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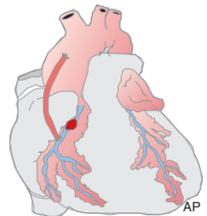
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PRECIPITATION: 0%
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BU may field more fake turf

By **PETER KENDRON**
Press Enterprise Writer

BLOOMSBURG — With an artificial turf field planned outside the football stadium, Bloomsburg University trustees are talking about putting one inside, too. A \$1.5 million artificial field will be installed on a practice field to accommodate sports such as soccer and field hockey, which need bigger fields than football.

Some trustees want to study cost of artificial surface inside stadium

But some trustees want to know how much it would cost to put turf inside Redman Stadium as well. Trustee Lee Davis said he could foresee the single artificial field "becoming the busiest spot on campus you've ever seen," with coaches having a difficult time scheduling practices.

BU President Jessica Kozloff noted, "If there's any year to talk about improving football facilities, this has to be the year," referring to the BU team's No. 2 national ranking in NCAA Division II.

A lot of turf

The NCAA recommends that a soccer field be 360 feet long and 225 feet wide. A football field is just as long, but it's

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Politics and GHS

Recent records: Leaders gave \$27,865 to system's PAC

By **MICHAEL LESTER**
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DANVILLE — Eighty-three top Geisinger Health System employees and trustees made \$27,865 in political contributions in 2004 and the first half of 2005, records show.

Geisinger executives, physicians and men serving on the health system's board of directors wrote their checks — ranging from \$20 to \$1,500 — to Geisinger Health System PAC.

That's the health system's four-year-old political arm, which operates independently of the non-profit health system.

Geisinger's PAC, in turn, has donated about \$29,000 in 2004 and 2005 to 34 federal and state lawmakers and lobbying organizations, according to Geisinger and reports the health system filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Chief Operating Officer Frank Trembulak and two trustees were Geisinger's most generous donors.

Trembulak contributed \$3,000 over the past two years. Frank Henry, chairman of the board, and fellow director Joel Mindel, each pitched in \$2,000.

Republican U.S. Senator Rick Santorum and top-ranking Republican state legislators were recipients of the PAC's most generous contributions over the past two years.

Santorum, who faces a re-election fight in 2006, received \$1,750 over that span.

At the state level, Geisinger's PAC gave \$1,750 each to Republican Sen. David "Chip" Brightbill, the Senate majority leader from Lebanon, and Republican state Sen. Jeff Piccola, the Senate

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Neighbors overrun with rats



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YELENA DARRAGH stands in the yard behind her Mill Street home in Orangeville, pointing out the areas of her neighbor's home and yard where she has videotaped rats running around. Another photo, page 22.

Orangeville residents find no help from officials for pest problem

By **KATE YORK**
Press Enterprise Writer



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YELENA DARRAGH picks up four dead rats she laid on one of the stones at her Orangeville home. Darragh has found the rats on her property and in her neighbor's grill.

ORANGEVILLE — For Jennifer Hubler, the last straw in a long neighborhood battle was the shock when she opened the cover of her backyard grill last weekend and found a live rat.

She had been planning to throw some burgers on the grill and enjoy the warm autumn night. Instead, she was repulsed by the rodent, squeaking and scurrying around inside her brand-new grill.

"It was just disgusting," Hubler said. "I slammed the lid down and ran to get my boyfriend."

While the sight of the rat was a shock, it was nothing new for the residents of Hubler's Mill Street neighborhood, where rats have been invading yards and sheds and creeping close to homes for almost two years.

Most frustrating for the residents is that local officials say there is nothing they can do.

Hubler and her neighbors say they believe the rats are breeding in just one residence, then overrunning the neighborhood.

The landlord of the suspect property

says that's not the case.

Either way, the residents find themselves in a predicament not uncommon to residents of rural areas across the state.

With no local health officers to address the situation, those in small communities must rely on understaffed state agencies for help with pest control. In many cases, that ultimately leaves them on their own.

Taking it to council

One Mill Street resident said she began noticing rats in the neighborhood in February 2004; there are days she can count up to two dozen at a time in nearby yards.

Yelena Darragh, 418 Mill St., said after first seeing the rodents she took the problem to a meeting of Orangeville council.

"They were pretty amused," Darragh said. "They told me they were probably squirrels and I was just confused."

The second time she went to council, Darragh brought proof — a videotape clearly showing rats climbing on buildings in the neighborhood.

Council members apologized, Darragh said. But the town leaders said all they could do was contact the landlord of the

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Millville girl lands sci-fi film role



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HAYLEY REICHNER, 8, Millville, got a chance to be in a movie filmed in her hometown. In addition to her interest in acting, she takes three different types of dance classes, sings in a choir and plays a musical instrument.

With scenes shot in her own hometown, 8-year-old actress learns all the angles

By **KATE YORK**
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MILLVILLE — For her first movie role, 8-year-old Hayley Reichner skipped the trip to Hollywood and the whole audition process, instead getting her close-up right in her own hometown.

New York City company Eighty-Watt Cinema filmed part of a sci-fi movie here recently, with Hayley given the only local role, playing the daughter of the movie's main character.

"I was a bit surprised and really excited," said Hayley, a second-grader at Millville Elementary School who, until this, had acted only in church plays. "My friends were surprised, but I think they believed me."

If not, they will in the spring, when the movie should be finished.

There will be a screening in Millville, said director and producer



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FILM DIRECTOR Josh Dilworth holds the camera while moving through a scene, planning its placement before the start of taping recently.

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"We'll definitely give people the opportunity to see it," he said. "Whether it's renting out a theater or setting up a projector. Please see **FILM** back page

Hospitals use new amenities to try to woo patients

Gourmet meals, wireless access, massages among luxurious lures

By **DAWN FALLIK**
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PHILADELPHIA — Andrew Perez started his day by ordering pancakes, oatmeal and fruit. Lunch was a turkey sandwich with stuffing and came with strawberry ice cream. He hoped the open-faced roast beef would be available for dinner.

By tomorrow, he worried, he might be discharged.

Perez, a patient at Doylestown Hospital, was surprised that the food during his stay was much more like restaurant fare than institutional chow. Nationwide, hospitals are putting money into amenities once only seen in resorts — from gourmet meals to in-room massages to hospital-wide wireless access.

Locally, hospitals are adding video-on-demand and white noise machines and creating Web pages for patients to keep family and friends up to date.

And while patients say it doesn't cure what ails them, it sure helps ease the pain.

Doylestown, which started the "At Your Request" program in August, offers patients a menu

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