

Local bands play free show for community

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Between the Student Book Store and The Saloon on Sunday, local band Mindspine introduced its newest band members — a beer keg and baseball bat.

Performing as a part of QWIK Rock's free Rock the Block Party, the drummer played off a keg the band named "Roy the Keg" — getting the audience engaged and excited. Another member also played the keg with a bat they called "Ed."

Until 7 p.m. Sunday, the bands Mindspine, Zelazowa, Pan.a.ce.a. and Since October performed for Rock the Block Party sponsored by the Student Book Store, 330 E. College Ave., and The Saloon, 101 Heister St. QWIK Rock 105.9/106.9 and station owner Magnum Broadcasting helped organize the event.

QWIK Rock's Promotions Director Marty Bakaysa said the

station chose these bands because all are up-and-coming acts.

"Mindspine is a local favorite, and we knew they would draw a crowd," he said.

Up-and-coming national bands — like Since October, which can be heard frequently on QWIK Rock — were chosen because they fit the station's style and image, he said.

Several vendors, such as GIANT Food Stores and Cartridge World, lined the street, giving out free products and food.

The first act to perform was Mindspine, and despite the heat, lead vocalist Jason Eyer said he hoped everyone enjoyed the show.

"We had a great time, and it was a good crowd for a rock show at noon," Eyer said.

Justin and Amy Norfolk, residents of Tyrone, Pa., went to support the drummer of Mindspine, who Justin used to play music with.

"It's nice to get outside and have the entertainment," Amy Norfolk said.

State College resident Debb DeFlorio said she came out not only to support her boyfriend who plays in the band, but also because she liked that the event was outside in the middle of downtown.

"I love metal music," DeFlorio said. "And there aren't a lot of local bands that play heavy music."

QWIK Rock disc jockey Andy Robb said he was excited about the concerts for many reasons.

"This is the first and biggest event we are doing since the new QWIK Rock started," Robb said. "It's a good end to the summer as well as a start off to the new year. And we wanted to bring live rock music back to the area and support local bands."

Michael Stapleford, president of Magnu:m Broadcasting, said more events like this are in the works.



The bands Mindspine, Zelazowa, Pan.a.ce.a. and Since October played at QWIK Rock's free Rock the Block concert on Sunday.

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Shakespeare rendition reverses gender roles

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In Shakespeare's times, men played the role of female characters. In Nittany Valley Shakespeare Company's times, women play the role of male characters.

In a nontraditional twist, two actresses portrayed the male characters of Don John (Susanna Ritti) and Constable Dogberry (Diana Ingersoll-Cope) in the company's rendition of "Much Ado About Nothing."

The company performed its final show of the summer festival for free to a fairly packed State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave., on Sunday afternoon.

"Much Ado About Nothing," a Shakespearean comedy directed by Mary Beth Geppert, is about Beatrice and Benedick, whose hatred for each other in the beginning of the play turns into romance when their friends trick them into believing one loves the other.

Married couple Wil and Julie Snyder dominated the stage in the roles of Benedick and Beatrice, respectively.

"My favorite part of the play has always been Benedick's soliloquy about what he's looking for in a woman," Ashley Stryker (sophomore-English) said. "I thought the actor who played him did a wonderful job."

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junior - English

The quick wit between the couple is one of the best parts of the play, she said.

Sheryl Hosler (junior-English) disagreed — for her, the actors spoke at a somewhat rapid pace, which was a little difficult to understand.

"It was a lot different seeing it acted out than reading it," Hosler said. "The audience might have lost some of the jokes if they've never read the play."

A subplot involves how the relationship of Beatrice's cousin Hero (Rebecca Bowser) and Benedick's friend Claudio (Gordon Robinson) almost falls apart at the hands of Don John.

Hosler's favorite part of the play was the interrogation of Don John's cohorts (Julia Albertson and Greg Rich).

"The fact that Dogberry misuses words is very entertaining to me," she said.

Emma Esperon (sophomore-English) said her favorite part was the costumes, particularly Benedick's many hats.

In a scene where Benedick lis-



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Beatrice (Julie Snyder) plays with a group of palace children in "Much Ado About Nothing" on Sunday afternoon at the State Theatre. The play was presented by the Nittany Valley Shakespeare Company.

tens in on Don Pedro (Mike Waldhler), on Claudio and Leonato (Lloyd Short) talking about Beatrice's "love" for him, he wore a particularly large floppy hat topped with an enormous feather.

