

Police investigating death of woman

The Ferguson Township Police Department is working with the Centre County Coroner's Office to determine the official cause of death for a 48-year-old woman found dead in a pond near Ridge Road at about 5:40 p.m. Friday. No identifying information about the woman has been released, but police believe her death was accidental.

- "Unravelling New Abilities Encoded in the Structure of DNA," Alexei Kornyshev, Imperial College (U.K.), 10 a.m., 301 Steidle Building, Department of Materials Science and Engineering.
- "Auxin Regulation of Maize Inflorescence Development," Andrea Skirpan, Penn State, 12:10 p.m., 108 Wartik Laboratory, host: Paula McSteen, Intercollege Graduate Program in Plant Biology.
- "Battle Inside a Rice Cell: Effector Dynamics During Biotrophic Invasion by the Rice Blast Fungus, *Magnaporthe oryzae*," Barbara Valent, Kansas State University, 3:30 p.m. It will take place in 112 Buckhout Laboratory, Department of Plant Pathology.
- "Nucleosome Occupancy and Regulation of HOX Gene Expression in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lineages" (Simpson Lecture), Robert Kingston, Massachusetts General Hospital, 4 p.m., it will take place in 101 Althouse Laboratory, host: Song Tan, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: New England Clam Chowder, Vegetarian Bean Chili, Battered Fish, Pasta Florentine, Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich, Plain Wrap, Sub Toppings, Coleslaw, Peas, Seasoned Curly Fries

Simmons: Cream of Tomato Soup, Baked Tomato Basil Tofu, Turkey BLT Wheat Wrap, Cilantro Orzo and Beef Garden Stir Fry, Grilled Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat, Barley Pecan Pilaf, Broccoli Florettes, Brown Rice Cauliflower with Almonds, Grilled Vegetables, Honey Ginger Carrots, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes

Warning: Lunch Roll Basket, New England Clam Chowder, Soup of the Day, Chicken Cosmonot Peas, Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich, Quarter Pound Hamburger, Shoestring Fries, Sub Toppings, Chicken with Mixed Vegetables, BBQ Chicken Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Fettuccini with Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Marinara Sauce, Meat Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Baked Potato, Broccoli Florettes, Cheese Sauce, Hearty Vegetarian Chili, Vegan Burger Wrap, Vegetarian Bean Chili, Vegetarian Burger, Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Chili Dog Sauce, Grilled Chicken Breast, Hot Dog, Sauerkraut, Sautéed Mushrooms, Sautéed Onions

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: New England Clam Chowder, Vegetarian Bean Chili, BBQ Sauce, Baked Chicken Breast, Cheese Ravioli, Chicken Tenders, Honey Mustard, Milano Sauce, Pulled Pork BBQ, Sweet and Sour Sauce, Roasted Vegetables, Sweet Potato Wedges

Simmons: Chicken and Vegetable Quesadilla, Beef in Garlic Sauce, Grilled Chicken Breast, Milano Sauce, Naked Chicken Parmesan, Wheat Penne Pasta, Barley Pecan Pilaf, Broccoli Florettes, Brown Rice, Cauliflower with Almonds, Grilled Vegetables, Honey Ginger Carrots, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes

Warning: Assorted Specialty Breads, New England Clam Chowder, Soup of the Day, Chicken Tenders, Corn, Pulled Pork BBQ, Roasted Vegetables, Sweet Potato Wedges, Garlic Shrimp Stir Fry, BBQ Chicken Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Cheese Ravioli, Hoagie Roll, Marinara Sauce, Meat Sauce, Meatballs in Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Baked Potato, Broccoli Florettes, Brown Rice, Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Garden Vegetable Stir Fry, Hearty Vegetarian Chili, Vegetarian Bean Chili, Vegetarian Burger, Grilled Chicken Breast

Correction

An article "Specter to talk at PSU" on page 3 of Thursday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated student Michal Berns' year. She is a junior.

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THON overalls excited for experience

By Jourdan Cole
 COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

New THON Public Relations Overall Jony Rommel couldn't believe what she was hearing. A few hours after preparing for her interview and doing her best, Rommel was told she would be on the THON 2011 Overall Committee.

After four nights of interviews, the new Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) 2011 Overall Committee chair members were announced early Friday morning. Overall Chairwoman Kirsten Kelly said there were about 45 applicants for the positions and 49 interviews.

