

NEWS IN BRIEF

Planning agency to identify local issues

The Centre Regional Planning Agency (CRPA) wants community members to identify important regional issues at the State College Borough 2010 comprehensive plan meeting tonight.

In the process of formulating its 2010 comprehensive plan, the CRPA is hosting a community meeting in each of the six municipalities it serves.

The State College borough meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the State College Municipal Building, 234 S. Allen St. The CRPA will take the information from tonight's meeting — along with the information gathered at the meetings in the other municipalities — to develop a guidance document for the 2010 comprehensive plan.

Phyrst forced to close doors for 24 hours

The Phyrst, 111 E. Beaver Ave., was forced to close between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday after being cited by the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (PBCLE), according to court documents.

The bar had its liquor license suspended for the 24-hour period and was fined \$2,000 in connection with selling alcohol to a visibly intoxicated female on March 17, 2009 — St. Patrick's Day, according to court documents.

Woman hit by car on East College Avenue

Sarah Herster, of Allentown, was struck by a white 2002 Jeep Wrangler at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday on the 300 block of East College Avenue, State College Police Department said.

Police said Herster, 21, was hit when she ran into the street to retrieve a dropped cell phone. Police said Herster had been drinking and complained of back pain and numbness in her left arm after being struck.

Police said driver Celia Criniti, of Philadelphia, was charged with DUI. Criniti, 18, told police she felt a bump but did not realize she had hit someone and continued driving from the scene of the incident.

Police said the vehicle suffered damage to the side mirror. Police did not say whether either of the women were Penn State students or what their blood alcohol contents were.

Lance Fortnow, of Northwestern University, will speak about "Bounding Rationality by Computational Complexity" at 10 a.m. in 113 Information Sciences and Technology Building.

Alfonso Mendoza, of Penn State, will speak at 10 a.m. in 301 Steidle Building.

Elizabeth Sklute, of Penn State, will speak about "Uses and Tolerance of Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria in Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage" at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building.

Anthony Richardella, of Penn State, will speak about "Spatially Resolved Studies of Electronic States Near the Metal-Insulator Transition in Gallium Manganese Arsenide (GaMnAs) using Scanning Tunneling Microscopy (STM)" at 3:30 p.m. in 339 Davey Laboratory.

DINNER

Finlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Black Bean Chili, Minestrone Soup, Alfredo Sauce, Chicken Alfredo, Fettuccini, Grilled Chicken Breast, Monterey Bay Fish, Sour Cream, Zucchini Corn, Quesadilla, Barley Pecan Pilaf, Italian Green Beans, Kyoto Blend

Warning: Assorted Specialty Breads, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Soup of the Day, Chicken Tenders, Fresh Fish, Kyoto Bread, Long Green Beans, Wild Rice, Chicken Marsala, Buffalo Chicken Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Hoagie Roll, Marinara Sauce, Meat Sauce, Meatballs in Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Tortellini and Vegetables, Barley Pecan Pilaf, Black Bean Chili, Broccoli Florettes, Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Hearty Vegetarian Sauce, Hearty Vegetarian Chili, Vegetarian Burger, Wheat Rotini Pasta, Grilled Chicken

Correction

An article "Registration opens for UPUA elections" on page 3 of Monday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the date of this year's student government elections. Elections will be held Wednesday, March 31. Registration information can be found in 332 HUB-Robeson Center.

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Workers describe frenzy of whale attack

By Matt Sedensky and Travis Reed ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

MIAMI — A killer whale that dragged a trainer to her death eluded SeaWorld workers' frenzied efforts to corral it with plastic nets while it swam pool-to-pool, according to witness statements released Monday.

After the massive whale was finally trapped last week, it refused to unclench its teeth and let go of Dawn Brancheau, according to the investigative reports released by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Its jaws were eventually pried open.

"The whale would not let us have her," another trainer, Jodie Ann Tintle, told investigators after the Wednesday attack.

Investigators have said that the 40-year-old trainer died from multiple traumatic injuries and drowning.

