

NEWS IN BRIEF

State Theatre to screen film of live musical

"Les Misérables the 25th Anniversary" will be shown at the State Theatre at 7:30 tonight. NCM Fathom, Omniverse Vision and Cameron Mackintosh present the film of a live performance from London's O2 theatre on October 3, 2010. General admission is \$15 and the film should be treated as one with a PG-13 rating.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sonia Fahmy, professor at Purdue University, will be giving a lecture entitled "Scalable Network Monitoring: When to Measure and When to Infer" at 10 a.m. in 333 Information Sciences and Technology Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. For more information, call 814-865-9505.

Ying Cui, professor at Penn State, will be giving a lecture entitled "Slow Rates of Fossil Carbon Emission Caused the Paleocene Eocene Thermal Maximum" at 11:15 a.m. in 529 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Earth Systems Science Center and Earth and the Environmental Systems Institute. For more information, call 814-865-0478.

The Earth and Mineral Science Library will be screening the video "A Sea Change" at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Deike Building. For more information, call 814-863-7073.

Scott Martin, professor at Harvard University, will be giving a lecture entitled "Organic Particles in the Natural Atmosphere: The Chemistry of How They Form and How They Affect Climate, Plants, and the Hydrological Cycle" at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building. The event will be hosted by Miriam Freedman of the Department of Chemistry. For more information, call 814-867-4267.

David Fitzjarrald, professor at the State University of New York, will be giving a lecture entitled "Seeking the Vegetation Breeze" at 3:30 p.m. in 112 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Meteorology. For more information, call 814-863-8566.

Jeremy Avigad, professor at Carnegie Mellon University, will be giving a lecture entitled "Metastability in Ergodic Theory" at 3:35 p.m. in 106 McAllister Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Mathematics. For more information, call 814-865-7527.

Ray Jayawardhana, professor at University of Toronto, will be giving a lecture entitled "Characterizing Exoplanets" at 4 p.m. in 538 Davey Laboratory. The event will be hosted by Jason Wright of the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics. For more information, call 814-865-0418.

ON THE MENU

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: hot and sour soup, mushroom barley soup, asian bbq pork sandwich, asian stir fry, shanghai chicken, sticky rice, vegetable egg roll, vegetable lo mein, kyoto blend, sauteed zucchini

Simmons: baked tomato basil tofu, chicken caesar salad, chicken caesar wrap, baked four cheese whole wheat penne, edamame fried rice, turkey burger, vegetarian garden burger, broccoli with caramelized onions and pine nuts, brown rice and grain pilaf, cous cous tuscano, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, roasted roma tomatoes, sweet potato wedges, whole baby carrots

Waring: hot and sour sauce, lunch roll basket, soup of the day, oriental chicken salad, chicken cosmo not, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, kyoto blend, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, sauteed zucchini, shanghai chicken, shoestring fries, sticky rice, asian stir fry, baked potato, broccoli florettes, brown rice, mushroom barley soup, vegetarian burger

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: hot and sour soup, mushroom barley soup, cajun baked tilapia, chicken marsala

Correction

An article "Penn State alumnus starts vinyl record label" on page 1 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated information about the company.

The label is currently producing and distributing records for A Great Big Pile of Leaves. The band is not signed to the label.

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Pittsburgh bans natural gas drilling

By Jennifer C. Yates ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh became the first city in gas-rich Pennsylvania to ban natural gas drilling after city council members, citing health and environmental concerns, unanimously approved the measure Tuesday.

The council received a standing ovation after voting 9-0 to approve the ban within city limits.

Pittsburgh sits atop part of the Marcellus Shale, a large rock formation in West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. Drilling companies have been flocking to those states to tap into the vast natural gas reserves underneath.

The companies use what's called fracking to break up the rock; opponents say the chemicals used in the process can contaminate water and air.

City Council President Darlene Harris said her biggest concern was people's health. She said she had heard stories about people being sickened by water contaminated by Marcellus drilling. She said claims by the industry of the thousands of jobs being created wasn't worth the risk.

