefer has been told to give up his pulpit in central Pennsylvania by Thursday if he cannot support the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline. But Schaefer, who describes the book as contradictory and biased against gay people, said he will not go quietly.

"I am actively committing to having those discriminatory laws changed and banished from our Book of Discipline," Schaefer said. "That's the only way I can reconcile being a United Methodist at this point."

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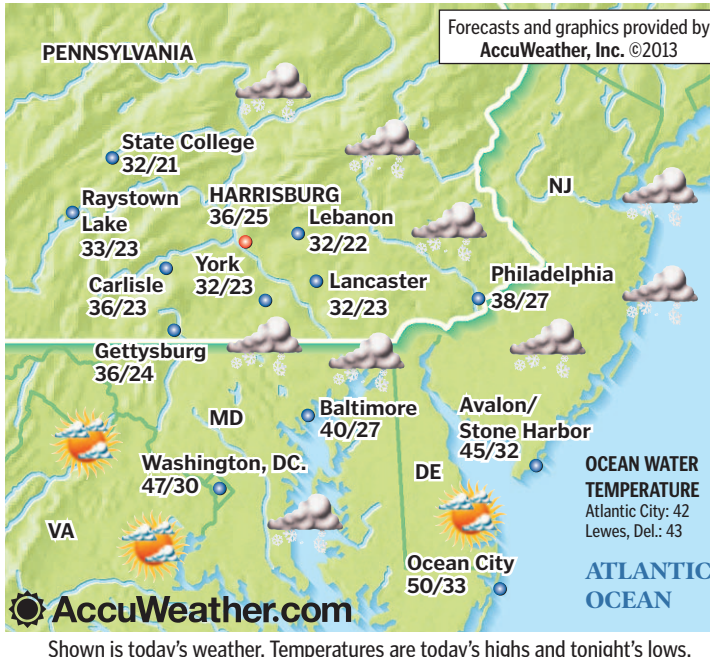


» Lebanon Methodist pastor the Rev. Frank Schaefer is serving a 30-day suspension for officiating the 2007 wedding of his gay son.

» Schaefer was told by church officials that he would have to surrender his pulpit by Thursday if he cannot support the United Methodist Church's doctrine on the issue.

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow
High 36 SW 4-8 POP: 65%	Low 25 W 7-14 POP: 55%	33 20 W 10-20 POP: 0%

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
43 35 SW 4-8 POP: 5%	48 40 SSW 4-8 POP: 30%	53 45 SW 3-6 POP: 55%



TEMPERATURES
As of 5 p.m. yesterday at HIA
High yesterday 32
Record high 63 in 1971
Last year 49/41
Low yesterday 21
Record low 4 in 1951

AIR QUALITY INDEX
Rating for today Moderate
Main pollutant Particulates
Source: Pennsylvania D.E.P.

PRECIPITATION
For 24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday
Yesterday 0.00"
Month to date 2.24"
Normal month to date 1.80"
Year to date 41.13"
Normal year to date 39.31"

SUN
Sunrise today 7:24 a.m.
Sunset today 4:43 p.m.

SUN PHASES
Full Dec 17
Last Dec 25
New Jan 1
First Jan 7

DEHART RESERVOIR
Inches from spillway -33
Capacity filled 89.6%

SUSQUEHANNA LEVELS
ON THE WEB: <http://pa.water.usgs.gov/>
Levels at 7 a.m. yesterday Flood Stage Current Level 24-hour change (in feet)
Harrisburg 17 4.41 down 0.18
Juniata at Newport 22 4.32 up 0.03

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

U.S. TRAVEL ADVISORY

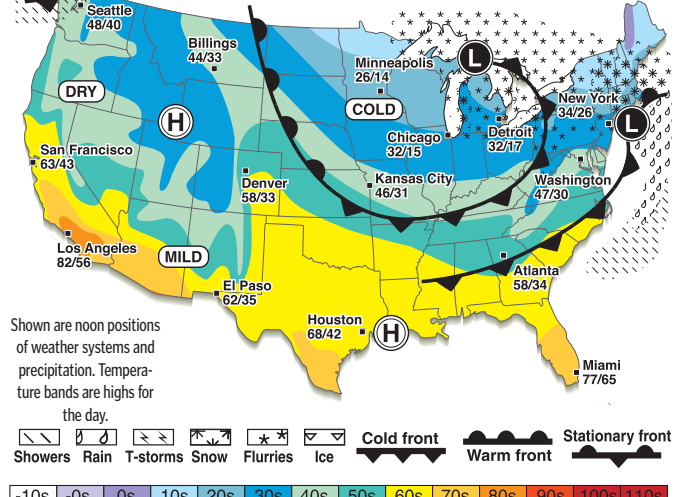
Atlanta	Boston	Charlotte	Chicago	Dallas
58/34	28/22	58/29	32/15	66/42
Detroit	New York	Orlando	Outer Banks	Pittsburgh
32/17	35/26	71/48	60/41	35/22