In the new investigative reports, Brancheau's co-workers describe the swift and the

furious response that came after alarms sounded around the pool. Employees who were at other pools, behind computers or emptying coolers of fish rushed to the scene.

The reports released Monday include the first extensive accounts from employees who witnessed the attacks at the park in Orlando.

Jan Topoleski, whose job is to monitor trainers' safety during shows, told investigators he saw Brancheau lying on the deck face-to-face with the 22-foot-long, 12,000-pound whale and communicating with him right before the attack. He said the whale, named Tilikum, bit Brancheau's hair and pulled her into the pool in a span of about two seconds. He sounded an alarm and grabbed safety equipment.

Susanne De Wit, a 33-year-old tourist from the Netherlands, told investigators her group had just walked to a window for a photo when she saw the attack. The attack occurred in front of about 20 visitors

who had stuck around after a noon-time show.

"Suddenly I saw (the whale) grabbing the trainer ... and pulling her down in the water," she said. "It was scary. He was very wild, with the trainer still in the whale's mouth, the whale's tail was very wild in the water."

Tanner Grogan, who scrambled to help other employees unroll nets to corral Tilikum, said the whale at one point let go for several seconds, but snatched Brancheau again by the foot before anyone could react. The plastic, weighted nets — similar to temporary fencing used at construction sites — were unrolled and dropped in the water to help direct the whale to a pool with a hydraulic lift.

It's not clear how long it took workers to finally trap the whale in that pool and lift him from the water. One witness said it seemed like 10 minutes. Another said it could have been as long as 30 minutes.

N. Korea vows to bolster nuclear delivery

The threat comes as U.S. and others are pushing for N. Korea to join in talks.

By Kwang-Tae Kim ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea vowed today to strengthen its nuclear deterrent and its means of delivery — an apparent reference to missiles — days after threatening rival South Korea and U.S. forces with attack if they conduct military exercises as planned next week.

The threat comes as the U.S. and other dialogue partners are pushing for the North's communist regime to rejoin disarmament talks it pulled out of last year in anger over international condemnation of a long-range rocket launch.

Soon after, it conducted its second atomic test — a move that drew tighter U.N. sanctions.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said today there will be no progress in denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula unless the U.S. removes its nuclear threat against the North.

The U.S. denies posing such a mil-

itary threat to the North, although it retains about 28,500 troops in South Korea.

The North wants sanctions lifted and peace talks to formally resolve the 1950-53 Korean War — which ended in a truce, not a peace treaty.

The U.S., South Korea and Japan have responded the North must first return to the disarmament talks and make progress on denuclearization.

"Should the U.S. persist in its unrealistic moves to stifle the (North) in disregard of its realistic proposal, this will only compel it to boost its nuclear deterrent and its delivery means," the KCNA dispatch said.

The North routinely issues threats about its nuclear deterrent, but it is the first time it has referred to how it would deliver a nuclear weapon.

The North is believed have enough weaponized plutonium for at least half a dozen atomic bombs, and has been developing a long-range missile designed to strike the U.S. Experts say, however, it has not mastered the technology required to mount a nuclear warhead on the missile.

The statement comes ahead of

annual U.S.-South Korean military drills starting in South Korea next Monday. Last week, the North threatened a "powerful" — even nuclear — attack if the drills go ahead.

The North says the exercises are preparation for an invasion, but the U.S. and South Korea say the maneuvers are purely defensive.

Despite that dispute, officials from the two Koreas held talks today on easing border crossings, communication and customs clearance for South Koreans who work at a joint industrial complex in the North.

The officials met for about 80 minutes at the complex in Kaesong, the South's Unification Ministry said, without giving any details of the meeting.

The two sides will discuss their schedule for further talks this afternoon, it said.

The Kaesong complex is the most tangible sign of cooperation on the divided peninsula.

It has combined South Korean capital and know-how with cheap labor from cash-strapped North Korea, with about 110 South Korean factories employing 42,000 North Korean workers.

CATA

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at," she said. "People were demanding the bus 'come here right now.'"

On the buses, the problems increased.

In one incident, Snyder said the driver of an M bus was sent to the emergency room after a person standing on South Burrowes Street threw a snowball through the driver's window and hit him in the face.