Wil Snyder used this to his advantage, bending it to conceal his face. He also used slapstick comedy during this scene: diving behind parts of the set to hide and sneaking behind the painted par-

titions of the background.

Beatrice mirrored in the next scene when she eavesdropped on Hero and one of her ladies-in-waiting talking about Benedick's "love" for Beatrice.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is the third summer play the Nittany Valley Shakespeare Company has performed.

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Emmy hopefuls dress for success

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A late-summer sunset with vibrant purple, red and blue gowns dominated the horizon Sunday at the 62nd Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

January Jones and Christina Hendricks, both from the heavily stylized "Mad Men," lived up to their on-screen fashionista counterparts in colorful look-at-me gowns.

Jones wore a bright, electric-blue corset gown with an uneven hem and stiff A-line skirt by Versace, and Hendricks wore a pale lilac Zac Posen with feathers on the sleeves and hemline and the very low neckline audiences have grown accustomed to seeing her — and her hour-glass figure — in.

Sofia Vergara went with the statuette look in a gold, ombre beaded Carolina Herrera.

The stars of "Glee" also made an impression, especially an all-grown-up Lea Michele in a navy blue Oscar de la Renta gown with a strapless neckline and ruffled mermaid bottom.

'Vapor trail' leads to Paris Hilton's Las Vegas arrest

By Ken Ritter
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LAS VEGAS — Smoke wafting from a Cadillac Escalade on the Las Vegas Strip set off Paris Hilton's latest legal troubles when a motorcycle officer who suspected the smell was marijuana stopped the vehicle and police say a bag of cocaine later fell out of the 29-year-old socialite's purse.

It's the second time this year Hilton has been arrested on drug possession allegations, although authorities in South Africa dropped marijuana charges earlier this summer. In 2007, Hilton pleaded no contest to alcohol-related reckless driving and was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

This time, the hotel heiress was with her boyfriend, Las Vegas nightclub mogul Cy Waits, who

manages a club inside the Wynn Las Vegas and was driving the black SUV that the officer stopped nearby at 11:22 p.m. Friday.

The officer "followed the vapor trail and the odor of marijuana to the Escalade," police Sgt. John Sheahan said.

As other police arrived and a crowd gathered on the busy neon-lit Strip, Hilton asked to go into the Wynn resort for privacy, Sheahan said.

"Miss Hilton pulled out a tube of lip balm," Sheahan said. "At the same time ... a bundle of cocaine in a plastic bag came out of her purse" in plain view of police in the room.

Police Officer Marcus Martin characterized the cocaine as a "small amount," or a package of the size usually associated with personal use. Police would not

specify the weight of the cocaine or whether any marijuana was confiscated.

Hilton was arrested on suspicion of felony cocaine possession. If convicted of the low-grade felony, she would get probation, but any violation of that probation would be punishable by up to one to four years in Nevada state prison.

Waits, 34, was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Misdemeanors are punishable by up to a year in county jail. Police said he owned the 2009 Cadillac.

Hilton and Waits were booked into the Clark County jail, where Sheahan said Hilton was kept handcuffed on a booking room bench, fingerprinted, photographed and released without

bail about 2:45 a.m. Saturday.

Waits' lawyer, Richard Schonfeld, said Waits posted \$2,000 bail Saturday. Waits was released Saturday afternoon.

Sheahan said Hilton was not taken to a cell and received no special treatment on a busy Friday night and Saturday morning at the jail. He said release without bail was common in such cases.

Hilton, a prolific tweeter, didn't mention the arrest on her Twitter site, although less than an hour after she was released her account was updated with a posting that said the actress was in bed watching the television show "Family Guy."

It was unclear if the tweets came from her, were posted by time-release or were sent by someone else. Hilton spokes-

woman Dawn Miller wouldn't comment when reached by an Associated Press reporter Saturday afternoon. Hilton's attorney, David Chesnoff, told The Associated Press on Saturday morning that he was still gathering facts about the arrest.

"This matter will be dealt with in the courts not in the media and I encourage people not to rush to judgment until all of the facts have been dealt with in a court of law," Chesnoff said later in a statement.

"There will be no interviews and no more comments at this time," Schonfeld said he was "troubled by the circumstances" leading to the arrest, but declined to specify his concerns.

"As the case proceeds, a lot of facts are going to come to light that will ultimately lead to exoneration," Schonfeld said.

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