U.S. TEMPERATURES

Today	Wed.
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Anchorage 8 -1 s	13 12 s
Birmingham 58 33 s	61 39 s
Burlington 18 7 sn	23 16 c
Charleston, SC 66 38 s	63 36 s
Cincinnati 38 22 pc	41 36 s
Cleveland 32 21 sn	30 29 pc
Indianapolis 34 19 pc	36 32 s
Las Vegas 64 45 pc	66 45 pc
Memphis 57 38 s	60 46 s
Miami 77 65 pc	78 67 pc
Milwaukee 29 15 sn	30 28 pc
Nashville 50 29 s	55 40 s
New Orleans 64 44 s	67 54 s
Portland, ME 22 16 sn	29 15 sn
Richmond 54 30 pc	46 31 pc
St. Louis 44 29 s	52 39 s
San Antonio 68 45 s	69 56 pc
San Diego 74 53 pc	65 51 pc
Seattle 48 40 r	44 30 r
Syracuse 28 19 sf	29 21 sn
Tampa 72 49 s	72 53 s

WORLD TEMPERATURES

Today	Wed.
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Baghdad 57 39 s	58 43 s
Beijing 36 17 sn	34 17 s
Berlin 45 33 pc	43 35 pc
Bermuda 69 66 sh	70 61 sh
Cairo 64 48 c	64 48 s
Cancun 76 71 sh	79 73 sh
Dublin 45 41 pc	53 36 r
Hong Kong 57 50 r	61 48 s
Jerusalem 51 37 pc	51 37 s
London 48 39 r	52 43 r
Madrid 52 34 pc	54 43 pc
Mexico City 73 42 s	74 46 pc
Montreal 10 0 sf	14 9 sn
Moscow 36 30 sn	32 25 i
Paris 48 41 pc	46 43 r
Rio de Janeiro 80 64 pc	81 65 pc
Rome 56 38 s	57 38 s
Sydney 82 63 s	82 65 s
Tokyo 56 41 pc	48 41 r
Toronto 26 13 sf	27 25 sf
Vancouver 45 38 r	41 26 r



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start," said Dr. Cindy Christian, medical director for the Philadelphia Department of Human Services and a leading child abuse expert at Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania.

Existing definitions, Christian said, "have not worked and have left children vulnerable."

Statistics bear that out. According to data compiled by the Center for Children and Justice, in 2011 just 1.2 of 1,000 Pennsylvania children were deemed victims of child abuse. Nationally, that rate was 9.1 per 1,000, a difference many attribute to the definitions in place here.

"For years, children and youth caseworkers ... have been forced to leave children in situations that were unsafe because the power of the law was not on the side of the child," said Rep. Scott Petri, the Bucks County Republican who sponsored the definitions bill.

The biggest change in the

new bill is a deletion. Child abuse findings in Pennsylvania would no longer require demonstrations of serious physical injury, a threshold defined as including "severe pain ... or impairment of a child's physical functioning."

The bill passed Monday replaces that language with "bodily injury ... through any recent act or failure to act."

It also adds a number of de facto triggers that, when committed intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, are automatically considered abuse:

- Kicking, burning or cutting a child under age 18;
- Forcefully shaking a baby younger than 1 year old;
- Interfering with a child's breathing;
- Causing a child to be present in a residence being used as a meth lab;
- Knowingly letting a child be with a sex offender.

The bill also contains language designed to ensure that all assault convictions in criminal court where children are the victims are routinely shared with county children and youth

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CATHLEEN PALM, a founder of the Center for Children and Justice

services agencies to ensure those convicts are flagged as abusers, too.

Coupled with other updates in who gets listed on the state's database, which helps keep identified abusers out of schools, day care centers and other functions where they have regular contact with children, and emerging changes in how suspicions of child abuse are reported, the package's supporters say it works together to make Pennsylvania a safer place for children.

But Monday's bill is the centerpiece.

"We've been living for too long in a state where children were suffering

broken bones, lacerations and burns, and we said: 'This wasn't an act of child abuse,'" said Cathleen Palm, a founder of the Center for Children and Justice.

"These changes are really about getting sooner to the aid of children who are experiencing some level of physical injury."

The other bills approved Monday are House Bill 321, which would upgrade the crimes related to child pornography and require a sentencing enhancement for those possessing, distributing or producing child pornography, and House Bill 414, which would require county judges to screen

parties to any child custody hearings for past findings of child abuse and to take those histories into consideration in any decisions.