Kelly said the THON 2010 overalls and THON 2011 overalls will meet for the first time today to begin the transitioning process.

"It's a fresh slate in using all experiences to make something great come together," Kelly (senior-mar-

keting) said. "I was looking for a group that would truly become a family with integrity every step of the way and who would make decisions in the best interest of THON — and a group that would not be complacent with THON 2010, but would reach to make THON 2011 better."

During transitioning, the new overalls will meet with Kelly regularly to get to know each other and see what direction they'll take THON 2011. They'll also meet with their THON 2010 predecessors almost daily to learn the ins and outs of THON.

To get to know the THON families better, Kelly said there would be a picnic in April with the 2010 and 2011 overalls and THON families.

Elaine Tanella, overall communications chairwoman, said she was anxious to go into the interview but quickly felt at ease when she recognized the familiar faces. The idea of

applying to be an overall was intimidating at first, but when she went into her interview, she was confident she could make a difference.

"It's something I decided to do because there's nothing to lose," Tanella (junior-bioengineering) said. "Ideas started rolling in my head, and I put them on my application."

New THON Donor and Alumni Relations Chairman Curran McCready (junior-finance) said he was honored just to be interviewed for the overall committee, and it was surreal to actually get the call.

"It's ridiculously exciting, and I am all smiles. When I found out, it was literally the best news I could've heard," McCready said. "I'm excited to be a part of something bigger than myself, and that's why I'm excited to be on the overall committee."

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Magnitude-7.2 quake strikes Calif.

By Christopher Weber
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES — A powerful earthquake in Baja California rocked the U.S.-Mexico border region Sunday, collapsing a parking structure south of the border and causing power outages in both countries as it sent out seismic waves felt from Los Angeles to Las Vegas and Arizona.

The 7.2-magnitude quake struck at 3:40 p.m. about 19 miles southeast of Mexicali, a bustling commerce center on the Mexican side of the border where trucks carrying goods cross into California.

Calexico Fire Chief Peter Mercado tells KABC-TV in Los Angeles that there is substantial damage in the older section of the southeastern California city. Mercado says there is structural damage and broken windows, leaking gas lines and damage to the water system. But he says no injuries have been reported.

Across the border, a parking structure at the Mexicali city hall has collapsed. Mexicali is a bustling commerce center where trucks carrying goods cross into California.

More than 900,000 people live in the greater Mexicali area.

It was the largest earthquake in the region in nearly 18 years and was followed by aftershocks or distant "triggered" earthquakes on both sides of the border, said U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Lucy Jones.

A multistory parking structure collapsed at the Mexicali city hall but no one was injured, said Baja California state Civil Protection Director Alfredo Escobedo.

Other early reports indicated only minor damage, but communication in the region more than 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles is often slow.

"I grabbed my children and said, 'Let's go outside, hurry, hurry!'" said Elizabeth Alvarez, 54, who said the quake hit as she was getting ready

to leave her house with her children in an eastern Tijuana neighborhood, across the border from San Diego.

Hundreds of people fled Tijuana's beach fearing a tsunami, said Capt. Juan Manuel Hernandez, chief of aquatic rescue at the Tijuana fire department.

Tsunami experts quickly reported that no tsunami was expected along the West Coast, and Hernandez said the beach filled back up with people within an hour.

Tijuana Fire Chief Rafael Carillo said firefighters were rescuing people trapped in an elevator at the Ticuan Hotel in downtown Tijuana, but mostly were responding to reports of fallen cables and minor damage to buildings.

The Crowne Plaza hotel in Mexicali had minor damage — burst pipes and broken windows — but no one was hurt, said receptionist Juan Carlos Fernandez.

"There was a little bit of panic," Fernandez said. "Wait, it's trembling again."

Discovery fuels for pre-dawn launch

By Marcia Dunn
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA fueled Discovery late Sunday for a pre-dawn launch to the International Space Station, one of the last few shuttle flights.

Discovery was scheduled to blast off at 6:21 a.m., nearly an hour before sunrise.

The shuttle and its crew of seven will deliver spare parts and science experiments to the nearly completed space station.

Forecasters put the odds of good weather at 80 percent.

Fueling was delayed because of a voltage spike in one of Discovery's fuel cells. Engineers suspected the brief surge was related to the cockpit lights, and said it posed no problem for liftoff.

Only four shuttle flights remain.

NASA plans to retire the fleet this fall.

