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Capitolwire: Gerlach vows change, proposes commissions for energy, state spending, education.

By [Peter L. DeCoursey](#), Bureau Chief, Capitolwire

HARRISBURG (Nov. 23) - U.S. Rep. Jim Gerlach, R-Chester, said Monday said that if elected governor, he would veto any proposed increases in the commonwealth's personal or corporate income tax rates, or the state sales tax rate.

SU is a 'natural fit' for I-81 Corridor Coalition

Monday, November 23, 2009

Realtors have their catchphrase "location ... location ... location..." to describe the importance geography plays in making the transaction. It is a comparison George Pomeroy can draw when talking about Shippensburg University serving as a future host site for the Interstate 81 Corridor Coalition.

Source: By Joseph Cress, The (Carlisle) Sentinel

Robot toy debuts at Cal U.

Monday, November 23, 2009

Robots are beginning to “socialize” as their designers come up with software to link them up with others. “Community robots. That’s what’s new, where robots work together,” said Michael F. Amrhein, assistant director of the National Center for Robotics at California University of Pennsylvania. The concept was demonstrated last week using a hot new toy this Christmas season when area high school students attended the Clean Sweep robotics contest at Cal U.

Source: The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter

Statewide fee-for-services bill pushed for nonprofits

Monday, November 23, 2009

State Sen. Wayne Fontana said today that he will introduce legislation allowing municipalities to charge tax-exempt institutions a fee based on their property holdings. Mr. Fontana said it would allow municipalities to negotiate voluntary payments with universities, hospital systems and other large institutions that aren't subject to property taxes. If that failed, the municipalities could charge them a services fee based on their buildings' square footage.

Source: By Rich Lord, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tuition tax revives General Assembly push to assess nonprofits

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's attempt to levy a 1 percent "fair share" tax on the tuition for city college students sparked a renewed proposal in the General Assembly to tax property owned by large nonprofit organizations.

Source: By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Med school making dreams real

WILKES-BARRE – As a married mother of seven, Diana Freyberger had very few options if she wanted to attend medical school. The nurse at Berwick Hospital has wanted to be a doctor for 20 years, but home and work duties, coupled with no medical college within driving distance, made that option... - WB TIMES LEADER

Trading room offers university students hands-on experience

WAYNESBURG - For years, the business program at Waynesburg University has served as

one of the institution's top majors based on student enrollment. To offer more hands-on opportunities and essential experience, the university recently added a trading room and the Student Investment Club.... - WASH. O.R.

Tax-exempt fees proposed for Pa.

Tuesday, November 24, 2009 By Rich Lord, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Large tax-exempt landowners would have to pay their host cities fees based on the size of their buildings, under legislation that state Sen. Wayne... - POST-GAZ.

PHCC adds criminal justice program

EBENSBURG — Pennsylvania Highlands Community College will offer a criminal justice program at its Ebensburg Education Center beginning in January. The program will be presented in the “More After Four” format designed to meet scheduling needs of working adults.... - JOHN. TRIB

Erie college student has global perspective on child poverty

By VALERIE MYERS valerie.myers@timesnews.com Mercyhurst College senior Marta Baran finds it unacceptable that children are hungry and sick worldwide. Advertisement She is doing what she can to change that. Baran, 21, of Lublin, Poland, is mobilizing American college students to... - ERIE TIMES

Pair lead fundraiser for UPJ athletics

Jeanne Gleason, Carl Sax and others worked hard during the summer and fall to make student athletes at Pitt-Johnstown score better on and off the field. Gleason and Sax co-chaired the planning committee for the premiere of the Blue and Gold Gala that raised \$20,000 for athletic scholarships at the... - JOHN. TRIB

Pitt graduate wins Rhodes scholarship

Somewhere between mentoring a Bantu refugee with little formal education at Schenley High School to living in a mud house in a Zambian refugee camp, 2009 University of Pittsburgh graduate Eleanor M. Ott realized that if she was going to effect real change for refugees, she was going to have to... - POST-GAZ.

Houser resigns from LHU Board of Trustees

LOCK HAVEN - Saying he was concerned about the number of lawsuits the university was facing and that he was shut down when trying to talk about those suits at Thursday night's Lock Haven University Board of Trustees meeting, Don Houser has submitted his resignation from the board.... - LOCK HAVEN EXPRESS

Make health care class a part of college curriculum

We Pennsylvanians aren't faring too badly, really. Only 27.7 percent of us are obese, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which tracked obesity rates across state, age and gender lines, as well as other factors, through 2006-2008.... - WC DAILY

Pitt honors grad named Rhodes Scholar

Ellie Ott was playing the party game Apples to Apples with some of the nation's brightest minds when she heard the announcement: She was named a 2010 Rhodes Scholarship winner. Ott, a 2009 University of Pittsburgh Honors College graduate, got the news Saturday in Kansas City,... - TRIB

Federal proposal would give \$9 billion to community colleges

A plan to pump billions of federal dollars into the two-year college system is "the most far-reaching legislation in the history of community colleges," said Alex Johnson, president of the Community College of Allegheny County. Fellow presidents of community colleges in Butler, Westmoreland and Beaver... - TRIB

IUP's Atwater defends record

Considering Indiana University of Pennsylvania's financial stresses and his resulting plan of action, President Dr. Tony Atwater said Friday he is not surprised the faculty union has scheduled a no-confidence vote against him. (Originally published Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009)... - IND. GAZ.

Pittsburgh Promise enlists some powerful fundraisers

By Joe Smydo, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette The Pittsburgh Promise college scholarship program has assembled a team of heavyweights to coax \$50 million over 10 years from the area's movers and shakers. David and Nancy Malone, David and Cynthia Shapira and Anne V. Lewis will... - POST-GAZ.

WVU begins search for deans of 2 colleges

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia University is shopping for two deans.... - AP

Ex-BEA wrestler sues Lock Haven athletics

A former Bald Eagle Area High School wrestler is suing Lock Haven University athletics because he says he was retaliated against and kicked off the team for pointing out NCAA rule violations within the program. Landis W. Wright, 21, is suing the director of athletics, Sharon E. Taylor,

Inside Higher Education - November 24, 2009

Another Increase for Early Decision

November 24, 2009

Remember how colleges were going to scale back on the popular but controversial admissions strategy? As the economic downturn drags on, many institutions see interest growing and some are encouraging it.

How to Do More With Less

November 24, 2009

With \$9 million in grants to 7 states and focus on recipients' common tactics for more productive use of money, Lumina Foundation aims to drive progress toward college completion goal.