In all, the General Assembly has sent eight bills to Gov. Tom Corbett for enactment this fall, with another round, including the update to the state's reporting requirements, expected next year.

Corbett is expected to sign the bills Wednesday after his office completes a review of the final language.

Child advocates made concessions in negotiations this fall, in the interest of maximizing support for the definitions rewrite.

For example, Palm noted driving drunk with child passengers in the car or dealing illegal drugs with a child present were dropped from the final language as automatic child abuse indicators.

Advocates for parental rights successfully lobbied for inclusion of language specifying that parents still have the right to use reasonable force to discipline children, as long as they aren't willfully causing injury.

Nor can an abuse finding be lodged against a household simply because of "environmental factors," like a low-income family who can't afford three meals a day or has had utilities cut off because of an inability to pay.

Excitement over passage of Petri's bill was also tempered Monday by the extension of the law's effective date to January 2015, though drafters say that time is necessary to train, county caseworkers, police, medical workers and others on the changes being adopted, and to allow for scheduled upgrades to state Department of Public Welfare computer systems.

However, Palm said, this gives lawmakers time to finish work on another key part of the package: expanding the list of who must report suspected cases of child abuse and clarifying what and to whom they are required to report.

That bill is hung up over how to treat lawyers' attorney-client privileges, though some House and Senate aides say they expect those differences will be resolved by early next year.



Anita Watson, right, sells a Mega Millions lottery ticket to Brian Thomason in St. Louis on Monday. JEFF ROBERSON, The Associated Press

MEGA

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Paula Otto, executive director of the Virginia Lottery and Mega Millions' lead director, said ticket sales are ahead of projections for today's drawing, increasing the likelihood that the record could fall by then. If the prize goes unclaimed for a 22nd consecutive drawing, the next one likely would shatter the record, she said.

Sixty-five percent to 70 percent of the roughly 259 million possible number combinations will be in play when the numbers are drawn, Otto estimated. She said the jackpot might be increased one more time this morning in advance of the evening drawing.

"Lotto players are procrastinators. They tend to buy on the day of the draw," she said.

The large Mega Millions prize is the product of a major game revamp in October that dramatically lowered the odds of winning the

jackpot. If a winner isn't selected Tuesday night and it rolls over past the next drawing scheduled Friday night, Otto predicts the jackpot will reach \$1 billion, an unheard-of amount for Mega Millions or Powerball, the nation's two main lottery games.

"We had predicted last week that if we are still on the same roll on Christmas Eve, we'll definitely be over a billion," she said.

Mega Millions players across Pennsylvania have won more than \$5.5 million in nonjackpot prizes since this jackpot run began, the state lottery said. In Friday's drawing, 563,718 Mega Millions players in Pennsylvania won \$1,176,730 in prizes.

This is the largest jackpot since changes were made to Mega Millions that include larger starting jackpots, a million-dollar second prize and a new matrix of 1-75 for the first five numbers and 1-15 for the Mega Ball number, the lottery said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Daily Number Straight: \$250 Boxed: \$40 Day: 537 Night: 036	Big Four Straight: \$2,500 Boxed: \$200 Day: 1060 Night: 1719	Quinto Straight: \$50,000 Boxed: \$425/day, \$850/night Day: 02574 Night: 52158	Cash 5 5 of 5: \$325,000 4 of 5: \$348.50 3 of 5: \$13 2 of 5: \$1 9 • 15 • 24 • 35 • 43	Treasure Hunt 5 of 5: No winner 4 of 5: \$100 3 of 5: \$6 2 of 5: \$1 6 • 10 • 18 • 25 • 26	Saturday's Powerball No jackpot winner 14 • 25 • 32 • 33 • 41 • Powerball: 34
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Daily Number Straight: \$250 Boxed: \$40/day, \$80/night Day: 369 Night: 299	Big Four Straight: \$2,500 Boxed: \$200 Day: 9288 Night: 6625	Quinto Straight: \$50,000 Boxed: \$850/day, \$1,700/night Day: 38515 Night: 99211	Cash 5 5 of 5: \$125,000 4 of 5: \$107.50 3 of 5: \$5.50 2 of 5: \$1 5 • 9 • 10 • 12 • 30	Treasure Hunt 5 of 5: \$40,000 4 of 5: \$100 3 of 5: \$6 2 of 5: \$1 2 • 6 • 10 • 18 • 21	Match 6 6 of 6: No winner 6 • 14 • 23 • 26 • 44 • 48
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JACKPOTS Today's Cash 5: **\$125,000** Today's Mega Millions: **\$586 million** Today's Treasure Hunt: **\$10,000** Thursday's Match 6: **\$3 million** Wednesday's Powerball: **\$50 million**