Once that happens, the space station will rely exclusively on other countries' vessels for crews and supplies.

New residents arrived Sunday — one American and two Russians. They wished everyone a happy Easter after their Russian spacecraft docked.

The station's population will temporarily swell from six to 13 when Discovery arrives.

Four will be women, the most ever in space at once. And two of the astronauts will be Japanese — another first.

Scores of journalists and space officials from Japan descended on the launch site to witness the big event.

Area roads also were jammed with post-Easter vacationers and

spring breakers, all hoping to view a launch as the program winds down.

Discovery's mission will last nearly two weeks and coincide with the 29th anniversary of the first shuttle flight on April 12.

Three days later, President Barack Obama will visit the Cape Canaveral area to outline his post-shuttle plans for NASA. Obama already has canceled NASA's follow-up moon program.

This is expected to be the last shuttle launch in darkness. Discovery was supposed to fly two weeks ago, which would have meant an afternoon liftoff.

But unusually cold weather over the winter stalled launch preparations and drove the flight into the wee hours.

Shuttle commander Alan Poindexter and his crew will work the graveyard shift in orbit.

Housing

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(senior-marketing and psychology) said. "A fraternity alumni association should be given the opportunity to designate a responsible local adviser regardless of whether that person is a member of the fraternity."

Council member Theresa Lafer disagreed — a house with independent tenants and a large party room, she said, could easily get out of control.

Boarding houses are generally not allowed in the borough because they create a situation in which there is no central authority overseeing the vacant house, she said.

Council President Ron Filippelli

said the current draft of the ordinance doesn't go far enough — he supports altering the policy's language to give it more muscle, though he didn't specify how he wants to strengthen it.

"I don't think that the current ordinance is strong enough," Filippelli said. "I want it to be sent back to the planning commission."

And that's what will likely happen, Filippelli said. State College Zoning Officer Herman Slaybaugh recommended in an April 1 memo to Borough Manager Tom Fountaine that the ordinances be sent back to the commission and voted on at the May 3 borough council meeting.

Despite its controversial nature, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said the ordinance remains pertinent.

"It is important that we deal with this issue," Goreham said. "It has been an issue of contention for a while."

In addition to the proposed housing ordinance, one of the other ordinances on the table would change the definition of a fraternity.

Currently there are different rules and regulations for fraternities based upon their location.

The ordinance offers two definitions — one version restricts a fraternity to just one house while the other does not.

Council members will discuss which language they prefer at tonight's meeting.

The final ordinance does not allow fraternities to become permanent rooming houses on North Burrowes Road.

Omarion

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Omarion since he saw him in the movie "You Got Served."

But Omarion's talent goes far beyond acting and dancing, he said.

"His music gives a whole new meaning to R&B," Atiyeh said. "It

just has a whole new meaning to it."

Atiyeh is planning on getting into the VIP section of Mezzanine to meet and get to know Omarion, like he did when Mezzanine hosted Method Man and Redman on Feb. 25.

He counts "Ice Box" as one of Omarion's better pieces, mostly because of its rhythm.

The song has been remixed sev-

eral times and used in other artists' songs, he said.

Though Atiyeh has not heard any of Maserati Mo's work, he is hopeful.

"I'm always open to hearing new artists," he said. "Music is an art, and everyone who does music wants to express themselves. They have a story to tell."

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McNabb

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decision," coach Andy Reid said. "Donovan McNabb represented everything a football player could be during his 11 seasons in Philadelphia. He carried this organization to new heights and set a high standard of excellence both on and off the field. We thank him for everything he did for this football team and for this city."

McNabb threw for 3,553 yards and

22 touchdowns with 10 interceptions in 14 games last season, leading the Eagles to the playoffs.

His passer rating of 92.9 was the third-highest in his career.

But McNabb played poorly in a loss to Dallas in Week 17 that cost Philadelphia a division title and a first-round bye. He also struggled in a loss to the Cowboys the following week in the wild-card game. Reid said immediately after the season that McNabb would return in 2010.

Reid repeated that several times throughout the offseason until

acknowledging last month the team was listening to offers for all three of its QBs.

"Donovan is the ultimate professional," Eagles president Joe Banner said. "He has an incredible work ethic and has been an integral part of our success. Over the years, Donovan has always carried himself with a great deal of dignity. He's an excellent role model for young men and women from across the region. In my mind, he'll always be remembered as one of the greatest Eagles of all time."