"They're bringing jobs all right," Harris said. "There's going to be a

lot of jobs for funeral homes and hospitals. That's where the jobs are. Is it worth it?"

Pennsylvania is the center of the Marcellus Shale activity, with more than 2,000 wells drilled in the past three years and many thousands more planned, as multinational exploration companies invest billions in the pursuit. About 362 acres, or about 1 percent of the land in Pittsburgh, has been leased for drilling, according to the University of Pittsburgh Center for Social and Urban Research. But no companies are currently drilling in the city or actively pursuing drilling on the leased properties.

The bill was drafted by the non-profit Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund. It now goes to Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, who has ten days to decide if he will pass, veto or not sign the bill. Ravenstahl has indicated he opposes a ban, but had no immediate comment Tuesday, his spokeswoman said. If he vetoes the bill, the council would need six votes to override it; if he doesn't sign the bill, it becomes law.

Attorneys representing gas companies have said they may sue to challenge the ban because they say drilling is rightly regulated by state and federal environ-

mental protection agencies. Meanwhile, the Canonsburg-based Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group, called Tuesday's vote "a blow to the city's weak financial standing" and an attack on property rights.

"At a time when the natural gas industry is generating jobs and prosperity for tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians and economic development across the Commonwealth, it's unfortunate that the council continues to maintain a shortsighted view regarding responsible shale gas development and its overwhelmingly positive economic, environmental and energy security benefits," coalition President and Executive Director Kathryn Klaber said in a statement.

Before the vote, City Councilman Doug Shields, the bill's sponsor, talked about what he called the "arrogance of this industry" that he said puts money ahead of trying to figure out the health, environmental and municipal effects of drilling.

"This is an important statement being made today, and it's not just the city of Pittsburgh," he said. "People are looking to this council and I think they are seeing something extraordinary here in that regard."

9-12 project talks post-election plans

By Nick Manella COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For the first time since the November elections and for the last time this year, the 9-12 Project of Central Pennsylvania held a general meeting Tuesday night at the Ramada Inn, 1450 S. Atherton St.

The meeting covered a medley of topics, though the focus was on what the group's plans should be now that the midterm elections have passed and Republicans have taken a majority in the House of Representatives.

President Peter Trippett spoke to a crowd of approximately 20 people about focusing on local issues and politics, instead of on nationwide issues.

"If we all go back to our lives as usual, nothing will change. History has shown time and time again that, left to their own devices, elected officials will fall prey to lob-

bysts, political action groups, or large corporations," Trippett said.

"The pressure on politicians to compromise their principles is incredible."

Attendee Paul Kozlovsky, of State College, mentioned two specific areas for members of the group to get involved in.

"In order to not lose sight of local issues, there are two key areas that need citizen involvement," Kozlovsky said.

"Municipal boards and school boards. These meetings go largely unattended, go so your voice can be heard."

Trippett reemphasized the need to focus on school boards, and specifically what's taught in local public schools.

"Part of the reason we're in this mess is because of our education," he said.

"People who go through public schools aren't taught what it

means to be an American anymore."

Group member Tom Martin, of Julian, also stressed the importance of visiting the offices of newly elected local officials to both familiarize with the new leaders, and let citizens voice their opinions.

"Everyone should know their mayor and local officials by name and face," Martin said.

Other topics covered at the meeting included a recap of a talk sponsored by the Penn State Objectivist Club on America's "healthy" addiction to oil and oil byproducts, in addition to the announcement that the group will be holding a constitution class sometime after the new year.

There will be no general meeting in December because of the holiday season. Meetings will resume in January.

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Hospital

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to the entrance for ambulances, Coudriet said Tuesday night.

"On the surface, this appears to be a much improved traffic flow pattern for a busy part of the hospital," Eric Bernier, a member of the planning commission, said.

The company is looking to begin construction on temporary staff parking lots, Coudriet said.

