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CATCHING A RIDE

Uber X-pansion?

Rideshare service to offer travel options, though not without a fight

Harrisburg cab companies oppose UberX, but cab drivers have been 'praying' for its arrival.

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HARRISBURG • The ridesharing service UberX is coming to Harrisburg. And for cab drivers here, it can't come soon enough.

But Pennsylvania cab companies are preparing to fight the advance of rideshare companies.

Last week, the state's Public Utility Commission voted 4-1 to provide the cellphone app-based service with an experimental license for two years. That license does not cover Philadelphia and several counties in the state, but it would set the groundwork for Uber's expansion into Harrisburg and nearby communities.

"We've been waiting a long time," said one cab driver parked outside the train station downtown. "We've been praying for this."

The driver didn't want his name published because he still works for Capital Cab Co. But he

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IS IT A CAR OR A CAB?

What is Uber?

Founded in 2009, Uber is a rideshare service that uses downloaded apps and smartphone GPS to match passengers with nearby company-provided drivers.

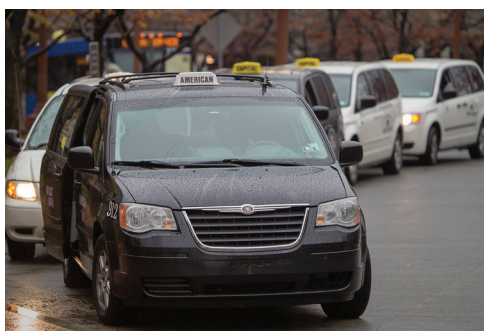
What is UberX?

The San Francisco-based company offers several vehicle options for people to share their rides. UberX, the cheapest and most basic option, uses everyday cars for transporting people. UberBlack uses high-end sedans with private drivers, UberTaxi uses taxi vehicles, UberSUV uses vehicles that fit up to six people and UberLux uses luxury vehicles.

How do you use Uber?

Those interested in using Uber's service must first download their app. Once downloaded, you will be required to enter credit or debit card information. After that, you can use your smartphone to request

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MARK PYNES, PennLive

Taxicabs wait for customers Monday in front of Harrisburg's transportation center downtown.

PENNLIVE COMMENTS

» "My friends and I used Uber last summer for several rides when we were in Chicago. No hassles, no worries. This is the way to go!" — Up in Arms

» "Strict licensing is often used to protect established interests, under the guise of public safety. Cab licenses are limited across the country to protect existing cab companies from competition. Period. Bring on UberX. Let them compete. Let riders decide how to spend their money." — kbo7

» "Cab companies are crying that Uber could put them out of business. Well, computers killed the type writer business. Home video game systems killed the video arcade business. Movie download services killed the video rental store business. Boo hoo, cab companies. That is the way the marketplace works. Adapt or perish." — Jon Palmer

» "Since everyone seems hell-bent on deregulating this industry, what the heck? I predict it won't be long before you find out why it was regulated in the first place, and by then it will be too late." — spelzcheher

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» **EDITORIAL:** Arrival of Uber is a welcome goodbye to a cab monopoly. **PAGE A14**



GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION

AG: Secrecy rules were not broken

Kane, who hired crisis manager Lanny Davis, says she's being targeted because of her effort to end abuses in the justice system.

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ON PENNLIVE

» To read Attorney General Kathleen Kane's statement, visit PennLive.com and search for "Kathleen Kane: Court orders also expose me to legal risk if I do my job as attorney general."

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» Seven things to know about alleged grand jury leaks. **Page A6**

Attorney General Kathleen Kane testified for more than two hours Monday before a grand jury investigating whether her office violated grand jury secrecy requirements, after saying she would tell the panel that information was shared but no law was broken.

In a statement she read before entering her eastern regional office to testify, Kane suggested she was being targeted because of her effort to end abuses of the criminal justice system, but she did not specify by whom.

"If this can be done to me as attorney general... I am sickened to think what can be done and may be done to regular, good people who don't have the resources that I have to challenge it," Kane said.

Kane's attorney, Gerald Shargel, said the attorney general gave a truthful account in her testimony and has done nothing wrong.

"She violated no criminal law or

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ELDERLY POPULATION

Task force unveils plan to fight abuse

The committee's 'blueprint' made 130 recommendations in battling the growing issue of elderly mistreatment.

From staff and wire reports

HOW TO HELP

If you suspect a senior citizen is being abused, call the state-wide elder abuse hotline at 800-490-8505 or the attorney general's elder abuse hotline at 866-623-2137.

FIXING THE PROBLEM

Among the recommendations by the elder law task force are the following:

» Mandating training and criminal background checks for potential guardians of the elderly.

» Creating a fund to pay for guardianship services for those with limited resources.

» Increasing state funding to the Supreme Court.

» Sending lottery funds to elder justice programs.

To read the task force's report, go to www.pacourts.us and search for "Elder law task force."

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Record-low temps on horizon

Midstate temperatures could hit a record low tonight, expected to dip as low as 16 degrees, according to the National Weather Service in State College.

COLDEST OF THE WEEK

The record for Harrisburg on Nov. 18 is 18 degrees, set in 1924, said Tony Mach, NWS meteorological technician. According to AccuWeather, the projected low is expected to be 19 degrees.

But tonight might be the coldest of the week. Overnight lows will stay in the low to mid-20s through Saturday.

NOT EXPECTED TO LAST

AccuWeather senior meteorologist Alex Sosnowski said extreme temperatures won't occur the entire winter.

"Temperatures will swing back to more typical levels for late November next week, which is a big travel week for many, for example," he said. "Overall, this

THREE-DAY FORECAST

TUESDAY



Mostly sunny, windy
High: 29
Low: 19

WEDNESDAY



Increasing clouds
High: 34
Low: 27

THURSDAY



Mostly sunny
High: 40
Low: 25

— AccuWeather

winter will be colder than average, but not as cold as last winter, in the end."

Forecasters say temperatures will warm up a little Sunday, with a high of 46, and then a high of 60 on Monday.

SNOW IN PA

No snow is forecast for the midstate, but a lake effect has

brought snow to northwestern Pennsylvania.

More than 1 foot of snow was forecast in some areas by late tonight, and rain was expected to turn to snow in Pittsburgh and points farther south as temperatures were expected to fall throughout the day.

— From staff and wire reports

NICE & SMOKEY

Thanksgiving isn't complete without a perfectly braised, basted and browned turkey. Chris Heilig, owner of Shakedown BBQ in East Hanover Twp., shares the steps to smoke your bird, infusing flavor and moisture. **LIVING**



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THE TOWN THAT DOESN'T EXIST

Cold Spring Twp. doesn't have a road department, a zoning commission, a police chief or taxes. It's one of a few municipalities where there isn't a semblance of government.

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