The driver's glasses were knocked off, but he was able to maintain control of the vehicle, Snyder said.

Because of incidents like this, CATA staff members have started making a catalog of events so they are more prepared next year.

"It's exceedingly dangerous — it's a 40-foot vehicle carrying passengers," Mose said, "It wouldn't have taken very much more to cause some really serious consequences."

Snyder said maintenance workers were constantly cleaning vomit off the buses.

There were also several occasions in which they had to clean the CATA vestibule at Schlow Library because of the amount of vomit left by patrons, Snyder said.

Penn State student Tim Mikotowicz said when he went out Saturday, he took cabs around town to avoid the crowds and police. However, when calling a cab was out of the question, braving the White Loop was his only choice.

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said. "There was a kid projectile vomiting. Trying to get on was like a bull rush."

Mikotowicz said though he wasn't surprised by what occurred throughout the weekend, he does think it's becoming a problem.

"It's getting out of control when more people are coming up for a made-up holiday than for a football game," he said.

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Building

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Council member Silvi Lawrence voted against the proposal, and reiterated what she has said at previous meetings — that her impression was Welch himself was against naming buildings after people.

Council member Jim Rosenberger, who had supported renaming the building before, said he felt like council was being rushed to reach a decision.

"I have reservations about the speed with which we're being urged to act on this," he said.

But Fountaine, who creates the council agendas, said another proposal to rename the municipal build-

ing might not make it onto an agenda unless he sees "strong evidence that a majority of council members would support it."

Council members Don Hahn, Peter Morris and Council President Ron Filippelli voted to rename the building.

Morris echoed Fountaine's doubts about the proposal being added to an agenda in the future.

"If we don't do this now, I think the probability that we do rename it decreases with time," Morris said.

While the proposal was voted down, council members also voted unanimously to enact a general policy regulating the renaming of streets, parks and buildings in the borough.

The policy will allow public works

to be renamed after famous national, state or local figures, as well as former municipal officials.

The policy specifically states that a street or building already named in honor of someone cannot be renamed.

At the meeting, council also voted to schedule a joint work session with the State College Planning Commission to discuss West End zoning.

The commission decided at its last meeting to request the joint session to get first-hand feedback from council members about its current work with the West End.

Fountaine said the meeting would be scheduled in the near future.

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"In these pageants I get to do my talent, which I love," DeBaie said.

Co-captain of Penn State Majorettes, DeBaie said her involvement with twirling helped her win the pageant and \$1,100 in scholarship money. In addition to winning, DeBaie said she came away with great friendships and strong interview skills from her preparation.

"It was pretty crazy when I won because there were a lot of new girls in the competition," DeBaie said. "They're all really nice and were great to compete with."

Twirling has always been a part of DeBaie's life — she began at age three for the Red Star Twirlers, a traveling twirling group in her hometown of Londonderry, N.H. Her mother, a second grade teacher, said she wanted to involve DeBaie in twirling early because she noticed

the self-confidence and poise of young Red Star girls in her classes.

Twirling has prepared her daughter not only for these pageants, but for life, she said, helping her focus and overcome adversity.

"In twirling competitions, you don't have time to dwell on the negatives," Kathryn DeBaie said. "It has helped her to focus in many things."

DeBaie's roommate Tori Spade said she thinks her confidence will make her stand out to the judges in future pageants.

"She does everything to her best and always has fun with it," Spade (junior-public relations) said. "She's always smiling."

Penn State Majorette instructor Heather Bean said DeBaie's confidence makes her a good leader on the team. DeBaie is a mentor for the new girls on the team, always encouraging them to do their best, she said.

DeBaie's state pageant days

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Tori Spade junior-public relations

began with the Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Pageant in 2009, held in her hometown area. She won the title, \$6,500 in scholarship money and a spot in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program in 2009. DeBaie placed in the top 10, but decided this year to compete in a Pennsylvania contest because of her time at Penn State.

"I wanted to compete in a Pennsylvania pageant because here feels more like home now," DeBaie said.

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