"We're looking to do the temporary parking lot before the ground

freezes to free up other spaces around the hospital for patient parking," Coudriet said. "Parking is at premium out there already and they're trying to get in as much parking space as possible without disturbing too much traffic."

Coudriet said the company hopes to have all the construction documents in order by Dec. 31.

Following that deadline, Kent Baker, College Township engineer, said the plan will go through the rest of the approval process in late January or early February.

If all goes according to plan, con-

struction for the expansion will begin in March, Coudriet said.

The sketch plans were presented mainly for feedback from the planning commission, said Al Barbour, planning commission chairman. He said the plans so far look "very nice."

The sketch plans will go before the College Township Council at their meeting Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building, 1481 E. College Ave.

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Concert

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icon in jazz and contemporary music."

Nicholas Payton, the second performer of the evening, played jazz trumpet with a Cajun twist.

Trudeau said the CPA has hosted Payton in the past.

Trudeau added Payton is an "absolutely fabulous trumpet player."

The Joe Krown Trio, who opened

for New Orleans Nights was comprised of Russell Batiste on drums, Joe Krown at the electric organ and Walter "Wolfman" Washington on guitar and vocals.

Washington's nickname was proven apt when, at one point during the trio's performance, the vocalist worked a dog-like howl into the song.

The trio's performance was more than temporary, as the band stuck around to accompany Payton's jazz trumpet performance.

Attendee Linda Law of Clearfield

said she enjoyed the level of talent offered so frequently by the CPA.

"The level of performance is outstanding," she said. "It's comparable to that of shows in New York City, even."

The musicians showed their southern pride throughout the evening, made clear in lyrics from one of Payton's songs.

"Let us stay right here forever, in this place called New Orleans," Payton said.

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Himan

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Himan is excited to return to Penn State and perform his new songs on a piano, he said.

"It's been a while since I've been back," Himan said. "I owe a lot to Penn State. I learned how to be a musician here, so I'm glad to be able

to come back and perform here again."

Judy Albin, senior associate director for Union and Student Activities, watched Himan's musical career grow while he was a student at Penn State.

Albin worked in East Halls at the time.

Himan often played his music there for Residence Life, Albin said.

She's happy Himan often returns to Penn State to play at the Student Programming Association's Noontime concerts and other venues.

"I think kids find something in his music that resonates with them," Albin said.

"People see the same journey and bumps and bruises and happy times that Eric writes about."

Big Brother

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their community," Walter said. "You're constantly hanging out with people your own age, so having the opportunity to hang out with a little kid once a week is really cool."

While one hour a week may not seem like a large commitment, Walter said he knows he has to make his "little" a priority.

"There are plenty of other things that I could be doing, but I try to keep in mind that I have a relationship with this kid," Walter said.

Centre County Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Director Jodi Morelli said she could talk for hours about the benefits "littles" gain from the experience of being involved in the program.

"The kids are able to have a positive role model and someone stable

in their lives," Morelli said. "Locally, over 80 percent of the kids have had an increase in confidence, decision-making skills, and relationships."

Morelli said children paired with "bigs" are also less likely to skip school, develop drug and alcohol use and engage in delinquent activities.

"It's a great way to fulfill community service hours in a really fun way and it's a way for students to keep that family connection when they're away from home because they're able to connect with children," Morelli said.

Kristina Simpson's public relations team for her COMM 473 class was assigned Big Brothers Big Sisters as their client and is working with them to bring more volunteers to the program. Simpson said she's learned more than she could imagine.

"It's a long-term commitment but

you really get to develop a friendship with a child and they really do look up to you," Simpson (senior-marketing and public relations) said.

Simpson's group is taking several initiatives to get more college students, especially men, involved — like going to classrooms to recruit volunteers and holding information sessions because there are 80 to 100 children waiting to be matched with a big.

There will be an information session tonight in 113 Thomas Building from 7 to 8 p.m.

Simpson said she takes pride in helping the cause and loves getting to see what the organization is all about.

"We see how much the volunteers enjoy it and how beneficial it is to the kids," Simpson said.

"What a huge difference it makes in their lives."